

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting December 20th, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Brent Erickson, Craig Hunter, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Matt Solverson, Richard March, Tim Swigart and Pastor Nate Whiteside and Russ Paul Youth Pastor

Absent: Charles Davis, Dee Krumwiede, Rod Maurer

Pastor Nate shared the story of Simeon who was looking forward to the birth of the Christ. We discussed the goals for First Baptist Church for 2009. Pastor Nate encouraged us with the number of people that we need to reach in 2009 was almost met in the 2008 year without the goal setting. We can meet the goal of 15 people saved through ministry in 2009.

We discussed the goals for the year. Pastor Nate also introduced a desire for a mission trip to Mexico in 2009 in the summer. The overview of the trip can be accessed at www.timeministries.org. There would be a requirement for a passport to enter Mexico. Nate was involved in this same mission group ten years ago. Pastor Russ commented that he will have a youth mission trip to Montana in the first week of August 2009.

Mark Ranum has been tasked with researching our need for improvement of the sound system acoustics so we can create better CD or MP-3 recordings. Mark has found a MP-3 player for \$9.00 that will hold a year of sermons. Bryan Black commented that we need to purchase a new small sound monitor to replace the one we borrowed to see if we liked it. That small sound monitor sits next to the podium. Brent Erickson moved that we approve \$125.00 for the purchase of the small sound monitor. This motion was seconded by Matt Solverson, approved unanimously by the Board. Mark reported that we need to spend \$350.0 to \$750.00 to upgrade an application called SongShow.

A suggestion was made that Pastor Nate determine the 10 best sermons of this year so they could be recorded and sent to people who haven't been in regular attendance. Nate commented that all first-time guests will receive a free sub sandwich from Subway.

Dave Reed commented that we are looking at a new Internet provider; it's been down more than it's been up. We are looking at MediaCom to replace CenturyTel which will provide Internet and cable television connection. We've also experienced phone problems that have been the result of the original setup by CenturyTel. Bryan Black commented that another option would be a company called YouSquared that has wireless connection which is commonly located on the water tower in a community.

Nate and Emily are hosting a party for their son Tommy's birthday. No gifts required pizza will be served. There will be a special guest for the kids-Santa Claus will be attending. After he provides gifts to the kids he is going to tell them what the real meaning of Christmas is about-Jesus Christ.

Dave Reed commented that we have received a donation of a two-stage powered snow blower to replace the one we have now. This will be a nice upgrade for the one we currently have.

The meeting was closed in prayer led by Pastor Nate.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

Jef Riley-Board Member