

State of the Church

Netherwood Park – Church of Christ

August 13, 2014

Netherwood Park Church Of Christ Continues Its Commitment To . . .

- ◆ Faithfulness – pursuing Biblical Truths
- ◆ Stability – congregational peace & unity
- ◆ Fiscal responsibility – financial soundness
- ◆ Sense of Family – caring for one another
- ◆ Diversity – respecting/using our talents, skills, knowledge, passions
- ◆ Being active – desire, initiative, dedication
- ◆ Missions – spreading the Gospel
- ◆ Vision – having a plan/goals for future

We Still Face Challenges . . .

- ◆ Families and marriages under stress
 - financial pressures
 - relationship issues
- ◆ Personal struggles with worldliness
- ◆ Meeting needs of newcomers
 - reaching out to visitors
 - building relationships
- ◆ Motivating all to serve (involvement)
- ◆ Fostering individual spiritual growth


. . . But, We Have A Shared Vision

“To make, foster and grow
Disciples of Jesus Christ”

- ◆ Where a true disciple:
 - Loves the Lord – commitment
 - Learns from the Lord – studies
 - Follows the examples of the Lord – pattern
 - Serves the Lord – good works
- ◆ We want each member to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ

How Shall We Accomplish This?

- ◆ By setting examples and raising expectation in 7 key areas:
 - daily personal prayer life
 - daily personal Bible study
 - attending congregational worship every week
 - attending Bible class every Sunday
 - fellowshipping brethren (e.g., small groups)
 - involvement in a personal ministry of service
 - mentoring and being mentored for growth



Nothing has really changed
with our vision or what we
see as our priorities.


We Must Focus On What Is Important

- ◆ Creating a Community with Bonds Reminiscent of the 1st Century
- ◆ Intentionally Pursuing the Maturing of Ourselves and Others Into the Image of Christ
- ◆ Actively Reaching Out to Glorify God and Touching Those Who Are Lost

Results of the Past Year

◆ Accomplishments

- Pre-school education renovation
- Minister transitions
- Community outreach day
- Vacation bible school
- Outreach oriented small group start up
- Additional greeters in the auditorium
- Sermons specifically focused on maturing us as disciples



Our stated goal last year was to encourage the growth of new ministries through expanded leadership from throughout the congregation.

And we continue to see that happen.

New and Transitioning Ministries


- ◆ M.O.M. – The Mission of Motherhood
- ◆ Liaisons for Groups Using the Building
- ◆ Mentoring
- ◆ Men's Retreat
- ◆ Trunk or Treat
- ◆ Special Outreach Oriented Worship Service
- ◆ New Evangelism Initiatives

This has been a year of taking
small steps.

- new leaders stepping up
- starting outreach ministries
- defining what it means to be a
disciple and to be
mentored/discipled

Congregational Statistics

- ◆ For the 1st six months of the calendar year
 - Sunday AM Worship up 5%
 - Sunday Class down 8%
 - Wednesday down 6%
 - Contribution up 8%



Overall statistics point to numerical growth, but lessening interest in connecting outside of Sunday AM worship.

Ministries Or Areas Needing Additional Involvement

- ◆ Support for parents (Ashley Guerra for M.O.M.)
- ◆ Liaisons for groups using building (Jim Guthrie)
- ◆ Additional nursery coordinators (Sydney Henry)
- ◆ Additional greeters for outside auditorium (Fred Bitting) or inside auditorium (Doug Sears)

Budget – Sources Of Income

- ◆ Your generous giving – \$14,142/week average
 - 6.6% increase over prior year actual

- ◆ No other large changes in income categories

2014 / 2015 Budget

- ◆ Proposed Budget FY 2015 – \$14,638/week
 - 3.81% increase over prior year weekly budget
 - 3.50% increase over prior year weekly actual contribution

Budget – Where The Money Goes

	FY 13-14		FY 14-15	
Salaries	297,159	40.0%	338,007	43.5%
Facilities	110,300	14.9%	117,100	15.1%
Missions	164,841	22.2%	154,860	20.0%
Benevolence	62,400	8.4%	56,400	7.3%
In-Reach	38,775	5.2%	39,125	5.0%
Out-Reach	28,560	3.8%	33,460	4.3%
Education	12,950	1.7%	10,350	1.3%
General	27,715	3.7%	26,850	3.5%
Total	742,700	100.0%	776,152	100.0%

Budget – Expenses & Things To Note

◆ Areas of Increases

- Maintenance
- Local Evangelism / Outreach

◆ Areas of Decrease (adjusted to actual)

- Missions
- Counseling Fund

Want To Know More?

- ◆ This eldership is committed to transparency in the handling of money.
- ◆ The detailed budget is always posted.
 - Including salary information
- ◆ Presentation will be posted on Netherwood's website
- ◆ We are always available to answer any questions you may have.



How Should We Grow?

Evangelism / Outreach

◆ Community Outreach Day

- How to promote better follow up with our contacts
- How to better engage with them while they are present
- How to expand this to other areas (i.e. Trunk or Treat) Community Outreach Day

Evangelism / Outreach

- ◆ Outreach Oriented Worship Services
- ◆ Liaisons for Groups Using the Building

Evangelism / Outreach (cont.)

◆ Evangelism Oriented Small Groups

- An initial group was founded with plans to divide into two groups in the near future
- Track efforts and results to look for areas of success and/or improvement
- Look for potential leaders as needed to expand efforts or transfer ideas to other existing small groups

◆ Other Evangelism Options (WBS, etc.)

Creating Community

- ◆ Seek to Reverse Attendance Trends in Areas Besides Sunday AM
- ◆ Men's Retreat
 - Men's Ministry also involved in natural mentoring
- ◆ Involve More Members in Small Groups and Recruit and Develop More Leaders
 - As natural evangelism
 - As natural mentoring

Maturing Ourselves and Others

- ◆ M.O.M. – The Mission of Motherhood
- ◆ Development of Mentoring Through Partnering of Members
- ◆ Bible Class Goals
 - Increased attendance
 - Teacher training and mentoring
 - Curriculum focused toward these goals



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