



Hickory Flat Church

Letter From Leadership

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Leadership Council Minutes 9-15-09

In Attendance:

Kendall Sherrill-*Chair*
Ben Harper
Paula Benton
Barbara June
Melanie Williams
Cheryl Mills
Patricia Collier
Craig Sherer
Wayne Painter
Brian Hays
Kelly Neely
Jay Barr
Ken Williams
Rev. Robert Brown
Rev. René Watson

Paula Benton opened the meeting at 7pm with a devotional based on Proverbs 24:3 “By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established,” highlighting the importance of wisdom and trust as leaders.

Finance Team Report, Ben Harper — For the month of August, giving was below budget. Thankfully, expenses have also been held below budget. Thus far, September is tracking about at budget for both giving and expenses.

Prayer Team, Paula Benton — The Spiritual Gifts and Lay Leadership Team is in the process of selecting a co-leader for the prayer team.

Student Ministry, Craig Sherer — Praising God that we are seeing many new faces at youth. The Revolve Tour registration is closed and calls are still coming in. There are several work projects around the church.

Property Management, Ken Williams — It has been determined that we will need to replace a camera which will cost approximately \$500. Our insurance company came in and did an audit and are asking that some of our wiring be updated. That work will be completed this week. Grass is currently being cut and prepped by the Upward Team to prepare for the upcoming soccer season.

Worship/Music, Melanie Williams — There is a problem with our organ in the Sanctuary. We notice a hot/electrical odor and called the repair folks. They found that there are four 8” speakers blown. Replacements have been located and will be installed.

The Praise Team, All-for-One, has been asked to participate in the Christ UMC Fall Festival on October 10. The Kingdom Kids will sing in church on Sunday, October 11 and on Saturday, October 24 at our Fall Festival and Marketplace event in Fellowship Hall. On December 6, the choir will offer a concert and on December 20, our children will sing in the 11am service.

Outreach Team, Brian Hays — A team leaves for Mississippi on Saturday and there are 2 spaces available for additional team members! October 4, is our Outreach Sunday in both morning worship services. Sermons are now online on the new church website at www.hickoryflat.org which should be “officially” launched next month.

Children’s Ministry, Kelly Neely/Patricia Collier — The JUMP ministry outing (4th/5th graders) was very successful. They are currently seeing 30-35 kids each Sunday. Wednesday night programming is going strong; but we still need volunteers.

Discipleship, Jay Barr/Kelly Neely — The team would like to put together a survey that would be handed out and made available online to address the issues of overcrowding and to find out what church families would be interested in. Will work with members of the worship team and others to develop a survey. We were visited by “mystery worshippers” this past Sunday and most of the feedback was positive except for the fact that we are overcrowded and that poses challenges for visitors and regular attendees alike.

Connections Team, Jay Barr — Linda Herreid, Judy Holbert, and Bea Thall are making telephone calls to visitors and helping folks get connected into the life of the church. Wednesday night dinners are going great. Planning for a special Ash Wednesday (February 17) event.

Pastor Report, Rene Watson — Rene and Robert have had initial meetings with a Certified Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Allen Mullinax, to discuss the possibility of providing space at the church for on-site counseling. Rev. Mullinax specializes in Family Counseling. A proposal will be made to the Executive Team in October and brought back to the full Leadership Council. The hope would be to offer counseling for folks in our church family and community. This would be part of our new Community Care Ministry.

Staff-Pastor-Parish Committee (SPPRC) Report, Barbara June — The search for a Children’s Minister is still underway. Also, the SPPRC is in the process of completing Pastoral Evaluations. The members of the SPPRC team are available to receive comments, observations, and information to assist them in completing the evaluations. Members of the SPPRC are:
Barbara June (Chairperson), Mandy Allen, Phil Cates, Bob Stewart, Kerri Painter, Melissa Lamb, Carolyn Bullard, Mike Mills, and Crystal Ingalls.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm
