

# DALTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL

August 25, 2009

Church Parlor

## ATTENDING:

### Members:

Murray Bandy, Tim Baucom, John Bowling, Jim Burdick, Paul Byrum, Deck Cheatham, Elaine Coleman, Terry Cullifer, Sandy Elder, Bryan Hair, Joe Hallsworth, Blake King, Lowell Kirkman, C. S. Lee, Jody McClurg, Dr. Bill McDaniel, Doug Renz, Steve Roan, Trammell Scott, Sue Tuggle, Bob Weathersby

### At-Large Members:

Fred Avert, Judge Billy Boyett, Fran Little, Charles Maret, Mary Pollard, Kerry Sikes, Judge Robert Vining

### Church Staff:

Rev. Robin Lindsey, Rev. Billy Beard, Peter Infanger, Jan Byrum, Susie Brown, Lindsey Laney

## ABSENT:

### Members:

Curt Adams, Cheryl Baucom, Paul Belk, Dick Coleman, Lou Kirkman, Charles Miller, Dean Orem, Lynn Tunnell, Linnie Tunnell, Aquila Wright

### At-Large Members:

Jeff Hughes, Gary Johnson

### Church Staff:

Rev. James Hughes

## I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

(1) Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Joe Hallsworth, Church Council Chair.

(2) Rev. Lindsey gave the opening prayer.

(3) Steve Roan presented a devotional centered on how life changes when you become a Christian.

(4) Rev. Beard gave a report on joys, concerns, and sympathies.

(5) Joe Hallsworth asked members to carefully review the Church Calendar listings on the agenda. He reviewed the following events and encouraged everyone's participation:

--August 30: Smiley Gregg Concert, benefiting Habitat for Humanity & Big Brothers Big Sisters.

--August 31 thru mid-October: Neighborhood Meet and Greets. Rev. Lindsey said he thought these "getting to know each other meetings" were the most important things he could do at this time.

--September 13: Youth Lounge open house following Sunday worship services.

--Events prior to and including the September 20<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Consecration Sunday. Joe noted the Church Leadership Stewardship Dinner which is scheduled on September 14. He said this dinner includes Church Council members and their spouses.

## II. MINUTES

Copies of minutes of the last meeting of July 21, 2009 were distributed. They will be presented for approval at Church Council's next meeting.

## III. FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer C. S. Lee gave a financial report as of the end of July:

Income	\$788,998
Expenses	\$961,649
SHORTFALL:	(\$172,651)
Cash in Bank	(\$11,852)
"Note" balance	\$488,734

Treasurer's comments included:

- Our actual cash is in pretty good shape.
- According to an email dated August 9 received from Patty Gober, things have been relatively good compared to other Augusts.
- We are only about \$6,000 behind.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### Emergency Procedures

Because of an incident that occurred this past Sunday, Rev. Lindsey brought before Council the following question: Do we have any emergency procedures in place? Could we put together a committee to begin to think about, investigate, and develop procedures? He said we need two different types of procedures: one for lockdown, and one for evacuation. We need to know what the emergency is and what to do about it. Joe Hallsworth will coordinate implementation of this committee. Laura Orr and Barry Gober were suggested as qualified to serve as members of this committee.

Comments included:

- We might not have to "reinvent the wheel." The school system has good procedures we might want to review.
- Involve local police and fire departments as we develop procedures.
- Church daycare program has strict "pickup" policies in place.
- Ushers are trained.
- Everyone in leadership needs to know what to do.
- We all need to be more alert.

## V. SPECIAL REPORTS

### Stewardship Activities - John Bowling, Chair

(1) We hope to get to the place where "we are pleased to be stewards of God's resources, to feel it is a privilege to participate in Consecration Sunday, and to acknowledge that what we really have does not belong to us."

(2) This week begins the "cycle of participation" for Stewardship Consecration Sunday set for Sunday, September 20. The theme is *Many Gifts, One Spirit*.

- (3) Speaker for Consecration Sunday is Malone Dotson, who previously served as an Associate Pastor at DFUMC.
- (4) Brenda Griffin is leading prayer activities to undergird our stewardship efforts. "If you have not begun to pray, please start right away."
- (5) Church Council members and their spouses are invited to attend the Church Leadership Stewardship Dinner on Monday, September 14. Rev. Lindsey will be the speaker. "We will hear great information and inspirational information."
- (6) A church-wide luncheon is scheduled after 11 o'clock worship on Consecration Sunday. There is no charge; however, reservations are needed.

Dr. Bill McDaniel added: "I look forward to Consecration Day. I feel that something is going on in this Church. I'm so glad that we are asking everyone to pray for this event. Prayer will have a powerful influence on this special day and on this Church."

Rev. Lindsey commented. We can talk honestly with people, and let's be upbeat. Wonderful things are happening. We need to encourage people to give. I think the programs of this Church are worthy of our financial support."

Joe Hallsworth thanked Jolm Bowling for the excellent job he and the entire Stewardship Committee has done.

### **Neighborhood Meetings** - Deck Cheatham

Deck asked that we continue to "spread the word" about the upcoming Neighborhood meetings as a time for Robin and Kathy to get to know us and for us to get acquainted with them. Information is coming out by email, through Sunday School boxes, and in the *Chimes*.

### **Concert to Benefit DOC-UP** - Paul Byrum

A special concert featuring Bluegrass Music is scheduled Saturday, September 26, to benefit DOC-UP. This will be a community-wide benefit. We hope to have 800 - 1,200 people in attendance. DOC-UP needs have increased, so everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring friends and neighbors. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Dalton. Volunteers are needed: ushers, box office, t-shirt vending, heavy lifting, etc.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Youth** - Doug Renz, Chair

- (1) There's a lot going on right now.
- (2) The youth have met four times, with about 30-35 a night; the kids are excited and having fun.
- (3) This coming Sunday is important for us: during Sunday School hour, we will talk about what we have planned and about our mission.
- (4) On Sunday nights we have youth group meetings after youth choir practice.
- (5) Tuesday momings, the youth meet for breakfast.
- (6) Wednesdays are set aside for prayer and study.
- (7) Discos are scheduled Friday nights.
- (8) There will be an open house for the newly-renovated Youth Lounge on Sunday, September 13 right after Church. The Lounge is going to be fabulous.
- (9) We have committed to help with Youth Lounge renovation costs. A fundraising brainstorming session is scheduled at our next meeting. Half of the money taken in at the Friday night discos will go toward renovation costs and half will go to a cause to be designated by the youth.

Missions - Kerry Sikes for Co-chairs Lynn & Lynnne Tunnell

- (1) Medical mission team is scheduled for a trip to Peru September 17-27. Seventeen people are going with Jim Davis. \$12,000 has been spent on medicines for this trip.
- (2) Bill Gregory Memorial Golf Tournament, which benefits our Church's mission program, is scheduled October 5.
- (3) Committee is working on the Missions Celebration scheduled January 22-24.

Food Services - Sue Tuggle, Chair

Sunday School classes have been asked and are signing up to help with serving supper during the Wonderful Wednesday program. Four people are needed to serve each week. This is a huge help to Barbara in the kitchen.

Evangelism - Tim Baucom, Co-chair

- (1) We are coming up on our time to host Family Promise. Evangelism and Missions are shepherding this program under Nancy Bell's leadership. It is a blessing to participate.
- (2) Committee continues to work through the calendar and is trying to find appropriate times to connect.
- (3) Rev. Beard is leading Coffee with the Pastor on September 13 in the Library during Sunday School time.
- (4) October 18 & 25 are the dates set aside for the class that previously was known as Methodism 101.

Endowment - Bob Weathersby, Chair

- (1) Meeting was held August 17.
- (2) New brochure will be mailed with a letter to entire congregation around end of October or early November.
- (3) Endowment will have a presence on the Church website.
- (4) If you have questions, please send them to Murray Bandy or Bob Weathersby.

## VII. STAFF REPORTS

Peter Infanger

- (1) Sunday School attendance has been over 400 for three weeks in a row.
- (2) Wonderful Wednesday program is off to a great start. Among the statistics of interest: there were 119 adults who participated last week, while last year there were about 60 adults and that number was the most we had seen in a long time.
- (3) The 13<sup>th</sup> Smiley Gregg Memorial Benefit Concert is coming up this Sunday, August 30, in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. The offering will be divided 50-50 to Big Brothers Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity. Over the years the Gregg Concerts has raised \$200,000 for these organizations.
- (4) Sunday morning, September 6 will be the last of this summer's "Summer First Sundays" series. Labor Day Communion services will take place in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. with combined traditional and remiX services at 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School classes will meet in Famber Hall at 10:00 a.m. for the Master Teacher Series with Rev. Lindsey leading a "Town Hall Meeting."
- (5) Adult Bible Studies begin the week of September 14. Everyone was encouraged to see what's available and to sign up in the Atrium.
- (6) The Church's second Family Spiritual Life Retreat is scheduled Saturday, September 19. It will be held 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Peeples' farm near Ringgold. Those attending are asked to bring

covered dishes for the Noon lunch. Age appropriate lessons will be held 1:30-3:00 p.m. Information about the Retreat will be included in the Adult Sunday School Newsletter that goes out on Sunday.

Joe Hallsworth expressed his thanks for Peter and the great job he is doing.

### Jan Byrum

(1) In elementary Sunday School, there were 82 kids on the third Sunday in August, and 78 this past Sunday.

(2) Teachers are needed for elementary Sunday School. Jan said, "It's not what you get, it's what you have to give."

(3) We are in final stages of playground surfacing. Hope to be ready to use by Friday. We are excited about raising money for the next phase.

Joe Hallsworth thanked Jan for the good job she always does.

### Susie Brown

(1) Forty-two kids attended Camp Joy during the summer. This year's camp was held without use of the Youth Lounge. The Camp was fortunate to have the use of Pleas & Jane Smith's swimming pool.

(2) Everyone was asked to participate in the upcoming walkathon.

(3) There was a question raised as to whether there is a policy in place for use of the gym at night.

Susie said, "No one is allowed unless there is a paid person with them." Beginning next week, the gym will be open Monday & Tuesday evenings (with paid supervision) 6:00-8:30 p.m. Question raised: Is it possible to get signage in this regard? Blake King said that we are asking for a revision of the gym policy.

## **VIII. CLOSING OF THE MEETING**

(1) Joe Hallsworth's closing remarks: It is a blessing to be a part of this group. So much is going on in the Church; it is overwhelming. Please pass along to the congregation all the good things you have heard tonight."

(2) Rev. Beard gave the closing prayer.

(3) Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Neuls

Church Council Recorder