

Date : Sunday, May 17, 2009

Location: Ervin Home

Facilitator: Jerrod Ervin

Scribe: Tracy Ervin

Participants: Bill Mullin
Donna DeLong
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Tom Ervin
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1. What are one or two programs or ministries of St. Mark's that you enjoy or that are particularly meaningful to you?

Responses:

- Wed nights – fellowships, food, classes
- Music w/ prayer
- Kid's music ministry – Bells, choir
- Mission ministries – Red bird, furniture, Mexico, School Supplies, disaster relief, Room at the Inn, Habitat for Humanity, Steven's Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Preschool Program
- Sunday School
- Older adult ministries
- Homebound Ministries – Communion, video taping service
- Visitor Program – greeting new visitors, name tags are great

2. The mission of St. Marks UMC 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?

Responses:

- Local mission work
- A focus that it is Jesus' church
- What does God want us to do?
- Expand youth program; increase involvement
- Support small mission churches in the area
- Young adult attendance; programs to increase college attendance and younger adult families.

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

Responses:

- The Children of God
- The Pilgrim people
- The Emmaus walk – spiritual growth

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

Responses:

- New sanctuary will increase membership
- Need a modest sanctuary
- Sanctuary that attracts young adults
- Larger fellowship hall
- Christian life center
- More Sunday School space
- Larger library
- Office space to support staff needs
- Space for choir
- Doesn't have to be all done at once
- Building that supports mission & ministries no in place off of them.

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

Responses:

- Pay off loan to continue at the same pace for new sanctuary and building needs.

Facilitator Notes: It was my impression that we have the commitment as long as we are modest in our designs and expansions and can continue to support our missions and ministries objectives.