

DEACONS MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER

Vice Chair, Dwight Treadway called the meeting to order with prayer.

DEVOTION

Paul Gray led our devotion by sharing a story about a gift of a Flare that he was given by the Fraternal Order of Police. While remembering this story he was reminded of the scripture from 2 Timothy 1:3-6 where Paul writes, "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands." Paul was a great encourager even though he had been persecuted many times.

In the valleys we can't always be a flame because we need "lighter fluid". We have gifts from all different backgrounds that can be used for our church and for God's work. Paul was encouraging Timothy to get going.

As Deacons we are given the tools in 2 Timothy 1:7, Paul writes "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

On Mar 31st, my phone rings, Alex our son-in-law was in a serious accident in Virginia and we are so thankful and blessed that he was not killed. Alex used that experience to inspire others as he confessed and testified.

God hasn't given us a heart of fear but of hope. What gifts do we have that we can fan the flames for God?

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ed Broyles made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 18th, seconded by Jeff Keller.

PASTOR UPDATE

Dr. Hood reported on productive discussions at staff meeting today with many good things on the calendar that are going to be good for building up the body of the church. This will be a busy summer with lots of great plans for children and families.

The Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee will begin meeting tomorrow night. They will have a completed copy of the CHAT survey to review as they seek God's direction for the church. He will meet with them to help them get underway.

A question came up from some at the CHAT Survey presentation, about 20-somethings not being on the committee, some of those folks were asked to

participated but declined. Many folks from those age groups and other groups in the church will be included in the process. Keep praying about our plans for the future.

We continued the discussion of procedure for Lord Supper observance. The challenge will be the number of Deacons it takes for each service. This is something we should think and pray about.

Dr. Hood reminded us that when we are absent there is a Light missing. Years ago, the mid-evil church had torches on the wall and when families arrived, they would carry them in. When they were absent the light was dim. Fellowship is so important to the life of the church and the kingdom. We need to recover the definition of Deacon and in this role, we should serve our Church and God.

ADMINISTRATIVE/EDUCATION UPDATE - Dr. Davis reported that Paula Hick, Financial, Administration and Education Pastor Ministry Assistant, has been out several months, will be back soon.

Plans are underway to create some new ways for folks to connect. The July emphasis will be 31 Days to a Better Sunday School. We will be having a training time for group leaders August 7th. The Deacons participation will be very important in helping create new groups and bringing folks back to church.

We will be having Sunday Night small group in homes for an Ecclesiastes study. On Wednesday night during the summer, we will have meals to continue to reach out and connect folks. As Deacons I want to encourage you to participate and if you have any ideas of how we can get folks back with a group or activity. We have a great staff family ministry team and they are a blessing to work with.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS – Dwight Treadway reviewed deacon assignments. We continued the discussion of passing the plate for offering and connection. We discussed moving the business meeting to Sunday at 4:00.

The prayer list was reviewed and after a time of prayer the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
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Secretary