

Governing Board Meeting

August 18, 2026

Administration & Discipleship

Wins

- **Administration**
 - 11 are scheduled for baptism during our Outdoor Service/Church Picnic. We also had three (Timkos) who were baptized at Mahaffey Camp during Family Camp in July.
 - Membership Class is Sundays, September 13th and 20th and will begin to be officially promoted this week in the bulletin. We have had a number of regular attendees previously inquire about the class and are planning to attend.
 - We will be transitioning to the online version of Power Church in the near future. This change is being made for multiple reasons:
 - It will allow the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to access Power Church (PC) not only at the church but also offsite. They will be able to both access PC at the same time, allowing them to work together to correct errors and figure out how to do things that are new for both of them.
 - Data is autosaved in the cloud.
 - If there is an Internet connection issue, they will be able to use a hotspot connection from their phone to access Internet and use PC just as if GAC had a normal Internet connection.
 - PC technical support is included.
 - GAC will always have the newest version of PC—version 15. We currently have version 11.
- **Facility**
 - The Trustees have been able to get some of the smaller jobs done prior to the church work day in October
 - New TVs were installed in the Lobby and Nook so that the sound bars could be used to project audio for those areas to be able to hear the service well.
 - A new coat of paint has been put onto the Rt. 136 mailbox and new white street numbers have been affixed to meet the Hempfield Township fire safety requirements.
- **Missions**
 - The October missions trip to the Alliance's Envision Dominican Republic is in its final stages. The group of seven (Mark, Jenn, Dominic DiAndreth; David & Jodi Truxal, Stuart Ford, and Renee Friedhof) has been finalized with Envision. Airline tickets were purchased last week. And completion of final pre-trip tasks and payments will be coming soon.

Goals

- Facility
 - **Roof:** We received 7 bids for re-shingling the church roof. These quotes have been given to Mark Gillespie (AE Facility Services- Architectural/Building Consulting) for comparison and review. He will submit his review to Mark and Lu. This review will be sent to the Trustees to use to make a recommendation to the Governing Board. The current goal is to have the roof replaced by October.
 - **FH Furnace:** A 50% deposit was made to Eichelberger HVAC to have the unit ordered before a price increase occurred on August 1st. Eichelberger's has received the unit and, after their busy AC season winds down, they will install the new furnace. The current expectation for this is October.
 - **Emergency Evacuation Plan:** A Fire Drill & Emergency Evacuation Plan has been developed for GAC. This provides a safe, seamless, and easy to follow procedure for evacuation of all areas of the facility in the event of an emergency. Along with this Plan, Emergency Evacuation Route Maps have been created to be posted in every room and area of the facility. The Plan and Maps have been gone over with the Lead Pastor and Director and Coordinator of Children's Ministry. They will be explained to the Youth Pastor upon his return from sabbatical, along with the Safety Team. The goal for these final discussions and implementation is September.
 - **Safety Team:** Radios are in the process of being ordered. 13 will be ordered, as we currently have a need for 12 radios.

Challenges

- GAC has had quite a month regarding electrical storms, power outages, equipment function/non-function, and Internet downtime. It seemed like fixing one issue led to another issue which led to another issue and so forth. In the end, praise God, it appears that no major equipment damage was incurred. One of our Juice Goose surge protectors in the sound booth took the electrical hit and has been replaced. Our SonicWall Firewall box also lost one port, but there were two additional open ports to move the connection to. In troubleshooting those issues, a low-level voltage was found emanating from our main electrical panel onto our incoming Comcast coaxial cable (Internet). JP Electric was called in to fix this problem. No main reason could be found other than a poor electrical grounding of our building; no main ground rod was found for our electrical system. On Monday, August 17th, a ground rod was installed. In addition, a whole facility 3-phase 100ka surge protector was installed on the input to our main electrical panel. My prayer is that God allowed one unwanted, stressful, and time-consuming issue to reveal a greater issue that is now corrected and that our facility is protected electrically greater than it ever has been before.

Other Business

- Emergency Shelter Location
 - I am on the board of directors for Westmoreland Casemanagement and Supports Inc. (WCSI) in Greensburg. In the event they have a facility emergency, they need a location which is large enough to bring their employees until an “all clear” message is provided allowing a return to their own building. Having approximately 200 employees, they need a facility that can safely hold that many people. They requested to me for use of GAC as their emergency evacuation location. After talking with Pastor Lu, since WCSI is a Monday-Friday “9-5” business, we have granted them use of the sanctuary in the event of a company emergency evacuation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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