

Date: March 29, 2009

Location: St. Mark's

Leader: Sean Gilliland

Attendees:

Steve Richardson	Sherrie Givens
Mary Leigh Beers	John Bridgers
Brenda Davis	Paul and Suzanne Stampley
Jerrold Ervin	Juanita Greer
Buddy Howell	Doug Daws
Russ Galloway	

Q1) Talk about one or two existing programs or ministries at St. Mark's that you enjoy or that are particularly meaningful to you.

Mid-Week L.I.F.T.	Furniture Ministry
Children's Christian Education	UMM
Disaster Response Team	Music Ministry
Sunday Night Studies	Youth Programs
Scouting Program	Pre-School
Mission Works	

Q2) The mission of St. Mark's is, "Making Disciples for Jesus Christ." With this in mind, as we looking to the future, in what ways do you envision God calling our church to be in ministry?

More evangelistic outreach to new people	More mission work, local and abroad
Become a mission place	More congregational involvement
A meaningful place to worship	Grow our youth program
More opportunities for family activities in our church	College outreach

Q3) What are some biblical or theological images of where we are or where we are going as a church?

Methodist Church is a big tent

Don't want to be Jonah, running from God's will

Be a good Samaritan

Called to be fishers of persons

Trying to discern God's will

Q4) In light of our conversation, what do you think God is saying to us in reference to our building needs?

How does St. Mark's plan to meet the needs of a family life center, a multipurpose space /sports/meals

Educational space

Functional, not luxurious sanctuary

Traditional setting for weddings

Congregational participation in building

Adequate space for music ministries

Banquet room to accommodate larger numbers

Q5) Are you willing to make a commitment of resources to grow the ministries of St. Mark's?

Yes, with a reasonably thought out capital campaign

Yes, support for functional, cost effective growth