

# **LEFC Elder Meeting Summary**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Location: Mitchell House

Time: 6:58 PM

**Elders Present:** Ed Scheuerman, Tony Hunt, Joel Lingenfelter, Gary Hoover, Chip Mershon, Tyler Ranck, Matt Sowada, Eric Wenger, Corey Mitchell, Tom Daly, Dave Cox, DJ Weaver, Phil True

**Guest:** N/A

**Elders Absent:** N/A

## **Multiplication Update – Corey Mitchell, Tom Daly, Matt Sowada**

- There are a few “irons in the fire” where the elders and staff are prayerfully considering what it looks like to multiply, come alongside other churches in our area, and advance the gospel through partnership in the gospel.
- Corey Mitchell, Tom Daly, and Matt Sowada specifically were in conversations recently with a local church to see how we may be able to partner. At the moment we have a standing offer out to this local church, we see opportunities to offer outward facing ministries as options to their body (i.e. Re:Gen and Re:Engage).
- These types of conversations have been helpful to refine the process for the elder board/staff to engage in for future opportunities.
- Prayed: For the local church and multiplication.

## **“Leading with Prayer” Discussion – Chip Mershon and Dave Cox**

- What keeps us from praying more?
- Discussion:
  - o Too busy
  - o Don’t believe prayer works
  - o Pride – self sufficiency
  - o Distractions - technology
  - o Priorities – busyness
  - o Not enough of a perceived need
  - o Feeling ill-equipped
  - o Comparison
  - o Prayer and faith – trusting and believing
  - o Address sin issues – confession
  - o Believing God’s Word
  - o Sleep
  - o Unanswered prayers
- How can we encourage more prayer?
- Discussion:
  - o Pray about it
  - o Encounter room list out to the body not just leadership
  - o Modelling prayer outside of the scheduled “prayer times”
  - o Testimony – builds faith/God works, tracking prayer – a prayer journal
  - o Setting rhythms to help start prayer rhythms
  - o Spontaneity
  - o Specific prayers and keep track
  - o Continuing to pray for unanswered prayers
  - o Teaching on the Sovereignty of God – Suggested that Dave teach on the misunderstood realities of the Sovereignty of God.
  - o Teaching on prayer in alignment with God’s will
  - o Reminding people of the divine relationship we get to have with our Heavenly Father
  - o Asking others to pray and encouraging them in the way we see their heart
- How can we include more prayer in gathered meetings?

- 100 year prayer meetings with the Moravians

**Prayer –**

- Prayer for the body at LEFC, how we engage in prayer, and multiplication.

**Alex Swann Sabbatical Plan – Joel Lingenfelter**

- Motion to approve Sabbatical
- MSC

**Miscellaneous Items**

- ABF Visit Schedule
- Rising Leader Attendance
- Dinner Hosts

**Prayer** - Meeting ended in prayer.