

Your Session at Work

This is your monthly update from the Session at Trinity Presbyterian Church to keep you more informed about what's going on in our church. The purpose is to help you be more aware of how the church is doing and what issues are being addressed by the Session.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Meeting Date: April 22, 2018

Youth / Student Ministry:

As reported in our March report, Brandon Board has given notice that he'll be resigning from his position as Director of Student Ministries effective August 1. This month we continued our conversation on what Student Ministries will look like in our church going forward. Specifically, we discussed goals, obstacles, and began outlining our plan for the future.

Goals for the program include:

- Help our students navigate the issues of life
- Have and help facilitate deeper family connections
- Teach God's word
- Have a strong core group of youth and adult mentors
- Serve the community
- Be connected to the church

With those goals in mind, we recognize the following actions are necessary to start the planning process:

- Create a more holistic job description for our youth leader.
- Obtain vital commitment and investment from students, parents, and adult mentors to provide a vibrant program.
- A town-hall style meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 3 between the Worship Services to involve parents, youth, and all adults from our church family in this important discussion.

We encourage everyone to attend this important meeting on June 3 as we ALL work together to figure out how best to grow as disciples (as youth and adults alike). It is also important to remember that, as members of their church family, we each made commitments to care for our youth, nurture them, and to teach them the love of Christ just like others have done for us. This is our call to live up to that commitment.

Ministry Teams

The elder representatives for each ministry team have been finalized:

- Worship: Leland Morris and Liz White
- Learn: Carol Hopson and Ben Zurita
- Serve: Amanda Chumchal and Meredith Golden
- Fellowship: Jay Steele
- Personnel: Todd Taber
- Buildings and Grounds: Hank Barger
- Stewardship: Sarah Gray

We also started our Master Projects List for monthly updates and accountability. Team meetings have begun and we would love your involvement on any of these teams. Let us know if you're interested!

New Neighbors and Parking Lot

Our potential new neighbors, the dentist group, has submitted a letter of intent stating their desire to build out the full parking lot on the section of land between our current parking lot and EECU (the "baseball field"). This land was already designated in our master church plans for additional parking and we will continue to own the land. The dental group would pay to build the parking spots in exchange for sharing the parking on weekdays.

In addition, they wish to purchase the orphaned strip of land along our driveway (that is too small and oddly shaped for us to build on) for \$36,000. To move forward with these proposals, we need to provide congregational approval and have scheduled a Congregational Meeting on June 3 immediately following the 9:00 Worship Service (and before the Student Ministries town-hall meeting) to vote on this proposal. If approved by us, the dental group will then need to obtain approval from the city of Southlake to build their office.

Finances

Giving has been down in 2018. This financial situation has not yet reached a critical point due to the resources we were blessed with during previous years. However, this trend is not sustainable in the long run and we are hoping to avoid another capital campaign. Pastor Tim recently sent out a letter to all of the church members with details about our finances. We encourage each of you to review this letter carefully. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate bring them up to Pastor Tim or any of our session members.

Sincerely,
Your Session

Liz White, Sara Gray, Jay Steele, Amanda Chumchal, Carol Hopson, Todd Taber, Ben Zurita, Leland Morris, Hank Barger, and Meredith Golden