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Report from Leadership Subcommittee of the Master Plan Committee

The mission and vision statements recently presented and accepted by our congregation show we want to be actively involved in making a difference in the lives of the people in our community. As a subcommittee of the Master Plan Committee, the Leadership group is striving to make the above process much simpler, to help define the various ways people can get involved and to make sure we are utilizing the great potential present in SMBC.

Through your input, we realized the importance the Deacon Council plays within our church. However, we also recognized that changes needed to be implemented in order for it to continue to serve a meaningful purpose. Many of you have been a part of addressing the various areas that were identified as action items. With leadership from the Deacon chair and chair-elect, significant changes have been made to speak to Transition Statement 14. Evaluations are continuing as proposals for new initiatives are considered.

The “Servants Model” ministry groups are providing care through transportation, hospital visitation, medical next step visitation, deacon prayer, family bereavement and ordinance and worship teams. Meetings have been revamped to provide fresh and engaging purposes during time together. A Deacon Handbook has been created to define expectations and create accountability. All ordained deacons have been given the opportunity to participate and offer input as the Deacon Council redefines itself. These steps already taken show the progress being made.

A consultant has worked with our staff as they continue to develop a cohesive team to guide SMBC in our ministry and discipleship needs. By sharing worship opportunities, staff is being encouraged in their continued development of ministry gifts. These positive directions reflect responses to items in Transition Statement 13. Our staff is a talented, creative team that we seek to assist as needed.

As written in I Peter 4:10, “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” In order for this to be successfully addressed, we are researching and creating volunteer skills and spiritual gifts inventories that can be easily accessed and completed. Having these resources available on our church’s computer will make it much easier to match volunteer positions with St. Matthews members.

As the Ministry Council enumerates the various ministries of SMBC, we want to create volunteer job descriptions that will tell the who, when, where, what and how of each available ministry opportunity. This will allow us to know the time commitments and expectations of each ministry option. As we serve, the hope is for us to have a way to give feedback about participation in order to evaluate the effectiveness and need for each ministry. These actions are helping us implement transition statements 12 and 15, as we move even further toward lay members becoming more involved in conducting ministry.

This journey we are all on is an exciting time in the life of our church. As part of the Master Plan Committee, our subcommittee is actively working to help us develop the future story into which we will seek to live.

David Gray, Sue Cahoe, Jan Shockley



We are in the middle of our kick-off for our partnership with St. Matthews Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year. There are several ways that you can help make this year successful:

- Donate school supplies (stop by the board in the Foyer for specific needs).
- Monetary donations to help with paper for teachers and food for students on the weekends through Dare to Care.
- Volunteer to be a Tutor or Classroom Helper. We need about 10 more! More information available in the Foyer.
- Collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education throughout the year.

Call the Church Office (502.896.8882) for more information.

Master Plan Update

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 23. On that date we will have a churchwide lunch and the Master Plan Committee will present our vision of how our facilities should be developed over the coming months and years. This should be an exciting time to see how we can move forward in preparing our facilities to support all of our ministries.

The Master Plan continues to be implemented and the action items will be addressed at the Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 26. In the meantime, last week’s *Dove* had an update on the Ministry Council action items, this *Dove* has an article on the Leadership action items and the next *Dove* will have an article on the Business/Management action items.

All 56 action items are being addressed and an update schedule is being developed to provide everyone ongoing insight into the transitions underway.

Please continue to pray for all of those involved in this effort as we move our church forward for Christ.

Lee Roy Ash

Upcoming Fall Events

August 9

Youth Parent Meeting

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for pizza immediately following worship. The whole family is invited.

August 16

Promotion Sunday

For Preschoolers, Children & Youth

Children Parent Meeting

9:30-10:15 am in the Chapel

August 19

Wednesday Activities Resume

Reservations required for dinner

August 23

**Churchwide Luncheon
Facility Visioning Presentation**

Immediately after worship.
Tickets on sale beginning August 2.

August 26

Third Quarter Business Meeting

7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

September 13

Transformed

New 7-week Sermon Series and
Churchwide book study begins

October 25

Christmas Connection Concert

Deacon “Spirit Team”

Recently, nine of your fellow church members accepted the call to become ordained deacons. I was one of them. As I went through the ordination process, I was privileged to hear their personal testimonies. What a blessing that was! I left the Ordination Council thinking “This is what it is all about - Christian men and women sharing their faith stories.” I wish all of you could have heard them. They were inspiring!

Now, I am charged with leading one of the seven deacon-led ministry teams - The “Spirit Team”. While six of the deacon teams are dedicated directly to meeting needs of our church family, the “Spirit Team” is dedicated to nurturing the Spiritual well-being of the deacon-body. It is an exciting time as many new, Spirit-filled programs are being planned for your deacons to inspire and better equip us to lead and serve you, the church family, with an excellence-of-Spirit!

As believers, we are ALL called to serve our Lord in the building-up of His church. When we become believers the Holy Spirit gives each of us a distinct gift of the Spirit. One of the main purposes of your deacon-body is to lead, or inspire, you by our example of Christ-centered service to discover YOUR gift and how it can be used in the building-up of God’s church. The deacon-body has been ordained or “set-aside” for this special purpose. What a privilege and what a responsibility!

I pray you will feel called to support the deacons through prayers and your willingness to serve the body. It is a partnership. While we deacons attempt to lead, and inspire by example, you, in turn, pray for our strength to be the strong servant-leaders God has called us to be.

So when you see any of these newly ordained-deacons - Kelly Barnes, Susan Clark, Joy Elliott, Mickey Kimbro, Cynthia Pace, Todd Weber, Murel Wheatley, Tommy Willard or myself - I hope you will stop us and let us know you will be remembering us in prayer as we strive to serve you and God, with excellence-of-Spirit, in this His church.

Sandy Berry

Ordination Council Meeting

An Ordination Council Meeting for Joseph Oh to be ordained to the Gospel ministry will be held on Sunday, August 9, at 4:00 pm in Room 221. Any interested ordained member is invited to attend.

“Back to Bethel”

You are invited to “Back to Bethel” at Walnut Street Baptist Church on Saturday, August 1 at 2:00 pm. Join the congregation of Walnut Street in a worship celebration with daughter church fellowships. There will be a time of worship and renewal with a 100 voice combined choir. If you are interested in singing in the choir, contact Gene Sutherland (502.425.0050) and arrive for rehearsal at 12:30 pm on August 1.

Welcome New Members



Meara Wilcox



Brian & Emily Johnson

Fellowship Luncheon



Sunday, August 23
Fellowship Hall

Immediately after Worship
Adult—\$6.00; Youth—\$4.00; Children—\$2.00
Tickets on sale starting August 2nd!
Master Plan Facility Vision Presentation to follow.



Fall Retreat for Children!
(for grades 4-6)
September 25-27; Hidden Falls Camp
Mark your calendars now!



Lunch with Terry
(for Retired/Senior Adults)
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
Noon in the Fellowship Hall
(\$6 due at time of registration)
A Musical Presentation
by Gene Sutherland
and others



Featuring:
Patsy Clairmont Sandi Patty
Mary Graham Korie Robertson
Jen Hatmaker Luci Swindoll
Marilyn Meberg Thelma Wells

LOUISVILLE, KY
AUGUST 14-15, 2015

FRIDAY 7-10PM | SATURDAY 9AM-5PM
KFC YUM! CENTER

Contact Name: Cinda King
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or women@smbclouisville.org
Amount: \$84.00 (until June 30th)
July 1 price is \$109.00



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