

Davenport First Baptist Church

Church Family Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, February 20, 2005, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

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The following is a series of questions from David Cottingham and the Responses generated.

- Who are you?
 - I'm a good Christian – Hortense Ninness
 - Individuals dedicated to moving God's service forward – Romeyn Ninness
 - Southern Baptist representative for this area – Max Stoll
 - Child of God. Can you help us? – Paul Taylor
- What traditions or programs have you done in the past that are still making a difference today?
 - Gave my heart to God – Pat Taylor
- What have you done in the past that was good for the ministry?
 - Family is key – Kim Wilbanks
 - VBS, Holly Ghost wiener roast
 - Always inviting new people – Hortense Ninness
- How flexible are you to changes?
 - We want to fellowship together (No dual services if possible) – Kim Wilbanks
- How big are you going to be someday?
 - Really big! Would like to see 7 day activities for kids, etc. (basketball, bible study, large activity area, music, etc.). His dream. – James Baldwin
 - Not to formal, afraid to sit down. – Paul Taylor
- 5, 10, ultimately in Sunday Worship. How big is God calling you to be? 1000?
 - 500 – Mike Mitchell, Cathy Siler
 - Currently – 90 people consistent without a doubt, 80 seasonal (sports, etc.) but can be counted on, 80 people 6-10 times per year but that feel this is there church and could be counted on in a pinch, 50 people show a couple times per year (VBS, wiener roast, Falls Creek – Where do they come from?) – Mike Mitchell
- Information
 - 1 acre of land per 100 attending members in worship.
 - 5 acres for 500 people
- What is the churches direction?
 - 7 day church per James' previous – James Baldwin
 - Nothing around to do within 1 hour – James Baldwin
 - Stroud FBC youth program (mini basketball court, volleyball, stage, sound), would like to see more youth services, activities, dinners, etc – James Baldwin
- What is the purpose of the church?
 - Educate the young – Hortense Ninness
 - Nursery, separate areas – Amy Walker

- Ground floor for seniors – Pat Taylor
- Clothes closet and food pantry – Pam Stahlman
- Meeting areas for community to rent (100-150 people) – Paul Taylor
- Crossroads possible (expand, alter, etc.)
 - Worship – expanding
 - Choir room – add
 - Pre-school – expanding
 - Children – expanding
- Predicting the future, what areas would grow the largest?
 - Seniors – Pat Taylor, Mike Mitchell
 - Never focused on one age group – Mike Mitchell
 - Family focused not age focused – Mary Stahlman
 - All welcome – James Baldwin
 - Single adults? – Need more – Shawn Campbell, James Baldwin
 - Young adults?
 - Bible daycare – Amy Walker
 - Mother's day out – Mary Stahlman
 - Young adults are the workers – Mary Stahlman
 - Median adults?
 - Senior adults? – More expansive, no extra effort been given – Mike Mitchell
 - Teaching the teachers – Brad Stahlman
- Additional Comments
 - Leave current facilities until new building is constructed – John Keith
 - If we stay here, may have to consider multi-story – Mary Stahlman
 - Classrooms around gym – James Baldwin
- VBS
 - 206 children under 6 last year
- Relocate, don't relocate information
 - Show of hands vote
 - ~90% Do not relocate
 - ~5% Relocate
 - Balance worship space, education space, and parking
 - Advantages to relocation
 - Current facility useable until new facility is ready
 - No old utilities
 - Better location, visibility
 - Code compliant
 - Plenty of property to grow to determined size
 - Clean slate
 - Farther walking and crossing streets for seniors and children
 - Parking space (1 acre per 100)
 - Can be hard to purchase enough lots in town
 - Utility lines in town
 - Saying good by to current buildings if demolition is required
 - Disadvantages to relocation
 - Most expensive and challenging

- First building typically multipurpose
 - Staying in current location is easier to phase in
 - Saying good by to current facility
- How will we know when we are ready to move forward? – Max Stoll
 - When we find God’s will – David Cottingham
- What ministries for the future?
- A dream – Mike Mitchell
 - “Expect great things, receive great things!”
 - People get saved