

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Cherry Log Christian Church**  
**April 13, 2013, 10:00 am**

Members present were Lynn Barrett, Lucie Coffie, Dr. David Griffin, Bill Groce, Jerry Johnson, Sharon Meek, Ron Midkiff, Tom Mitchell, Kristi Mulchahey, Beth Roberts, John Sugg, Bill Thompson and Janet Tripp. Bob Clark was invited to attend as chair of Personnel.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Griffin.

**Training Moment:**

Chair, Sharon expressed that there are many things for us to sort out as the Board of Cherry Log Christian Church. We have done visioning, strategy and planning. She read a statement from the First Ten Year History of the church that Dr. Craddock said that she feels was visionary at the time. We are now there. We need to make a decision. Are we going to be a "Consumer Church" – I go to church or a "Missional Church – I am the church?" There was a brief video expressing the difference between the two followed by much discussion about what members of the Board feel it means to be a member of the church and what are the responsibilities of membership. The consensus seemed to be that we need to be both. Not being completely clear of all of the ramifications and possibilities, Sharon suggested that we have to figure it out and we have to put it on the table. After more discussion it was agreed to stop here and each of us prayerfully think about this for later discussion.

**Reports from the Councils/Leadership Groups**

Discipling Council – Beth Roberts

Attached Report was highlighted with the following amendment:

Worship Committee: Youth will continue the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship. It was pointed out that it will not be literally the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, but will be quarterly.

Christian Education: There will be a change in leadership in June. Jim Tingle and Hal Doster will take over in place of Judy and Byron Wyndom.

Homecoming is moved to 10:00 on May 19.

Art Exhibits continue in the fellowship hall.

New Sunday School Class has begun.

Small Groups:

Legacy Program. The committee is doing a fantastic job. On April 28 Rev. Randy Johnson of the entire Christian Church Legacy Program will be here to advise how to implement the program. There will also be a chance to meet with him on a one-on-one basis afterward.

Prayer Shawl Ministry that Nancy Zarle started. Mary Beth Sheppard is taking it over. The Labyrinth is started and the committee is looking for more rocks. Vacation Bible School, July 9-12, Julie Johnson is in charge and doing a fantastic job at involving different committees in the congregation instead of just a few older people. Some adult leaders are still needed.

Resource Council – Tom Mitchell

The transition period is making a huge impact on some of the committees because of the six month change to the July to June year. The Nominating Committee has been working hard to fill the extra six month period and those who can continue and those not.

Property Committee: The tile floors: There is good news and bad news. The attorney for our church has been working with the manufacturer and the builder and they have agreed to take up all the bad tiles in the church and clean up the glue on the concrete. They have not committed to anything else, just to that. We will need to let the concrete dry out. The next steps are uncertain. Malinda, David and Charlie have sent a schedule to them. We have a real problem in the education area. We have rugs for the children but we need to determine how to handle the concrete as it dries out. In reference to replacing the tiles, the Property Committee is considering the possibility that there are some things we can do ourselves. We can ask for volunteers to do the things we are able to do. It was suggested we might consider carpet squares that can breathe. We can do that ourselves

**Lawn mowers:** We have been using residential mowers to mow our yards and they can't hold up to the job. We are down to a single mower. The issue is being addressed by the committee. A suggestion was made that the congregation be made aware and maybe someone will come up with a solution. Charlie and Kenny have been working long hours weeding and all other things involved with keeping our lawns looking good. Sharon suggested we all be sure to thank them when we see them.

**Electricity:** We are using entirely too much electricity, out of proportion to what the hospitals in Fannin and Gilmer Counties are using. This issue is being addressed by bringing Aocola in for a free evaluation of our system. There is much wrong with the construction of the duct work and other things involved with the installation of the heating and air system. If we can make repairs we can possibly save \$2,000 per month.

**Finance Committee:** Bill Groce reported for the committee that it is still early in the year, the tithes and offerings are at \$29,000, not bad, but not what we need. The budget needs to be changed and there are discrepancies in it. The building fund was low in January and February at \$14,700. Building expenses high we pay our mortgage twice a year, it was \$19,000 instead of \$12,000. Because our fund receipts were low and our reserve is low, we will need several months of good receipts to get back on track. The reported figure of 98.25% is unusually high because it included January where many people give their annual pledge. It was noted that one individual gave the entire year's pledge at that time to go to the operating budget. It was a huge amount and got us up to date. But that will catch up with us down the road.

**Church on the Hill:** Sharon reported that two groups are very interested and ready to make a proposal. It is on the market now for \$425,000. The realtors would like to drop it to \$399,999. They believe they can sell it. It is very early but promising. Church Extension payments will not change, but we will be paying \$400,000 less on our debt, saving a little over \$2,000 per month.

#### Outreach Council – Bill Thompson

Bill went over the report as attached adding an editorial note elaborating on the work that the council does saying that it is the core value of our congregation in its giving of the 10% tithe.

#### Elders – Lucie Coffie

The elders have been working on implementing the recommendation of the Listening Team. Elders continue to work within the congregation and their individual flocks in confidentiality. We are beginning to train ourselves with the help of professionals from within our church on how to work with conflict and other matters that our people might be facing. Sharon pointed out how the elders are strongly committed to this and charged the members of the board to also try to train themselves to be better able to deal with conflicts that they come across in their meetings and personal dealings with others in our congregation.

#### Deacons – Tom Mitchell

Not a lot has changed. We are losing some deacons and the nominating committee is working on finding replacements. There will be a leadership session tomorrow focusing on deacons and elders. Hopefully we will get new ones from that. No one has come forth to count the early service money. The deacons have all been trained. Tom proudly displayed the deacon identification that they all will place on their name tags.

#### Nominating/Leadership – Jerry Johnson

The following nominations were presented. All were approved by a unanimous vote.

Phillip Slemmons – Finance Chair

Don Midkiff – Elder to replace the vacant unexpired term

Patti and Rex Williams – General Assembly Representatives

Jerry had sent out the first draft of the Nominating Report. (Attached) The ones in parentheses were not confirmed at the time of the drafting. They have not been able to fill the vacancies for the three Elders and three Deacons as yet, but are hoping to find some at the Informational Meeting about these two positions that will be held tomorrow. The committee will have at least one more meeting before the congregational meeting to present this slate. You will be asked for your approval, possibly by e-mail, as the positions are filled on the report. He asked for the board to help in trying to find people for these positions. The Congregational Meeting will be combined with Homecoming on May 19. It has not been difficult because we have a lot a good people on the committee and the work has been spread out among them. They have done a good job. It has been difficult, however, because of the confusion of the changing of dates and who is going off when. It was clarified that the new term begins July 1. However many of those nominated are continuing are continuing in the positions that they already have.

Sharon then took the meeting into brainstorming and laying out in the open the issues before us as stated in the Agenda that is attached. It was an extremely meaningful time of listening and learning together as we grow into a responsible and open Board of Cherry Log Christian church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Tripp, Clerk