



The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on March 24, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Church Lounge. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer followed by sharing of concerns of members of our church family.

Ministry Team (MT) Reports to Session:

Care Giving Division – Carolyn Turner, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder

Congregational Care Ministry Team: Nancy McManus, Chair

CCMT meets monthly to discuss better and more ways to take care of those members in need.

Transportation (Pam Dashiell, chair): Two members are now provided transportation to worship services. This service is also provided for doctor's visits, grocery store visits, hair appointments, or any other need for those who cannot drive and have no other transportation. Anyone who needs transportation should contact Pam Dashiell for this service.

The CCMT has decided not to have car(s) available each Sunday at College Walk. We will continue to provide transportation to worship services for those who contact Pam Dashiell.

Prayer Chain: Presently, the prayer chain is handled by email. Those who do not have email are not included. It was decided that on weekends when Denise is not available to send emails, Carolyn Turner will email the CCMT and those on the email prayer chain. If there is anyone who does not use email and would like to be called when a prayer request is received, please contact Carolyn Turner.

The MT welcomes suggestions on how to best serve our members in need.
Our next meeting is April 7 in Ed#6.

Church Family Division – Don Gentle, Lead Elder; Tammy Nye, Elder

Membership Ministry Team: Edna Bell, Chair.

Meeting was canceled due to snow.

Bread Delivery and Baking: Corinne Hachbold reported that she has people lined up to attend the Bread Cart for March.

Inquiry Class: The next Inquirers' Class is scheduled for May.

History: Sara Kellar would like to start giving a brief history item at each meeting.

Photo-taking of New Members: We are up to date. A new photographer is being recruited.

Pictorial Directory/Updates: Two full pages are ready to be printed. Due to lack of funds, the pages may be printed and members notified to pick up a copy at a certain location in the church.

Attendance Analysis: Eunice James reported that she has completed the attendance records for the last two months.

Dinners and Lunches: New members were invited to attend the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper February 24. There were about 25 invitations issued. MMT members who were able to attend as host/hostesses were Corinne Hachbold (and John), Eunice James, Sara Kellar (and Bob) and Elizabeth Gentle. Marilyn and Dave Betz, Deacons, attended with their members. Only 5 new members attended. It has been suggested that the Deacons attend these introductory dinners with their new members. If they are unable, MMT can fill in.

Other Business: A meeting with Martha Taylor, CEMT, and Keith Thompson and new members Nancy and Spike Dumville and Ann and Joel Munch to discuss formation of a new Sunday Class took place February 18. Some good ideas were talked about and the Dumvilles have since sent a copy of topics for discussion at their former church to Martha Taylor and MMT.

Finance Division – Tom Taylor, Lead Elder; John Hachbold & Phillip Jerome, Elders

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Finance MT met on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The February 2009 month-end financial statements were reviewed. Since only two months of data is available, analysis of trends is not meaningful. However, important observations include: a) revenues in February were strong, with actual revenues of \$46,604.24 exceeding the forecast of \$43,421.25 by \$3,182.99; b) February expenses of \$51,669.87 were \$6,337.69 above forecast, primarily due to an early payment of the natural gas bill due in March and expenditures on plant maintenance; c) the "bottom line" for February is that expenses exceeded revenues by \$5,095.63, but, given the nature of the cost overruns this month, the shortfall should be filled in future months by below-forecast spending in the budget categories responsible for the shortfall.

The Finance MT asks that Lead Elders remind all Ministry Team chairs that bottom-line expenditures for a MT must not exceed allocated amounts in 2009. We have a tight budget this year and it is not likely that significant “wobble room” will develop. Barring unexpected circumstances, the principle in operation for 2009 is that once allocated funding for a MT is exhausted, spending for that team is done for the year! There is no “rainy day fund” that we can tap to fund cost overruns. For this reason, MTs should carefully plan and monitor their expenditures. If a MT is not sure how much they have spent, ask Nita for a report. The resignation of Kristen Clanton as Youth Director will have an unknown impact on 2009 expenses. Costs associated with locating and employing a new Youth Director are not yet known. As a result, no estimate of sustainable savings can be made. Furthermore, any sustainable savings that might be realized will be applied according to the allocation approved by the Session in January: 50% toward reducing the General Fund Deficit, 40% accrued toward possible salary adjustments for staff, and 10% provided as additional support for ministries.

Jamez Dudley, a Brevard College student who has been participating in the choir, has proposed a benefit recital on Saturday, April 25, 2009 in the sanctuary. A small reception in D-R Hall would be held immediately following the recital. The recital is a “thank you” from Jamez to B-DRPC for providing him with a scholarship, friendship and other opportunities during his time in Brevard. All proceeds are to be donated to the B-DRPC Music Fund. This was in the form of a motion and was approved.

The next meeting of the Finance Ministry Team is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The 2009 Stewardship MT is taking shape, with its first meeting anticipated in late March.

Spiritual Life Division – Larry Goodwin, Lead Elder; Tom Taylor & Tammy Nye, Elders

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

Helen Russell reported that Lew Sayre made the cross that the congregation will place a fresh cut flower on at both worship services on Easter Sunday.

The Worship MT finalized their budget for 2009. Due to the lack of funds, a decision was made to no longer subscribe to *These Days*. The church's subscription will stop with the July, August, and September, 2009 issue. If anyone wishes to personally subscribe to *These Days* the information for doing so may be found on the inside of the back cover of *These Days*.

A confirmation class is being offered to the youth (sixth grade and older). Keith Thompson will lead the class which will meet in the sanctuary from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the following Sundays: May 3, May 10, May 17, and May 24. The participants will be examined by the Session on Tuesday, May 26, and confirmed during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 31.

Keith Thompson announced that Shellie Dambax and Debbie Thompson are planning an end of the year recognition party for the acolytes.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

Another team of teachers is being recruited for the Middle School SS class. The January and February SS offerings will go to the Presbyterian Home for Children. A meeting of all the Sunday school teachers was scheduled immediately following the Christian Education MT. A Sunday school open house will be discussed at the teachers' meeting.

Midweek Manna Report: The new Midweek Manna Bible studies will start in March. Three classes were offered: The Parables of Jesus, The Miracles of Jesus, and a study of I Peter. Only 6 people signed up for the Parables class, so it will be offered at a later date and those people who signed up will be offered either of the other classes. A motion was approved to allow monies remaining in the Midweek Manna account to be used to buy the food for the last Wednesday dinner, no charge to members attending that night but that a good will offering be collected in the baskets that evening and given to the Preschool.

PYC leaders: Kristen reported that Breanne Kelley will be helping with PYC.

Sunday school: (increasing attendance) Currently attendance averages 60-65 people per Sunday (20% of worship attendance). Suggestions were made for a theme of "Where do you fit in?" with constant marketing of SS to the congregation, via kiosk, bulletin boards ("Class of the Month" with pictures), Communications Ministry Team, bulletin announcements, newsletter announcement, spring open house, and other methods. What kind of classes people want was discussed. This information will be gathered from focus groups, questionnaires, solicit from breaking bread groups and circles.

VBS: Dates are June 22-26, 2009, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm with the curriculum "Kingdom of the Son" with a safari theme.

Youth and Children's Sunday is March 15, 2009. The Middle School youth will do a skit and all the children will participate with the singing.

The meetings will be moved to the 3rd Monday at 4:00 in ED 3. The next meeting will be April 20 at 4:00.

Communications Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder

Communications Ministry Team: Don Stinchcomb, Chair

The Communications Ministry Team met on March 4, 2009. Darlene Drake was introduced and welcomed as a new member of Communications MT.

The church calendar was reviewed for possible *Transylvania Times* church announcements. The Blue Ridge Children's Choir Festival (Worship/Music) on March 14, Koinonia Lenten Lunch on March 20 at B-DRPC (encourage our church members to attend, announcements are already in the newspaper and bulletin), Relay for Life (ask Kristen), Maundy Thursday and Easter (Worship/Music), Church Chicken for Charity (during White Squirrel Festival, May 23, Local Outreach/Men of Church), Memorial Day Service (Peace and Justice/Worship) are all upcoming events to publicize.

The Annual Congregational Meeting that was held February 22 after the 11:00 worship service was reviewed. The overall response was good. Denise has made available about fifteen copies of the organization charts and reports for people who cannot access the church website. She will resend a mass email to members that will include a website link.

Dates for future Congregational Meetings were discussed. They are June 7, October 4 (election of

officers/budget update) and December 20 (Keith's call, Annual/Corp meeting). The last two are tentative dates.

Designated giving was discussed. Don will meet with Nita to determine all of the special giving that takes place during the year.

The Extended Ministry Updates were reviewed. Several have been given over the last several months and have been well received and informative. Denise will develop guidelines for these Updates that would be helpful for the speaker. A follow-up Ministry Update will be given by the Preschool concerning volunteers and keeping the congregation informed about the Preschool enrollment that is now taking place.

The newsletter now has a subtitle "A publication of the Communications Ministry Team of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church". A data base computer training class was held March 4 and taught by Denise Byrd. This class was for church officers and chairpersons. The next class will be open to members.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

Standing Committee of the Session

Nominating Committee: Tom Taylor, Chair; Steve Letterman and Glenn Winston, members-at-large

The 2009 Nominating Committee will be assembled soon and will begin their work by filling a vacancy in the 2009 Class. Work will then begin on the new 2012 Class of Officers.

Administration Division – Phillip Jerome, Lead Elder; Jim Ansley & Lew Sayre, Elders

Personnel Ministry Team: Tom Crawford and Glenn Cutler, Co-Chairs

Personnel will meet as needed. They have been informed of the resignation of Kristen Clanton.

Property Ministry Team: Wes Branning, Chair

Don Monk's report pertaining to the use of the church property by outside organizations or groups was reviewed.

Steve Sales was asked to get an estimate for replacing the ceilings, lights and a/c heating ducts in the remaining classrooms in the Preschool so that work can be done in August. Steve Sales was also asked to clean and seal the hall floors in the SS wing.

The Spring Church Work Day is scheduled for April 18.

Session approved a motion from Property MT to allow El Centro to have a Community Party from 5:00 to 9:00 pm in the parking area of the church. No alcoholic beverages can be served and the church grounds should be left clean.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

The first meeting of the Committee on Ministry was held Thursday, February 26, 2009.

<u>2009 Membership</u>	<u>Term</u>
Ginny Bradford, Chair (active Elder)	2 years
Lois Hunley (sustaining Elder)	1 year
Tom Crawford or Glenn Cutler (Personnel MT)	2 years
Gary Greene (Congregant)	2 years
Fran Kirk (Congregant)	1 year

The recommended organization of the COM that was completed 5-20-08 was reviewed and accepted with no revisions.

The COM will meet quarterly unless a called meeting is necessary. The next quarterly meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, May 28 at 1:00 pm in the Church Library.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

The Special Funds Management Committee is a subcommittee of Administrative Division. The SFMC members also serve as trustees of the church's two endowment funds, and the committee is required, under the terms of the endowment documents, to report annually, by March 31st of each year, the status of the endowment funds. As provided in the endowment fund charters, any portion of dividends declared not spent or approved for distribution by December 31st of that year will be reinvested in the fund principal. At December 31, 2008, \$500 of Mission Endowment Fund declared dividends and \$2,000 of General Endowment Fund declared dividends were unspent or approved for distribution.

Both endowment funds are invested in widely-diversified mutual funds through Fidelity Investments. The SFMC employs John Ryan, Jr. of Ryan, Hess & Morais, investment counselors in Charlotte, NC, to advise the trustees on investment strategies. The investment goals of the endowment funds adopted by the trustees seek to protect principal and to produce an average distributable income approximating 5% over the long term.

It was recommended and approved by Session to not declare dividends in either the Mission or General Endowments this year.

Weekday Children's Ministry – Celia Ansley, Chair, Sara Winston, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder

The Preschool Personal Leave Policy was presented and approved by Session.

Session also approved: A Yard Sale for sometime in April to raise funds for the Preschool.
A Craft show sometime in mid October to raise funds for the Preschool.
To advertise the opportunity for individuals to pledge toward scholarships for the 10 month period of the school year.

Mission Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder

The Quarterly Mission Division meeting was scheduled for March 2. However, due to snow and no school, the meeting was cancelled. Some reports, however, were submitted.

Local Outreach Ministry Team: Luck Shepherd, Chair

Phone Cards for Military: Horty Menser reported that we again have a new contact man, Major Michael Dalton. The position changes every 4 to 6 months. We are fortunate the previous contact arranges the change before he moves on. Many "thank you" notes from the troops have been received and many of them have been in the bulletin.

Fifty more cards are being sent out after a slow down during part of December and January. Seventy-five cards were sent out just before Christmas which was included in the last report. A total of 275 cards have been sent totaling \$5500. People have been very generous and happy to help the troops who are not forgotten! These cards are given to needy soldiers selected by a Sergeant Major. Our B-DRPC address stickers are put on each card with a notation "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND COURAGE".

Sharing House Food Collection: Ruth Waugaman reported that Martha and Tom Taylor are delivering food and other items to Sharing House for the month of March, and Bob and Sara Kellar will be responsible for April.

Sharing House: Gail Blunt continues to remind members each month what types of food and other items are needed. She has a theme each month and post the items on the easels on either side of the narthex. March is cleaning supplies and personal items.

Rise & Shine: Sharyn Tuers reported that B-DRPC's Rise & Shine Freedom School team is just beginning its fifth week of tutoring for the 2008-09 school year at Bethel A Baptist Church. We will be tutoring again the week of April 6, making six weeks that we have tutored since the school year began.

There are presently 12 children in the Kindergarten – 2nd grade program, which we tutor. This is down from the full complement of 14 children in this age group we have had in previous years. Lamar Gordon, site manager, continues to interview applicants for the program. It is worth noting that the children selected cannot have behavioral problems or disabilities (with which the tutors are not equipped to cope) and that parents must volunteer so many hours a year in support of the program.

Like many community organizations, Rise & Shine is in some financial difficulty and has had to cut back on extras such as Friday field trips, its Christmas program, and summer school. Its main resources are contributions from member churches in Neighbors in Ministry and donations from the public at large. Such other fundraising activities including Ingles Tools-for-Schools, used printer cartridge redemption, an annual Spring Fling social program, etc. help to make ends meet.

Recently Rise & Shine director Tami Moss and Lamar Gordon received an award from Duke Power honoring the program's success in serving the children of the community.

At the end of this past marking period, the grade point average for Rise & Shine students was a 3.0 or B – quite an achievement. Several students were awarded gift certificates for maintaining a B or better average or for showing marked improvement over the previous marking period.

February was Black History Month. Rise & Shine celebrated the event with a pot luck supper at the Bethel A Baptist Fellowship Hall February 26. After dinner, the students presented a program in the sanctuary.

Finally, Rise & Shine will be collecting used and/or new shoes at several locations in the county. A bin has been set up in Davison River Hall for this purpose. Parishioners are asked to donate shoes, which will be sent to needy people around the world by Global Dove. Plus, Rise & Shine will earn 20 cents for every pound of shoes collected. The shoe drive will continue until April 25.

Rise & Shine continues to collect used printer ink cartridges (any style) all year long. These can be placed in the box in the rear lobby of the office area, under the mail boxes. So far this year, Rise & Shine has earned \$243 in this recycling program.

Five-cents-a-meal Offering: February's offering totaled \$515.08, ytd is \$737.37.

Other Business: Charlie and Wilda Strigo have agreed to be the liaisons for Grandfather Home for Children and Presbyterian Home for Children.

Peace and Justice Ministry Team: Judith West, Chair
Judith West lead a discussion on what the MT members felt was peace and what was justice and how that related to the church, community and world.

Worldwide Ministries Ministry Team:
One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter Sunday. The children were given fish banks to fill and return on Easter Sunday. Lenten Devotional brochures are available in the kiosk. Bulletin inserts will be in the bulletin starting on March 29 and offering envelopes will be in the pews starting on Palm Sunday.

Pastor's Comments: Keith stated that the Session should continue to think about a new Mission Statement. He suggested considering "Glorifying, Growing, and Giving". Keith also discussed the resignation of Kristen Clanton and emphasized the continuation of JAM, PYC and the role youth play in worship.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Corporation (Session members) was held following the regularly scheduled stated Session meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for 2009. Those new officers are Tom Taylor, President; Phillip Jerome, Vice-President; Dan Bennett, Secretary; and Nita Padgett, Treasurer.

The Moderator closed the meeting with a circle of prayer

Ginny Bradford, Elder

THE SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson, Moderator
The Rev. Robert Singdahlsen, Parish Associate

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