

DALTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COUNCIL

January 26, 2010

Church Parlor

ATTENDING:

Members: Steve Roan (Church Council Chair), Murray Bandy (Endowment), Donna Barclay (Finance), Cheryl Baucom (Evangelism), Jim Burdick (Worship), Deck Cheatham (Joel Group), Amy Dinsmore (Children's Council), Bill Forthman (Music), Kathryn Kelehear (Adult Coordinator), Lou Kirkman (Congregational Care), Lowell Kirkman (Lay Leader), C. S. Lee (Treasurer), Debbie Macon (Trustees), Jody McClurg (Leisure & Recreation), Laura Orr (Staff Parish Relations), Cindy Ray (Hands-On Servant Ministry), Ken Renz (United Methodist Men), Amanda Riggie (Weekday Children's Ministries), Lynn Tunnell (Missions), Chuck Upchurch (Stewardship)

At-Large Members: Judge Billy Boyett, J. T. Finley, Mary Pollard, Judge Robert Vining

Staff: Rev. Robin Lindsey, Rev. Billy Beard, Peter Infanger, Jan Byrum, Susie Brown, Lindsey Laney

Others: Russell Cooley, Louis Fordham, Laurie King, Bill McDaniel, Maryanne McDaniel, Bryan Morton, Jim Patterson, Trammell Scott

ABSENT:

Members: Tim Baucom (Evangelism), Paul Belk (Lay Member to Annual Conference), Elaine Coleman (Congregational Care), Bryan Hair (Communications), Charles Miller (Lay Member to Annual Conference), Mary Thelma Norris (Staff Parish Relations), Doug Renz (Youth Ministries), Henry Teel (Assistant Treasurer), Sue Tuggle (Food Services), Lynn Tunnell (Missions)

At-Large Members: Patti Coppedge, Jeff Hughes, Charles Maret, Kerry Sikes, Jeff Tatum

Staff: Rev. James Hughes

OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Steve Roan, Church Council Chair.

Chuck Upchurch gave the opening prayer.

Steve Roan's comments:

--Asked Council members to review the 2010 Church Council Roster and to advise Elizabeth in the Church office if you see changes that need to be made.

--Advised that as much as possible, everything regarding Church Council will be done electronically this year. Minutes of Church Council meetings will no longer be available as handouts at Council meetings, but they will be posted on the website.

--Noted that there will be a change in procedure for this year's Church Council meetings: if individual committees would like to make a report at an upcoming meeting, they are to advise Steve Roan.

CONNECTING-BUILDING-SENDING

Steve welcomed members of the Joel Committee. He said that one of the things that has been going on for three years is discussion about "who we want to be and where we want to go as a Church." We have changed from a focus of "what does the minister want to do" to that of being a "lay-driven Church supported by the Church." *Connecting-Building-Sending* is all a part of that. I would like to have a discussion about how we put the "glue" into all of this. There will be either a one- or two-day meeting scheduled to have this discussion: Mar. 19 – or – Mar. 19 & 20. We will try to schedule the new Freight Depot as the location.

Lowell Kirkman said that *Connecting-Building-Sending* is "getting back to our roots." In *Connecting*, we are looking for opportunities for our congregation to connect in meaningful ways. In *Building*, we are focusing on spiritual growth. We are looking at prayer in small groups and in worship. In *Sending*, Wesley seized upon the Great Commandment by ministering in the jails and moving through various groups to ministering to the sick. We need to think about this as we work in our committees. Steve added that this needs to be an on-going process throughout the year. It is important that we give our time, our gifts, our money, and our service. We have to **want** to do this. It has to become a part of what we do.

Joel Committee Chair, Deck Cheatham, said *Connecting-Building-Sending* is all about relationships. We cannot claim to be Christ's child and not love people. How can we as a group develop relationships? If we focus on this, we would not have to think about C-B-S. We have to have a set of operating principles to guide us as we move forward in developing relationships.

CHURCH BUDGET

C. S. Lee, Treasurer, referred to last year's 2009 budget by saying that it was set at \$1,721,100, and that we came in with \$1,705,693. He went on to say that although we spent more than we took in, overall we were rather pleased with last year's figures. C. S. advised Council that the 2010 budget has been set at \$1,700,000 which is as close to last year's budget as possible.

INTEGRATION COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Steve Roan has asked J. T. Finley, Jeff Tatum, and Patti Coppedge (all At-Large members of Church Council) to serve as a transition-integration committee to study how the Church Council layout and staff can implement *Connecting-Building-Sending*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lou Kirkman. A reception to recognize volunteers involved in the Church's Congregational Care ministry is scheduled 9:15-11:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 7. Lou asked Council members to stop by the Church Library during the reception to say "thank you" to a great group of people.

Rev. Billy Beard. *Concerns:* B. D. Driggers is in the hospital; Vance Hunsucker has had knee surgery and will be coming home from the hospital tomorrow.

Bill Forthman. It would be helpful in the preparation of minutes of Church Council meetings if those individuals who plan to make a report to Council would consider bringing a copy of their report to turn over to the Recorder.

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Robin Lindsey closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Neuls

Church Council Recorder