

Leader: Mary Leigh Beers
Location: Discussion Sunday School Class
Date: April 19, 2009

Attendees:

Frank Essex	Eska Garrison	Forrest Ward
Eleanor Ward	Marty Murphy	Nancy Battle
Bill Battle	Valeria Jones	George Jones
George Beers	Bertha Chrietzberg	Mack Radford
Wera Radford	Florence Williams	Doris Windham
Bill Windham	Lyn Newman	

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

Sunday School Class	Retreats
Older Adults	Stephen Ministries
Furniture Ministry	DVD
UM Men	UM Women
Music and Drama	Basket Ministry
Disaster Team	Lake Junaluska
Sunday Evening Classes	Adventures in Learning
Christmas Families	L.I.F.T.
Ministry to Bereaved	Children's Church
Mission programs	Scouting
Special Services	Blood Drives

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

More mission opportunities	Broader spectrum of missions
Meet in a sanctuary	More use of Technology
Centrality of worship	choir in a loft
Assimilation	Participation in Conference & District events
Enable worship center to be used by others	

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

Golden Rule

Good Samaritan

Social Gospel

Memorial Garden

Images we have in Church

Parable of Sheep and Goat

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

Need more Sunday School space

If the finances are available, build a reserve

Expansion of services

Expand based on need

Build spiritually

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

Yes!

More volunteer operations

Also need time and talents

Our class is willing to support any future efforts in the growth of our church.