

2017 Annual Freshwater Family Meeting

November 19, 2017

Dear Partners and Future Partners of Freshwater Church,

2017 has been another fantastic year at Freshwater. Since our 2016 Annual Family Meeting God has connected us with many new families and individuals. We're all thankful for the growth that we've seen and we hope to see it in the future. As you know, the stated mission of Freshwater Church is to "Make disciples by leading the people of our community and world into a total-committed relationship with Jesus Christ." We have no reason to believe that this growth won't continue into the future.

Following are 4 Ministry Objectives that we will be pursuing in 2018 that we believe, God willing, will help us to better achieve our mission of making disciples. In addition to these 4 2017 Ministry Objectives, we have also stated 4 long-term Ministry Objectives. Tonight we'll begin by briefly looking back over the last year and then we'll look forward toward the future.

Looking Back

Last Years Family Meeting primarily included discussion regarding five ministry objectives for 2017. Those ministry objectives were:

- Development of Freshwater Church (California Campus) – Paused due to ongoing facility needs
- Launch of Partnership with Children's HopeChest - Done
- Continued Reproduction of Life Groups - Done
- Installation of Deacons - Done
- Launch of Act Like Men / Re-launch of Wellspring - Done

In addition, there were five long-term ministry objectives. They were:

- Increased Development of Freshwater Church – California Campus - Paused
- Calling of Full-time Minister of Disciple-Making - Currently we are pursuing two part-time positions (Minister of Disciple-Making and Children's Minister).
- Identification of next local Freshwater Church Campus - Ongoing
- Expansion of International Disciple-Making efforts into London, England - Our first church trip is in Spring 2018 with two more following in the Fall of 2018.
- Installation of Future Elders – 3 new elders are being installed tonight.

Financially, 2017 has brought with it increased giving. Our 2017 Budget was 240,000. We should end the year with about \$360k in total receipts.

Looking Forward

- Calendar
- Ministry Updates
 - Student Ministry

- Freshwater Kids
- International Disciple-Making (Guatemala and London)
- Wellspring And Act Like Men

2018 Ministry Objectives

1. Installation of New Ministers

We hope to have our new Children's Minister and Minister of Disciple-Making in place by Jan 1, 2018.

2. Development of Tanner Bridge Property

Jerry Graham has been named as our Project Manager for the development of the property. All things concerned with the future building will cross his desk. There are still details to be worked out regarding the timeline for how quickly we can break ground, but we hope to do so soon. We anticipate much time and energy being devoted in 2018 toward this endeavor.

3. Continued Reproduction of Life Groups

Current number of Life Groups:	12
Goal by end of 2017:	16
Net Increase:	4 (33%)

4. Increased Fellowship Opportunities at Freshwater

Many of you have mentioned that meeting new people in Freshwater has become difficult. We hear your concerns and we hope to offer new opportunities for church fellowship in 2018.

Long-Term Ministry Objectives

1. Increased Development of Freshwater Church – California Campus

This is a work in progress. It is not off the table. It is, however, paused due to the construction of our new building.

2. Calling of Full-Time Minister of Disciple-Making.

On average, churches have 1 full-time staff member for approximately every 100 people in attendance. My vision is that this position would grow to include oversight of all of our Life Groups as well as Freshwater Kids. This would be a full-time position.

3. Identification of next local Freshwater Church Campus

Eventually, the Freshwater Church – California Campus will be a fully-functional church plant. Our vision is always to expand and build. We ask you to prayerfully consider where in central MO Freshwater Church should plant after California.

4. Installation of additional Elders and Deacons

After tonight we will have 4 Elders and 9 Deacons. We would like to see 2 additional elders and 4 additional deacons added within the next 2 years.

Changes you need to be aware of

- Paid Custodian beginning Jan 1 (Praise Jesus for his wonderful mercy!!!!)
- Establishment of Elder Families
- New Events: Family Camp, Marriage Simulcast, Just The Bible, Disciples of All Nations, Financial Peace University.

Where we need you now

- Be ready to help with the new building!!! ---- Next Opportunity is Saturday, Dec 2.
- Plan on “going” this year.