

Leadership Minutes
Date: January 19, 2010

Trustees (Pat Faircloth)

- The Trustees are charged with the sale of the Highway 140 property. Pat asked Rev. Brown to lead the Leadership Team in prayer for this effort.
- The church has accepted title of the Boy Scout trailer due to insurance concerns. The Boy Scouts will pay for the tag fees and their portion of insurance coverage.

Finance & Stewardship (Denise Anderson for Wanda Becotte)

- The church's total debt is down to \$1.9 million (most of which is the Highway 140 property).
- Attendance at 2009 Sunday morning worship increased over 2008 attendance.
- The SURF campaign is being kicked off in small groups.

Lay Leader(s) (Barbara Allen)

- Barbara communicated a request that the names of soloists, groups, etc. be displayed on the projection screen or printed in the bulletin.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations (Barbara June)

- The process of seeking candidates for Youth Minister has begun.

Outreach & Missions (Brian Hays)

- The 2010 mission team dates are:
 - Feb. 13-19: Honduras (10-person team)
 - June: Mexico construction
 - July: Mexico worship

Worship (Melanie Williams and Cheryl Mills)

- The Ash Wednesday service will feature a guest dramatist portraying Simon Peter. The service will begin at 7pm following the regular Wednesday night supper.
- 172 blankets were purchased and 57 coats were donated for the homeless ministry.

Hospitality (Sandra & Randy Saxon)

- Wednesday night suppers are averaging just over 100 participants. It was noted that we have 106 chairs for the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministry (Kelly Neeley)

- Wanda Carlberg was welcomed as our new Children's Minister.
- VBS will be held the week of June 14.

Community Care (Jane Densmore)

- This new team is formulating a Life Skills program to assist with basic budgeting, interview skills, completing applications and writing basic résumés. It is expected that this program will initially be offered to GED participants and those receiving assistance from the Good Samaritan fund.
- Various sources of grant monies are being sought to purchase computer hardware and software for the GED program.

Emmaus (Jenn Harper)

- Spring walks begin in February.

Preschool Ministry (Regina Hammock)

- The Preschool has been officially adopted as a ministry of Hickory Flat Church and the new ministry team will begin meeting soon.

Men's Ministry (Jacque Williams for Mark McDougald)

- A BBQ fundraiser is being planned for March 27 to help fund scholarships for upcoming retreats.

Women's Ministry (Connie Klements)

- A retreat is being held January 22-24.
- The second season of Secret Sisters begins in February.

Discipleship & Connections (Jay Barr)

- The PORTOS Mentoring program will begin in February.
- An audio program of lessons from the New Testament will be available for Lent.

Associate Pastor (Rev. Rene Watson)

- Rev. Watson opened the meeting with a lesson about time spent serving God versus time spent in relationship with God. She emphasized the Leadership Team's responsibility to make decisions that are in keeping with God's will for our church.
- As the registered agent of Hickory Flat Church, Rev. Watson requested that the Trustees Committee name, and the Leadership Team approve, the officers of the church. The officers are: Pat Faircloth, Chair; Ken Williams, Vice Chair; Chris Bolton, Secretary; and Frank Haley, Treasurer. Leadership approved these officers and an update will be made in our corporate records and filed with the Georgia Secretary of State.

Senior Pastor (Rev. Robert Brown)

- Rev. Brown reminded the Leadership Team that Jesus didn't give his followers a defined list of must-do's to receive the Kingdom. Instead, Jesus simply said, "Follow me". Having faith means being willing to follow behind Jesus and to let him lead.