

Date: May 20, 2009

Location: St. Mark's

Leader: Sean Gilliland

Attendees:

Tommy and Tammy Walker

Dave and Pam Roesler

John and Gail Christopher

Jim and Mary Huhta

Roland and Kathy Edwards

Joy Rogers

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

Disaster response

Boy Scouts

Children and Youth

Stephen ministry

L.I.F.T.

Bible Studies

Music

UMM

UMW

Food pantry

Furniture program

Mission trips

VBS

Preschool

Sunday School

Support our Soldiers

Older adult ministry

Local missions

Christmas service projects

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?

Outreach to new children and youth

After-school programs

Contemporary service

Multi-ethnic outreach

Youth handbell choir

Expansion of UMW

Youth Stephen ministry

More habitat and youth local missions

Outreach to new children and youth

More youth/parent nights

Direct personal invitation to commitment of time and service

Expansion of youth program with separate Jr. High and Sr. High groups

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

Ask, seek, knock

Feeding of the 5,000

Jesus calling to the children

I was hungry and you fed me

Jesus eating with the tax collectors

Jesus calling Zacharius out of the tree

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

More youth space

If you build it, they will come

More Sunday school space

Be practical

Are we losing people because of no sanctuary

See the need to accommodate traditional vs. contemporary, youth vs. older adult

Need support facility for groups that feed the church (SS, youth, music)

Current worship center could be multipurpose facility

Don't sacrifice program money for debt service, but don't allow facility to limit growth

Promise was made for sanctuary

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

Time and service, not just money

Yes, in a calculated, practical way

No Taj Majal

Look for economies in existing budget