

Highlights of First Baptist Church Board Meeting November 1, 2008

Present: Bryan Black, Charles Davis, Rob McGinnis, Rod Maurer, Matt Solverson, Dave Reed, Jef Riley, Richard March, Tim Swigart, Pastor Nate Whiteside and Russ Paul, Youth Pastor

Absent: Brent Erickson, Craig Hunter, Dee Krumwiede

Pastor Nate read to us from Acts 20:27-38. He instructed us to understand that we need to grow through the reading and knowledge of the Bible. Jesus Christ paid for the message of the Bible with His own blood. Pastor Nate asked for prayer requests from our Shepherd list. We then spent time in prayer for each of the requests.

Pastor Nate brought up the GLBC Re-Tooling kit for discussion. We had made a decision to pray about this during the prior meeting. Dave Reed said that during the Fall convention he attended that he learned about a shorter version of the program. It would cost much less money and take only a few months instead of several years.

During this discussion Pastor Nate mentioned an upcoming meeting where two Board members could attend training from the GLBC to examine our efforts to reach the community. This program would give us an idea of how effective we have been in getting the word out. Bryan Black mentioned how we decided several years ago to form ministry groups to reach the community. This has been successful in helping the community know we are here. This has also been effective in reaching our community to let them know who we are and what we are about.

We discussed our water heater for the kitchen which for some reason takes quite a while to heat up even though it is only a few feet away in the utility room.

We discussed goal setting for next year, our vision for “Reach the Lost, Teach the Found, Glorify and Enjoy God”. A suggestion was made to emphasize how to evangelize to others through personal evangelism. There is already a group that has met the first Sunday night of the last two months to discuss how we can improve our evangelism capabilities.

Dave Reed would like to see our church do more to support current efforts, especially volunteers for “My Friends House”. Pastor Nate has seen fruit from past efforts during the last year with new people coming to church, many becoming members.

We then addressed financial information since the last meeting. The van we received is covered by insurance for the purposes of allowing people to test drive it. Rod Maurer mentioned that there is a potential buyer for the van.

We can expect a partial refund from the City of Darlington for the exceptionally large water bill. We can put in another water meter for \$7.00 but it would take two meters since we have two faucets outside. We decided we would not purchase the extra meters for outside watering at this time.

Respectfully,

Jef Riley

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