

Neighborhood Meeting composite report

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Place: McKinnis

Core Values

- How strong is our faith?
- Work harder on our membership
- Value children more than property
- Invite children in through the children's learning center
- Better disciples of Christ
- Raise our youth up and become more mature Christians and invite other youth in
- Taking care of youth – meet their needs
- Meeting with friends and to worship God together
- Work with youth to continue our worshipping God
- Help to feed the communities spiritual needs. Bible school
- Give the community positive role models
- Teach the Jesus story to children
- Acceptance of others in our worship
- Clothes and friendliness
- Outreach and acceptance
- Caring for others – warm and caring and not ask anything in return
- Aging congregation – caring for them, caring for elderly members
- Visitation committee to check on elderly who don't come for a while

Mission Statement

- Agree:
 - Make disciples of Jesus Christ
 - Glorify in word and deeds
 - Outreach and fellowship to develop relationships
- Disagree:
 - Other churches try to steal others from their church
 - Hate to see Methodist church do that
 - Watch from being overly aggressive
- Mission depends on Ministers emphasis

Recommendations

- 2. Series of topics; Yes deeper into the subject. Advertise? Won't know in advance
- 3. Prayer meetings – already doing with Don. Continue? Yes.
- 4. Print prayer cards – more anonymous. Yes – like this
- 5. Doing this now
- 6. New Sunday school classes for 25-30?
- 7. Stewardship program; Don't tie to needs of the church. Sunday morning not the time for that. Cards – more private in giving
- 8.
- 9. Song leader – new hymns with an introduction
- 10. Altered worship style
 - Yes for blended, Not entertainment but worship
 - WAPA too loud
 - Young usher – youth involvement
- 11. Hospitality
 - Yes – sitting to the inside

- Yes – usher sit them
- No – to point visitors out in the service
- Pastor called the next week
- Improve outreach after a visit
- 12. Choir
 - Priority – Yes Yes
 - Choir director; needs to invite
- 13. Worship committee
 - Yes – teams input; 6-9 people each Sunday
- 14. P.R. and communications
 - Ministerial alliance
- 15. Program director – 10-15 hours; not a priority now, Not a good idea same people – utilities; pastor contacts
- 16. Estate → endowment committee
- 17. Signage – Yes. 144 yes to improvement. Methodist church sign - ? More accessible – know where we are
- 18. Parking – adequate parking
- 19. 1st time visitors
 - Phone call from pastor
 - Standard of visitation
 - Lay person visit with cookies

Dreams and Hopes

- Call list for elderly contacts (daily, weekly)
- Family life center
- 2 services
- 50 person choir – 20 men

PLACE: Beason

Core Values

- Blended service – enthusiasm; excitement
- Christ centered service
- Youth/children focus
- all”
- Traditions – Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer, etc...
- Pastor expected to “do it

Mission Statement

- Consensus except one:
- The mission of our church is to make followers of Jesus Christ by nurturing people of all ages in Christian living by sharing the Gospel in mission, word, and deed
- One person wanted: “Love God, Love Others, Wash Feet”
- “JOY”
 - J – JESUS
 - O – OTHERS
 - Y – YOU

Recommendations

- Allow opportunity for members to share their gifts/talents with congregation in service; possibly in one service a month or more frequently
- Continue song leader to inspire congregational singing

- 2. Revival would be good
- 3. Already doing
- 4. Have members write their prayer concerns on cards anonymously for other members to pick up so they can pray for our concerns
- Need Sunday school class for young adults (college age too)
- Need to see the music for the praise hymns – suggest to buy or make praise hymnals so we can see the notes – people will feel more comfortable in singing (The only addition I have is one that was made to me by the attendees of the Beason meeting the following morning in church. They suggested that instead of their previous recommendation of new praise hymnals we could have a movable (I suppose retractable) screen to show the words and music for the praise songs.)
- Want to hear kid’s band and other members’ talents – not always just piano or organ
- Suggestion – ask VMW or VMNen to rotate Sundays to serve as greeters at the church doors
- Money back on the altar (brought up after offering)
- Recommend for the money to be counted after church so no one will have to miss church to count
- Feeling that more people would join the choir if there was more contemporary music
- Comment/Suggestion box might be a good idea
- Suggestion to email the church activities each Tuesday
- Contact Annie Strome to see if she would be willing to construct articles for the church page in the Burkburnett Informer Star
- Agree that #15 is important; need a program director
- Move “Welcome” back to beginning of service
- Agree with #16 – estate planning
- Recommendation for #17 – Need maps of church to give to visitors; need new signage at church; need new sign on I-44
- Suggestion for fundraiser – back pews are more expensive; ones toward front are least expensive

Dreams and Hopes

- Bell choir
- Recreation center – possibly give them all 3rd floor; check on Tommy Thornton’s house for possible purchase; maybe the Burk Library
- Plumbing for old cub Scout Hut
- Review the church roll to possibly “deactivate” non-participating members

PLACE: Vincent

Core Values

- Don’t wish it to be “ceremonial”
- Expressed liking of blending praise with more traditional service
- Concern that in the past we’ve received “second rate” leaders – happy with change we have now
- Like enthusiasm in the service; variation in services; happy with present system – consensus from group
- Like song leader – Consensus
- Resistance to change; close-mindedness – detrimental core value – Consensus

- Strong youth program – Consensus

Mission Statement

- Group liked the mission statement from the table of Mary with the following modification:
 - The mission of our church is to Glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing people of all ages in Christian living by sharing the Gospel in word and in deed

Recommendations

- Suggestion to send out surveys to people who did not attend any of the neighborhood meetings of the compiled information that the committee assembles in an attempt to get a wider area of response
- Suggestion by one member to do communion by “intiction” (dipping in juice)
- Suggestion to do something to address college/young adult needs for fellowship/education – Sunday school
- Like the insert sheet in the church bulletin where all the weekly activities are clearly delineated
- Recommendation 4 – Helping Hands Sunday school class is already doing it
- Recommendation 6 – need to do this
- Separate choir director job and organist or at least have a song leader – gets congregation more involved
- Like the variation of service that is happening
- Recommend email program to members to inform/remind them of upcoming events
- Needs for signs to direct within the building and need greeters; do something about church sign on I-44 (it’s embarrassing)
- Suggestion that everyone let Don know how much they appreciate him; He may be hearing from only the negative minority
- Suggestion that we work young people into committees and planning meetings as they will need to take over

Dreams and Hopes

- Church growth
- More enthusiasm
- Bigger choir
- Plumbing for youth building
- Update; brightening of education building (new carpet; hallway paintings/decorations)
- New roof for church
- New hymnals
- Keep Don as long as we can
- Youth pastor/minister (paid position to help us when the Dyes no longer wish to do it
 - Note: everyone says they’re doing a great job

PLACE: Dye

Core Values

- Come to each other’s needs
- Christ centered service – needs to be up on top of the list
- Outreach – serving others; recruiting
- Time Management

- Traditional – Positive; Something you can count on
- Expand service – How to have a service that fits all ages
- Take charge and teach this: Welcome – need to feel that you are wanted; need to be a welcoming congregation from the time you step in. “Have you found your church home yet?”
- Special Music – Need to get everyone involved
- New, Different, Child lead service
- Make Disciples
- Open Door Policy – regardless of lifestyle choices, race, religion – open communion

Mission Statement

- To Serve God

Recommendations

- 1.
- 2. No – Revival – should start on Sunday morning. Worship services need to meet first
- 3. Yes
- 4. Be able to select if they want to be on prayer list (not limit to congregation)
- 5. Already doing
- 6. Yes – Need to accept others into the ones we have. Recruit. Description of classes available
- 7. Agree – Love to hear from a missionary on apportionments (Educate)
- 8. No
- 9. Yes
- 10. Yes.
- 11. Yes
- 12. Already working on it
- 13. Yes
- 14. Yes
- 15. Yes if we had money
- 16-18. Yes
- 19. Do not contact same day; Monday. Pastor letter, yes. Food or something Tues; Wed service reminder. Information on Sunday school

Dreams and Hopes

- All would be great - from everyone
- Gayle said she wanted to add that it should be done with service and regular offerings

PLACE: Morton

Core Values

- Traditional – All agreed this is an important core value. Some concern that we’re moving toward contemporary whether we want to or not
- Blessed music – Jan’s talent
- Expression that traditional is probably important to older set but might need to be concerned about what younger set wants
- Comments on different Vesper services – more traditional ones and discomfort with the praise one in Archer city

- Maybe a “misconception” that the younger ones want more contemporary – feel that we’re being pushed into changing when we don’t know that’s what they want
- Concern that Jan was not consulted about the music references in the report. Concern that some changes have already been made; i.e. song leader, praise music – without input
- Youth – must train the youth in the traditional core values; not us to conform to their values
- All agree: Christ centered/God centered/Biblical values
- Service to each other, community and extended community
- Christ centered service to church family, to the community and to others (world)
- Respect for other’s opinions
- Friendliness
- Too clique-ish – feeling that few people on certain committees are “running the show”
- Affirmation of Faith and Lord’s Prayer

Mission Statement

- Glean from the “Affirmation of Faith”
- Table of Martha – 3rd statement; To make disciples of Jesus Christ through relationships, fellowship, and mission with others

Recommendations

- 2. Revival
- 3. Continue prayer chain
- 6. Topical Sunday school format – might be appealing for those who don’t feel they have a place in the traditional classes
- 7. Stewardship program is needed
- 8. Christian education and/or Sunday school is vital
- 9. Do not want song leader – especially if not qualified musician
- 10. Keep traditional service
- 11. Must be hospitable
- 13. Waste of time to form committee to consult with pastor to plan service
- 14. Let music director choose the music for the service
- 15. College pastoral person to fill role on #15
- 16. Estate planning session would be worthwhile
- 17. Sign on I-44 needs to be replaced
- 19. Visitation of first time visitors is important
- Get the church history published

Dreams and Hopes

- Two worship services – contemporary and traditional (consensus from group); Suggestion is to let the contemporary service be at 9:00
- “Shepherding groups” – Every member of church is a member of a group – nurture each other – cross generational make-up
- Upkeep of church – address roof issue; structure above roof to fix problem

PLACE: Hickey

Core Values

- Positive
 - Love
 - Intentional Prayer
 - Friendliness
 - True Caring
 - Negative
 - Comfortable
- Step out of the box
 - Comfortable
 - Integrity
 - Serving

Mission Statement

- First Commandment
- Serving, Loving, Worship, and Glorify
- Comfortable with all 3
- #1 – Nurturing all people and add sharing and serving the gospel in word and deed

Recommendations

- 1. Yes
- 2. Great idea but no because of time
- 3. Yes
- 4. Yes
- 5. Doing now
- 6. Yes
- 7. Yes
- 8. Yes
- 9.
- 10.
- 11. Started – continue moving that way
- 12. Choir specials – blending
- 13. Yes
- 14. Yes
- 15. Yes – part 2 yes
- 16. Neither positive or negative
- 17. Map of church – on bulletin board when you first come in
- 18. Visitor parking - not a big deal
- 19. Follow up program; staffing

Dreams and Hopes

- Paint, furniture, media aides
- Praise music
- Buy Burk library
- Instrumental Music
- Children's Education Wing
- Stewardship/Spiritual training
- Youth mission trip – Outside US border
- Outreach center – in house home repair team
- Faith Mission

Most Important

- Create facility that enables youth to host events rather than going elsewhere
- Paid youth minister
- Associate Pastor
- Staffing

PLACE RICHARDS

DREAMS AND HOPES

- Provide broader selection of music verses just traditional: Variety in music over style.
- Provide a way for our youth to be involved with choir on a weekly basis.
- Use other music verses piano and organ
- Provide a different type/style of music such as Jazz, Pop, Hip-Hop once a month during service. Belief this will provide a more energetic and lively service.
- Provide two K – 5th grade Sunday School classes
- Include Wednesday evening fellowship dinners like we did in the past.
- Be a hospitable fellowship where visitors will feel wanted and welcome. (The notes went on to say, people need to be courteous enough to allow others to sit in their spot without being asked to move)
- Enlarge the fellowship area to provide meals for the whole fellowship and added space for youth activities (Long Term Goal)

MISSION STATEMENT

- Reach out
- Make connection to God - Saved and Conversion
- Nurture in Faith – Growth
- Reach out to other people
- “Martha” favorite mission statement

CORE VALUES

- Love God with Compassion
- Minister to Youth
- Respect others
- Provide sound biblical principles drive through teaching
- Traditional
- Serving ministry to others
- Making Disciples of Christ

RECOMMENDATIONS

- #6 Recognize need for new Sunday School Classes
- #7 Education of Stewardship giving importance – train and share need in our church
- #9 Broader selection of music – must reach out to youth

PLACE: Cornelius, Tim and Deb

Core Values

- Very faithful church family – serve – want to – do not know how – need direction – start action plan – main reason of doing this – servant attitude without direction
- Youth – important to go to church – from small until high school
- Faithfulness – when really needed – come to each other’s needs
- Questioned “feed me” difference between apron and bibs
- Jesus died for our sins – we are here to serve Him – Christ centered
- Welcoming and accepting of people coming in – people visiting feel loved and accepted – intentional hospitality

Mission Statement:

- FUMC – nurturing people of all ages in Christian living 2nd me
- 3rd “our” church – let people know FUMC like through relationships and fellowships
- Christian Education → Christian nurturing – not just educating – nurturing whole person no matter age
- Like “Glorifying God”
- Liked “word and deed”
- Hold us accountable
- Like all 3 of them

Recommendations

- If we had passionate, qualified song leader may lead to more passionate singing involvement – like when Jan lead congregation in Bible school songs (better when lead by knowledgeable music person)
- “Skits/Dramatizations” speak to congregation even more than a “sermon” – character – speaking open ideas to non traditional ways to speak to congregation maybe once or twice a year
- May have service in addition to Sunday a.m. – casual – non threatening to unchurched
- #14 – Congregation takes care of it; 7 some felt that we need to be more intentional year round (not just Thanksgiving & Christmas)
- Welcome Wagon Program Director (very beneficial and very needed), book club, volleyball, logos, have a paid position but supported by church family members (very needed), organize volunteers
- Larger sign of invitation inviting newcomers
- Need visitors parking
- Need church map – be available at church entries and door markings
- Family ministries to intentionally draw in unchurched
- VBS – great numbers – youth thing is – majority of kids have other church homes – we must get to unchurched
- Revival → people too busy – great idea and worth a try
- Interceding in prayer – “recruit” – may be negative or positive
- Covenant study prayer – intentional prayer hurt feelings? Idea of praying for others intentionally good
- Christian Education, Intentional Faith Development – Disciple Bible study
- People who don’t know are much afraid to come to Sunday School – may be called upon – be embarrassed not knowing things they need to know

- Need to have inviting way for non Sunday school participants to attend
- Movie night – Book of Kings - not be called out – Learning series – 1 hr 5x – over
- Stewardship Program – people need to be vested being involved in church other than just being there Sunday morning
- Checking on how people are involved
- Be specific about needs of church
- Song Leader → Really like the praise – love contemporary – get freaked out about change
- Music – contemporary speaks to me – love when we sing praise songs – church has more meaning but still need some traditional
- Singing is less than enthusiastic – adding praise blends it better
- Song leader – Methodists too inhibited

Dreams and Hopes

- Youth facility – youth need space not to worry about noise - purchase property
- Needs to be a youth space; created big enough to be used by church family
- May be an ideal place for “casual” church service for “unchurched”
- Care team of 50 people to call on hospitalized, nursing home, shut ins.
- Mission trips – family
- Church camp – word out
- Logos
- Topical series offered – Parenting a Teen, Sex Education from a biblical perspective
- Logos (Greek for ‘The Word’) – worship skills, Bible study, Games/Activities, Family Part
- 4 Parts
- Children’s Church

Most Important Objectives

- Youth Facility!! Need the space – not to worry about noise → purchase property
- Needs to be “youth space” created – big enough to be used by church family

PLACE: FUMC Fellowship Hall

Core Values

- Enthusiastic invitation but to Susannah’s – people not friendly at meeting. Need to be fed – one person was considering leaving our church until Pastor Don came
- Felt welcomed – missed – people came up and said they missed her
- Who helps – do we have a formal visitation church program
- Visitation is important for the sick
- Youth program is important – kids from other churches come
- WAPA program was not supported – Anderjacks left
- Scout Hut not big enough to hold children
- Other people not willing to listen to young people music; praise music
- Evening service be praise music – let youth be in charge
- Making people feel welcome
- Ushers/Greeters – be aware if people come in late, be sure they get a bulletin
- Introduce new visitors or not; some are embarrassed
- Sunday school – getting children to come; attract more teachers. Adults need a teacher. How do people know where to take children to class?

- Music ministry
- Security for building to prevent vandalism
- One person was angry that no one came to visit his wife when she was sick or him later. They have left the church over this. Before Pastor Don

Mission Statement

- Martha – 1 vote: Likes relationships, fellowship and mission with others
 - Likes glorify God in the first one; original mission statement – motto – fourfold
- – likes nurturing people of all ages

Recommendations

- Take care of people homebound or sick; appreciate people, visitation of people
- 2. Worked past – future? Revival?
- 3. Pastor Don has already
- 4. Long list already
 - Other people who need prayer that are not on the list
 - Mail card to person letting them know they are being prayed for
 - People don't want to bring a card forward for a prayer request
 - Maybe a basket for when people come in to put prayer requests in
 - Five people wanted it to be don't need to be members for prayers
 - like prayer chain system
- 5. Done
- 6. OK but education
- 7-8. 16 Stewardship; all agree money needed
- 9. Sing better with a song leader; make a signal when to start singing
- 10. Blended music – People should adjust as long as not too loud; screen would be okay – words must be large enough to read from back
- 11. Addressed in core values – usher people to seat who are new or appear to be looking for a place
- 12. Worship/Music responsibility
- 13-18. Committee responsibilities
- 15. Cookies to visitors needed

Dreams and Hopes

- New office questions – explanation
- Evangelism would like to buy brick building across the street; use front property if we need to expand
- Contact visitors and shut ins
- Associate pastor
- Transportation for those who need it – list of people who would provide it
- Formal program for meals for people who get home from the hospital
- Congregational – Holy grounds; chance to meet people
 - Repair roof
 - Offer more youth led services
 - Music blended – praise service – evening
 - Audio visual system in worship
 - Add multimedia capacity to sanctuary

- Spiritual Life
 - Furniture for youth
 - Financial support for program
 - Associate Pastor
 - Financial University Program – already in place
- Missions
 - Sunday school teachers all classes
 - No bowling alley
 - Continue Faith mission ministry
 - Ministerial Association – Church service more often
 - In-house home repair team
 - Continue Grace Ministries
 - Keep information in bulletin about Grace Ministries
 - Continue Hwy cleanup
 - UMCOR Projects
 - Would like to see Sunday evening services started back

PLACE: Cornelius – Jackie and Linda

Core Values

- Hospitality to people who visit
- Caring climate – look after designated seat problem
- Where are the classes for visitors
- We need to be an Invitational not a Disinvitational church
- Educate Congregation on how to treat visitors
- #5 Adequate facilities lend self to welcome
- Get members who don't come – home visit by Pastor and volunteers – can't rely on move ins. Population is declining. Find out why they quit coming.
- #7. Events – sponsor a speaker program for people to come
- What is our reputation in the community? Dissention is known in the community
- Music is a controversy
 - Kids music on Wed night, not Sunday (some kids want it to be their event)
 - Want to see notes not lyrics only because it is hard to sing a song without the notes
 - Plaque – with hymn numbers and scripture posted on the wall like old fashioned churches
 - Against screen in sanctuary
 - Come to listen to preacher not read on a screen
- Maintain traditional service
- Question: Where is Methodist Church moving?
- What is a Methodist? What do we stand for?
- What direction are we heading?
- Big support for foundation – tradition
- Church is one of the few places young and old people can interact. Kids want to know the older people
- Youth important

- Our group was strongly traditional – heritage of what church has stood for
- They said the youth like their praise music for themselves. Some kids want a traditional service On Wednesday night – on Sunday they want the traditional
- Our group felt strongly with declining population; we need to focus on people who are in the rolls but don't attend. We need to have visitation of them by Pastor and members; try to determine why they aren't coming
- Hospitality for newcomers; ushers need to know where classes are
- People need to know = What is a Methodist"
- What is our heritage – what is the foundation of our church

Mission Statement

- Old slogan Love God, Love others, wash feet
- Should print the statement in bulletin– doesn't have to be long. Short and to the point is better; lead others to church
- John Wesley – statements placed in bulletin so people know what he said
- Occasionally put quotations by John Wesley in bulletin
- Mission statement needs to be short and concise not long and wordy
- Print mission statement in bulletin

Recommendations

- 1. Find out why people aren't coming
- 2. Yes doing it – program
- 3.
- 4. Public relations
- Fundraising for church –
- 6. New Sunday school classes– hard to get people to commit to teach
- Publicize early child hood program
- 7. Giving – stewardship training estate planning
- Two services –
- They did not feel a song leader was necessary

Dreams and Hopes

- Raise money first
- 100% contact with visitors and members who do not attend; follow up
- Hire Wanda Dye for Youth Pastor A#1 priority
- Furniture for kids – bean bags maybe; nothing expensive
- Food facilities – new oven
- Bring back Holy Grounds
- Complete remodeling for education
- Upgrade church/rooms
- Get first floor of education wing remodel for youth
- New screen – one person said they would quit the church if a screen was added
- Come to hear the pastor not to read a screen
- No multimedia in sanctuary
- Pastor wear a cross instead of name tag – like robe
- Have kids help with repairs to older folks
- Have kids help with projects – interact with adults
- Continue Faith Mission – perform more often

- Be aware a Methodist family comes and expects a Methodist Service
- Sunday evening service for contemporary music
- Provide activities and trips for kids – very important
- Youth program is very successful – continue to support and encourage

PLACE: Felty

Core Values

- Contentment
- Traditional
- Blended service
- Youth center/more services
- Lead singing
- Children's message
- Variety of communion
- Lack of making newcomers feel welcomed
- Too close knit
- Apathy – lukewarm congregation (negative)
- Biblical center/Bible based worship

Mission Statement

- More concern of increasing size of our congregation
- All 3 within the church of mission
- To help and support community
- To become a more inviting church
- Maintaining Methodist fellowship then reach out to others
- #3 best mission statement/change (outreach to others)

Recommendations

- 3-5 years
- Community involvement
- 1 – OK
- 2 – ALL
- 3 – Already in place – OK
- 4 – 7 YES, 1 NO
- 5 – OK
- 6 – Question of statement existing Sunday school why newcomers would struggle
- 7 – OK Joy of giving
- 8 – OK
- 9 – All want song leader
- 10 – 7 YES, 1 NO
- 11 – OK try – Balcony sign needed
- 12 – OK
- 13 – NO
- 14 – OK
- 15 – Would be good if church growth occurs; do need way to get names of new people in community
- 16 – YES
- 17 – YES
- 18 – YES
- 19 – YES – Follow up with one that have left

Dreams and Hopes

- Have sanctuary full
- Sunday school full
- Choir full
- Methodist church remain as core of center of town in 100 years
- This church would become more focused on becoming the people God desires us to be, a closer walk with God. More spiritual

PLACE: Kutchera

Core Values

- Christ
- centered
- Traditional
- Open and inviting
- Music is important
- Close knit
- Caring
- Prayerful
- Discipleship

Mission Statement

- Liked mission statement #2 with this addition:
...in word, deed, and service to others

Recommendations

- 1. OK
- 2. Yes but needs to be held in summer; too much going on during school year. Might not be worth the expense. May not be well attended. Could be a church-wide service project
- 3. OK. Prayer groups are meeting currently
- 4. Yes – to support overall emphasis on prayer. Expand internet prayer chain to take advantage of technology
- 5. OK. Groups are meeting currently
- 6. Yes
- 7. Yes – emphasize “joy of giving”
- 8. OK
- 9. Yes to song leader; in favor of blend of praise/contemporary with traditional; hymn racks needed in balcony
- 10. Yes – to trying various styles of worship. Some feel periods of standing may be too long for elderly. Some feel that having announcements, greeting others, etc in middle of service breaks up the flow of worship
- 11. Ushers do a nice job of greeting; maybe add two more for other stations in sanctuary. If offering is taken before announcements, it’s too late to put attendance sheet in offering plate.
- 12. Yes
- 13. Yes. Recommendations would be made but the pastor has final say
- 14. Yes. Communication needs much improvement in areas such as newspaper ad telling of events going on. Our sign on I-44 should be redone.
- 15. Yes
- 16. A good idea but call it something else. The Peace University is currently being held
- 17. Yes. New sign on highway needed

- 18. Yes. Visitor parking should be clearly marked. Keep spaces closest to church for elderly and/or handicapped
- 19. Yes

Dreams and Hopes

- Create a mentorship program between adults and young people like the one offered for the confirmation class
- Offer a ministry for 20-30 year olds
- Have groups memorize more scripture
- Continue to emphasize our youth ministry
- Offer another service to accommodate needs of young people
- Acquire more property
- Build or add on an all-purpose room for sports, cooking, computer lab, exercise, etc...
- Youth band would like to perform in worship more often than just youth Sunday

PLACE: Veal

Core Values

- Feed Me (Negative) Don't want that to be core value. Drains leaders
- Feed Others (Positive) Feed those in need (spiritual, food, clothing, Sunday school, education)
- Presence of the Lord – Positive
- Christ Centered Services – Positive
- Outreach – Positive – Active
- Traditional – Positive/Negative; Don't want to do away with it but would love to keep a blended service. Negative – afraid of change
- Prayer – Positive and growing
- Giving Spirit – money, time, love
- Youth Program – Plus, Positive, Active
- Exceed needs of tasks – projects big or small

Mission Statement

- The mission of our church is to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing people of all ages in Christian Living by the Gospel in word and deed

Recommendations

- Parking – Sunday only – make more for handicapped
- Visitor – Sunday only – a few but not right in front of church; maybe on row behind handicapped parking
- Sunday school – Yes
- Altered worship style – band more and kids
- First time visitors – Yes
- 8. No
- 16. No
- 14. Yes
- 9. Already meeting
- 13. Yes

Dreams and Hopes

- Liked all of these – no changes

Youth Group – abridge meeting

Close your eyes and imagine that you and your team are in charge of the church. You have a lot of BIG decisions to make that will change the church forever. Think about the issues below, and, understanding that through your choices you leave your legacy, make some suggestions about what you think should happen. Now, open your eyes. It is not a dream- you ARE in charge and people are ready to listen!

First, think about the church building and grounds: What kinds of changes would you recommend that could make **everyone** (not just youth) feel more comfortable and welcome? Do we need new buildings? If so, what kind and for what purpose? Do we need new Sunday school rooms? If so, for whom and where should they be, and how should they be furnished? What about our property? What could we do with it that would make it more useful? Brainstorm as a group, then, list your group's best ideas below. **DREAM BIG!**

HS

- Family Activity Center
- Youth Building
- Music Practice Area

JR High

- Sign- You're welcome
- Large place for youth-family life center/gym

- Youth pastor
- Youth music during worship
- Less up down during church
- Two services – one up tempo, one like the one we have
- Kick ball field/baseball field

Next, think about the ministry of our church: Right now we have Sunday morning classes for most ages and Wednesday night Bible study for most ages, and a couple of daytime Bible studies through the week that make it easier for retired folks to attend. We also have Methodist Men and Methodist Women. All these programs are awesome! Can you dream up other group programs that you think would benefit this church and community? For example, we do not have a college group in Sunday school or on Wednesday night. Do you think that it is important to have one? If so, list that below. We don't have a youth choir. Do you think we need one? If so, list that below. How about a mixed-ages mission and service team? What about an afterschool program to help children with homework? How about our elderly members and shut-ins; can you think of ways we could better serve them? Brainstorm and list any of the ideas already mentioned that you like, and others you may think of. **DREAM BIG!**

HS

- Mixed ages mission and service team
- PAL program mentors for younger (HS-MS) College-HS)
- Serving Elderly
- College classes
- Recreational sports
- Big brother/sister

- Send Bus to pick up people

JR HIGH

- Marketing – signs et.
- College/Young adult class
- More youth gathering

Now, think about how we reach out to the community: Jesus said, “Go out into the world and make disciples,” and we need better ways to invite people to come to our church. Right now, the youth have the biggest role in the congregation. You invite your friends and when they like it here, their parents start coming. What about the people in the community who do not have children and youth? How can our church reach out to them? What about people who are new to town? Brainstorm and list your ideas below. **DREAM BIG!**

HS

- Signage
- Announce members to public
- Testimonial advert
- Bumper stickers
- Radio/TV advert
- Bulk mailing for everyone in town
(brochures w/pics)

- Door to door visitation

JR HIGH

- Van service to and from church
- Youth greeters
- More than one youth led services
- Christmas float

How can we as a church serve those less fortunate? We have some good programs in our church. We have a service and outreach committee that invites the congregation to help people in need. Our Methodist Men serve at Faith Mission periodically. Pastor Don has a church service at Evergreen Nursing Home once a month. Our youth help with VBS, Church Camp, have a summer project and a holiday giving project each year. Still, we are so blessed and could be doing so much more. Brainstorm and list some ways our church could be helping those less fortunate. **DREAM BIG!**

HS

- Christmas giving to kids
- Grocery shopping for elderly
- Fruit basket delivery
- Mission trip outside the U.S.

JR HIGH

- Soup kitchen
- Back to school supplies
- Send things to the troops overseas

Finally, think about our worship service: We have been blessed by a lot dedicated ministers and Pastor Don is amazing. We also have a beautiful sanctuary to come together as a church family to worship God. Yet, we are only there one hour a week, so that time is critical. Think about our worship service. Do you have suggestions to make it better for, not just youth, but everyone? Would you like to see more and/or different kinds of music? Do we need to add more solos, the praise band more often, or other elements to make worship more meaningful? How well do you know the church members? Are there ways that you could interact better on Sunday morning during worship? Are there particular subjects you would like to hear more about? Brainstorm and list any of these mentioned or other ideas below. **DREAM BIG!**

HS

- More youth led children’s message
- Praise band
- Youth split up and sit w/ different people

- Upbeat music
- Kudos on the message Pastor Don (-:

JR HIGH

- Youth band on occasions

Participants in the Neighborhood meetings

Anne Strome	Margaret King
Arnie Wells	Margit Bale
Barbara Morton	Maria Hickey
Becky Salas-Groves	Maris Jalowy
Betty Kutchera	Mary Lou Schmidt
Bill Picket	Melissa Allison
Bill Vincent	Mike Dye
Bob Carpenter	Mo Forrester
Bobby Kee	Nancy Wells
Bonita Horton	Nathan Durst
Cannon Cornelius	Nell Grady
Carolyn Greer	Pat McKinnis
Deana Richards	Patsy Armstrong
Deb Cornelius	Paula Utter
Don McKinnis	Paula Vroom
Donna Norris	Peggy Felty
Ethel Brown	Ray Hatcher
F.T. Felty	Riley Jalowy
Frank Greer	Robert Richards
Gayla Kessinger	Roger Watson
Gene Goettman	Sarah Ewing
Georgianna Greenway	Shannon Miller
Gretchen Nielsen	Sheryl Carpenter
Horace Pipkin	Shirlene Hatcher
Jackie Cornelius	Stuart Felty
Jan Pipkin	Sue Watson
Janice Vincent	Tami Jansen
Jim Beason	Tex Reed
Jim Schmidt	Tim Cornelius
Joe Brown	Virginia Clack
Joe Kocurek	Wanda Dye
Juanita Muhlinghouse	Wilda Wood
Katie Miller	William Morton
Larry Jansen	Weds. night youth group
Lee Norris	
LeeAnn Miller	
Leisa Fudge	
Linda Cornelius	
Liz Ann Beason	
Lloyd Muhlinghouse	
Lou Ann Grady	