

Missions Committee Summary & Notes – Mar 2019

Missions Committee met on March 6th to discuss the topics covered below, and the meeting opened with prayer at approximately 5:05pm. All committee members were present (Adam Babcock, Jan Enos, Bruce Garner, Judi Gibson, Kathy Miller, Kelly Stanford, and Mike Thompson) as well as Pastor Wade. Meeting closed with prayer at approximately 6:05pm.

- Benevolence update by Jan Enos covered the current budget items and mentioned that the state may fund all/majority of their current project – a wheelchair lift for Johnny Wood. No additional help or items were discussed. Future meetings will invite Janet Baggett to cover the Benevolence activities including emergency bill payment, etc. which are managed separately and in association with other local churches. Pastor Wade also mentioned that the next Lord's Supper/Benevolence offering would be Apr 7th.

- Pastor Wade addressed several topics. He will attend the county Jailhouse Ministry security briefing on 7 March and continue to facilitate our desired participation/support for that ministry. We will also be in contact with the Ministry Support Team for the potential to purchase Bibles in April (unfortunately our hard copy Bibles from the Sanctuary cannot be donated for inmate use).

-- Coordination continues for a local Easter Blessings Bag distribution which will include small gift bags with an invitation to our Easter service. It's anticipated that the church family will distribute bags on Palm Sunday based on identified housing areas "in the shadow of the steeple" as part of our local outreach.

-- The Missions-related Global Impact Conference is planned for 6-9 Oct 19 and will include Guest Speakers, information tables and other events. Pastor Wade continues to manage invitations/planning and will involve the committee and church family as requirements are finalized.

-- Evolving Missions planning will be based on a model including local, national, and international relationships. The pastor will share details as he presents his overall vision/planning to the church family and the committee will coordinate for effective Mission Travel teams and destinations. Our focus will be on NAMB and IMB-sponsored mission activities/missionaries but all partnerships will be evaluated for long-term significance and continuity with a church-wide plan, including church planting efforts.

-- As part of our stewardship over the church mission activities and donations, the committee will continue its outreach to sponsored individuals/partnerships and ensure a continued connection. The 2019 effort finalizes this "scrub" and includes our national mission partners. Letters will be sent to those that we have not been in communication with to ensure their need, ensure our church connection, and set up milestone contacts/reviews for support.

- Other Mission Trip opportunities were discussed, including the WMU-sponsored Kentucky trip in July and a trip to support Brett & Lyuba West in Houston in June. More details will be shared with the church as they are finalized.

- Bruce Garner shared an idea with the WMU representative regarding “prayer/donation” eggs for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Everyone agreed it had potential for Youth as well as church-wide involvement and WMU will integrate it with ongoing activities as they are able.

- August was identified as the general timeframe for our 2019 Fort Walton First community service day, with hopes for increased participation and supported locations building on last year’s success. Mike Thompson also noted that many supported locations still need monthly volunteers to help with scheduled group support and lawn care/maintenance. The committee will publicize these needs.

- Information will be shared with the church over the next 2 weeks regarding an opportunity to support the local county United Way effort called “Feed The Need” – which packages meals for local use. The on-line sign-up link was posted to the church web site and bulletins so that individuals/groups might volunteer for the Sat, March 30th event which occurs at Gregg Chapel (just a block or 2 away from the church).

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Babcock, Chairman