

Date: May 20, 2009

Location: St. Mark's

Leader: Buddy Howell

Attendees:

Sheila Reburn and family

Herman Johnson

Jeanette Johnson

Glen Macbeth

Gerry Macbeth

Adam Morton

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

Youth ministries and choir draws on and helps community

Disaster team outreach

Food pantry

Furniture program

Adult ministries

Preschool

Music ministry

Children's programs (VBS, bells, choir)

Bible studies

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 active outreach within our neighborhood

Continue Disaster team support

Church-wide targeted service programs

Be more welcoming as new people visit and worship

Continue the current ministry programs

Add contemporary service at 10:00 or on Saturday

Focus on younger members

Add to our work, not change it

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

Serve the people; seek the people

Nature of giving in Acts; early church

Overcoming limitations like Moses' doubt

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

Build sanctuary to open gym for its original purpose

Build to fulfill the promise made when we moved

More classrooms; not enough to support Sunday school and Preschool

Expand youth area or use gym

Style is somewhat important

Pavilion for outside gatherings

Building should be welcoming and comfortable

Building is limiting our growth

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

No professional consultants... but yes.

Consider alternative ways to raise funds like garage sales, Kroger cards, and donated labor

Advertisement of real timeline is important for perspective