

Date: March 26, 2009

Location: Bill and Juanita Greer Home

Leader: Paul and Suzanne Stampley

Attendees:

Jim and Sylvia Carpenter                      Juanita and Bill Greer

Bob Alexander                                      Pat Summers

Claudia Hunter                                      Steve Richardson

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

Men's Group                                              Support our Soldiers

Sunday School                                              Children's Choirs

L.I.F.T.                                                      Youth program

Sunday night bible studies                              Scouting

Disaster relief                                              Emmaus groups

Outreach programs                                              Furniture program

Shut-ins (communion and dvd)                              Volunteer coordinator

Tutor/mentor programs                                      Stephen ministry

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?

Reaching out to all kinds of people, both newcomers and through missions

Having space for the various programs

Prison ministry

Evangelism to newcomers

Bible school volunteers

Assign a shepherd to new members

More involvement with MTSU Wesley Foundation

More involvement of new members in activities and responsibilities of the church

Access for the handicapped

Reach out to those who have lost job through networking or resume help

Need better visibility from the road

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

Feed the hungry and care for the sick and downtrodden

We are called to be fishers of men

We are called to be shepherds

The faith of Abraham to move at God's call

The faith that He will be with us through the unknown

Care for God's creation

Church as a family

Good Samaritan

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

If we grow the church in the direction we've been called, we need more space

Perhaps our lack of growth reflects a lack of space

We are not filling sanctuary now

How can we close the back door?

Exit interviews

Need to find out exactly how many people we really have (membership) in order to determine facility needs.

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

When we join, we pledge our dollars, our presence our prayers.

Volunteers