

LEFC Elder Meeting Summary

November 18, 2025 – 7:00 PM

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Elders Present: Kurt Zimmerman, Tyler Ranck, Corey Mitchell, Dave Cox, Blake Herr, Phil True, Dan Heller, Matt Sowada, Tony Hunt, Joel Lingenfelter, Gary Hoover, Dave Cox, Eric Wenger, DJ Weaver, Corey Mitchell

Guests: N/A

Elders Absent: N/A

AGENDA ITEMS	Type	Key Messages
Approval of Nov 4 meeting Minutes-Blake	Decision	The elder meeting minutes from the Nov 4 were approved with no objections.
Debrief from Congregational Meeting- Tyler -What have you heard? What needs more clarity? What are next steps?	Discussion	<p>The elders discussed the recent congregational meeting, including feedback on attendance and engagement methods.</p> <p>The meeting was well-attended with 292 members, and positive feedback was given for the interview format with Tony and Tyler for maintain engagement. Tony highlighted that while some topics, like multiplication, were repeated to ensure understanding, they were building on previously discussed concepts. Each meeting continues to pull back the curtains on what the elders have been talking about. The meetings utilize a pattern of giving a more extensive update that cannot be given on a Sunday morning. There was a general positive response to the meeting including some from the church body that indicated an interest in vocational ministry.</p> <p>There was a suggestion to implement a post-meeting survey via QR code for future meetings to gather attendee feedback, and the decision was taken to pursue this option.</p>
Debrief from Peter Greer Session-What are you still processing? What are some takeaways?	Discussion	<p>Feedback and reflection were given on the session with Peter Greer as related to his book "Lead with Prayer". The meeting focused on discussing prayer practices and implementation within the church community. Some expressed thoughts about the current state of prayer and suggested ways to make it more intentional and woven throughout daily life. The group discussed ideas such as praying through membership lists, setting aside specific times for prayer and fasting, and creating opportunities for members to pray for each other. They also considered scheduling regular prayer days and making prayer a more prominent part of church activities.</p> <p>The group discussed implementing prayer as a core part of their church leadership and culture. The discussion emphasized the importance of leaders being personally committed to prayer, with genuine openness to receive input from those who have been in an intensive phase of prayer lifestyle. The conversation concluded with agreement that prayer should be inspired by personal communion with God rather than being merely planned or imposed.</p> <p>There was a discussion of the importance of authentic prayer in congregation services, expressing a desire to incorporate prayer at times throughout the hour while acknowledging the challenge of balancing prayer requests with worship time. The group also explored the idea of collective prayer, noting its potential to engage the congregation more deeply. The group concluded by emphasizing the significance of personal leadership in prayer and the need to prioritize it as a central aspect of leadership.</p>
Prayer-Introduction to extended time in prayer- Phil	Prayer	Phil outlined a plan for an extended session of prayer for the remainder of the meeting. Phil requested they start as one large group before breaking into smaller clusters of three or four people. He suggested to send groups to different rooms within the church. Phil emphasized that there are no rules during the prayer session, encouraging participants to pray as they feel comfortable without worrying about order or frequency. They explored the themes of submission to God, confession, and forgiveness through the Lord's Prayer, emphasizing the need for a personal and intimate relationship with God. The participants prayed for guidance, wisdom, and a deeper connection with God, as well as for the church to be a place where prayer and kingdom growth are prioritized. They acknowledged the need for heart change and the role of the Holy Spirit in facilitating this transformation

Summary of Actions	Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several actions were noted for follow up with owners assigned.
Misc. Business Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dinner Hosts Sign Up (Updated) - Staff Christmas Cards - Elder for Baptism 12/14 - December Meeting & Upcoming Agenda - Save the Date for January 6 – Tyler Morris 	Discussion	<p>The group discussed upcoming meetings, including Bob Travis's update on local community partners and Vietnam in December, and confirmed the cancellation of the second December meeting due to the holiday season.</p> <p>Jan 6 meeting will include Tyler Morris</p> <p>Jan 20 meeting will include elder spouses</p>

Next Elders' Meeting: December 3, 2025 LEFC Church Office