



September 16, 2018

CHURCH BOARD REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – SEPTEMBER 2018

The Church Board's monthly meeting took place on Tuesday evening, September 4th. Here is a summary report from the September Board Meeting.

GENERAL ITEMS

The Board continues to stay abreast of current attendance and contribution trends. Attendance was down slightly last month (compared to August 2017), however we had 2 Sundays where we experienced our highest attendance since April. August contributions were up slightly over August 2017, but for the second consecutive month we were unable to make our \$5,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Building Fund. We are currently running a \$9,000 deficit for the year and are approximately \$60,000 behind our 2018 Spending Plan goal. You can get more details by reading this month's *"Financial Report to the Congregation."*

Pastor Jim brought an update on changes taking place in Children's Ministry, specifically in the area of security. A Secure Check-In System will be put into place at some point in October. Also, a set of glass doors will be installed at the top of the ramp leading into the Children's Wing to provide an extra layer of security.

ACTION ITEM

The Board will be reaching out to Pauline Peifer (Director of Brethren in Christ Awaken Ministry and former Pastor and Bishop) to see if she would serve in the role of consultant as we continue to explore and discuss the benefits of having a woman as part of our staff.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Every year in the fall the Church Board is responsible for appointing (or re-appointing) members to the Discernment Committee. Each Board member will be responsible for submitting 2 to 3 names for consideration at next month's Board meeting, taking care to ensure that potential members are familiar with and support the theology (doctrine) of the Brethren in Christ.

In light of the many examples of sexual harassment taking place in various places (including churches) across the nation, the Board would like to move forward in putting together a sexual harassment policy for Five Forks. The Board is looking to appoint Tiffany Bloyer (Director of Human Resources, Franklin County Government) to head this up, with Pastor Bill and Julie Tiedemann (office administrator) also serving on this sub-committee which will then report to the Board. It was decided that Harvey Payne will serve as the contact person for the pastoral and office staff if any issues should arise prior to the completion of this policy.

The Board continues to discuss and put renewed emphasis on our Anabaptist roots. The Board watched a video presentation given by Pastor Zach Spidell (Dayton, Ohio) where he spoke about *"How the Brethren in Christ Do Theology Together."* This presentation was recorded at July's General Assembly at Messiah College. Afterwards the Board shared their thoughts, including appreciating the way in which the presenter outlined a simple view of theology, the emphasis on the Kingdom of God, and priority placed on Community.

The Board met with Pastor Shaun at the end of the evening in order to discuss increasing the number of sermons he is preaching. The goal will be to increase Shaun from preaching four months here in 2018 to seven months in 2019. The staff will work together to determine the particulars of what this will look like, and how Shaun's other responsibilities will be handled.

Your Church Board consists of ... Staff: Bill Shank, Shaun Kipe. Congregational Representatives (elected at Annual Council): Peggy Dawson, Sandy Gray, Matt Nolt, Harvey Payne, Angie Petersheim, Todd Smith, Joel Wenger, Lin Yoder. Deacon Representative: Mike Garland. Church Treasurer: Gene Gorman. Recording Secretary: Christina Martin (non-voting).

FINANCIAL UPDATE – AUGUST 2018

Overview: We ended the month of August with a deficit of \$9,795. Because of this we were not able to transfer (for the second consecutive month) \$5,000 from our General Fund to our Building Fund. The Finance Committee met on Thursday evening, September 6th to look at our overall financial picture. We are 68% of the way through 2018 and our expenses are running at 64%, and so expenses are not out of hand. The deficit is due to a decline in contributions of approximately \$60,000 compared to last year at this time. The Finance Committee is asking that ministries first contact the church office if looking to spend in excess of \$500 during the month of September.

GENERAL FUND

SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH

Balance August 1, 2018 = 4716.48

August Contributions = 79,353.45

Weekly Goal = 21,501

August 5 = 18,593 August 12 = 24,761

August 19 = 18,671 August 26 = 17,329

August Expenses = 93,865.85

Balance August 31, 2018 = (-9,795.92)

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR (2018 Spending Plan)

Year to Date Goal = 731,068

Year to Date Actual = 666,639

Over/Under YTD Goal = (-64,699)

BUILDING FUND

Balance August 1, 2018 = 178,337.91

August Contributions = 2,034.92

Balance August 31, 2018 = 180,372.83

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FUND

Balance August 1, 2018 = 232,689.29

August Income = 37,653.25

August Expenses = 12,577.55

Balance August 31, 2018 = 257,764.99

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance August 1, 2018 = 159,079

2018 Gains = 660.00

August Expenses = 30,000 (Transfer to Special Activities Fund: Church Security)

Balance August 31, 2018 = 129,745

SPECIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2018 = 287,856

2018 Gains = 6,810

Balance July 31, 2018 = 294,666

FIVE FORKS CHURCH AUCTION!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th in the MP Room

Silent Auction and Food – 5:00pm

Live Auction – 6:00pm

Each year, the Five Forks Church Auction has raised money to help pay down our mortgage. Since the mortgage has been paid off, the proceeds from this year's auction will go into the Building Fund, which includes the hope of a future Youth Center for our teens.

We are asking each member of our congregation to consider how you might be able to donate to the auction:

- You might be willing to purchase a *new item or to make an item or food item* to be auctioned off.
- You might be able to donate services (i.e. babysitting, cleaning, car repair/maintenance services, lawn mowing, etc)
- You might consider asking a business which you patronize to make a donation to the auction.

Here are some examples of items that have been donated in the past:

A Cord of Wood, Beef to be Butchered, Pumpkins, Potted Flowers, Gift Certificates, Cake-a-Month, Pie-a-Month, A Meal, Quilts, Afghans, Wooden Furniture, A Picnic Table, A Time-share Condo or Cabin, Event Tickets...

As you can see, there are many creative options to choose from. How could you use your talents or skills?

If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, please complete the flyer that was placed in your mailbox and return to Melissa Mitchell's mailbox. There are extra forms available at the information desk in the upper lobby.

Questions, please contact Melissa Mitchell at 717-977-9078 or email her at smitch466@gmail.com.

“WHEN THE STORMS RAGE” EVENT

Saturday, October 6th ...11:00am – 2:00pm in the MP Room

Do you battle depression and feel like you are all alone? Does anxiety and worry have you living in constant fear? Come out and hear two fabulous speakers, Barb Lange and Diane Swan speak to us about their experiences and give us encouragement and hope that we are not alone. God is always with us! God is always there to help with the anxiety and worry.

There will be door prizes and a light lunch. This is a free event so please come out and see that YOU'RE NOT ALONE, and you can LIVE FEARLESSLY!

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jodi Martin at the4martins@hotmail.com by October 1st.

We hope you can join us!

NEEDED

We are looking to see if anyone in our congregation is able to donate a full size bed frame and mattress, couch, chair, kitchen table and chairs as well as a washer and dryer for someone in our community. If so, please contact the church office at 717-762-2991.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the cards, spoken sympathy and flowers regarding the passing of my father in Michigan. I ask for prayers for my mother (91) as she adjusts to moving into an assisted living facility in October – Lorriane Mishler

THIS WEEK AT FIVE FORKS

Sunday, September 16	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Ray – <i>Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Shaun – <i>Scripture: Genesis 22</i>
Monday, September 17	Men's Prayer Group...5:45am (Chapel)
Tuesday, September 18	Men's Prayer Group...6:30am (Chapel) Ladies Exercise Class...1:30 - 2:30pm (Chapel Basement) Celebrate Recovery...6pm (café); 7pm (large group meeting); 8pm (open share)
Wednesday, September 19	Women's Bible Study...9:00 - 11:00am (Chapel) Youth...6:45 – 8:15pm Awana...6:45 – 8:15 Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7:00pm (Chapel)
Thursday, September 20	Ladies Prayer Hour...6:30 - 7:30am (Chapel) Ladies Exercise Class...1:30 - 2:30pm (Chapel Basement) New Hope Shelter "Celebration of Hope" Benefit Banquet... 6:30pm (MP Room) Bible Study, Pastor Brian...7:00pm (Chapel)
Saturday, September 22	Celebrate Recovery Connection Event...9:00am
Sunday, September 23	Prayer Hour...6:45am (C2) Café...7:00am – 11:00am <u>Morning Messages:</u> Aud. (8:00, 9:30 & 11:00m) – Pastor Ray – <i>Scripture: Psalm 142</i> Chapel (11:00am) – Pastor Shaun – <i>Scripture: Genesis 25; James 2</i>

HEALING PRAYERS

(Those who have been hospitalized or underwent surgery/procedures this week.)

John Frain
Harley Smith

FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Canned Meat (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Etc.)

(Place donations in the orange container in the lower lobby.)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SEPTEMBER "ITEM OF THE MONTH"

Monetary donations for shipping costs (If donating by check, please make check payable to Five Forks Church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line.)

(Place donations in the designated boxes in the lower and upper lobbies.)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 9	Sunday's Worship Total = 538 8:00 Auditorium = 110 9:30 Auditorium = 227 11:00 Auditorium = 132 11:00 Chapel = 55 Bible Connection = 9 Nursery (9:30 & 11:00) = 5 Total Sunday School = 269
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STUDENT MINISTRY HAPPENINGS – Kenton Hock, Director (kenton@ffbic.org)

RELEASE FORMS

In an effort to protect and take care of our students, we are implementing release forms this year. Each year, we will ask parents to fill out a 2 page document consisting of personal information, contact information, medical information and more. This is our way to make sure we do everything possible to maintain a safe and friendly environment for our students, parents and leaders. Please fill out a form, you can get them online at ffbic.org/students or you can find them at any of our information tables around the church. We would like to have release forms for all students attending any Five Forks Student Ministries events!

REGISTER ONLINE!

This year we are launching a new way to sign up for events! To register for any event that requires a permission slip, you can either visit ffbic.org/ministries/students or fiveforks.churchcenter.com to fill out our form and even pay online! Any questions? Feel free to ask Kenton Hock! kenton@ffbic.org

Wednesday Nights

Join us in the Auditorium Wednesday Nights! We will meet from 6:45 - 8:15pm!

You've probably had an experience or two that has taught you the power of a good friendship and the danger of a destructive one. This is never more true than during the teenage years, when teenagers are the most susceptible they'll ever be to the influence of their peers. Teenagers, though, sometimes have difficulty seeing the way their friendships influence them. So, in this 4-week series, we'll be discussing how to choose our friends wisely, exploring the qualities of a healthy friendship, encouraging students to build friendships with wise people, and helping them see Jesus as their best and truest friend.

High School Corn Maze

All 9-12th grade students are invited to join us on October 7th for a corn maze and a fire! We will be meeting at the church at 5:30pm and then heading out! Join us on this a-MAZE-ing adventure! We will be getting back to the church around 10:30pm. The cost is \$5. Register by Wednesday, October 3rd! You can register online ffbic.org/students or with a permission slip which you can pick up at church!

High School Retreat

This year we are launching a High School Retreat! All students 9th - 12th grade are invited to come with us to Camp Hebron for a weekend of worship, teaching, games, dodgeball and more! We are excited for this opportunity to change our pace & place to encourage students to go deeper in their walk with Christ. This event will be Friday - Sunday, November 2nd - 4th. We are highly encouraging students to put this on their calendars and to be there for the whole weekend, not just parts of it. More information will be coming out shortly, and expect pricing to be around the \$100 mark but as always, support is possible if needed!