

St. John's Cottage Meeting Summaries

May 2006

Evangelism

The Cottage Meeting participants desired for St. John's to be a Christian beacon in our community. The community needs should be known and served to demonstrate the compassion of the people of St. John's. It was felt that this could be accomplished in the following ways:

- Growing the church membership especially in the area of young families with children. Let all know that they are welcome.
 - Invite people back who have not been attending
 - Reach the un-churched
 - Develop better outreach to the youth. Have more youth involvement.
 - Reach young singles
 - Work with USCA to reach college age students looking for a church home. College ministry potential.
- Appeal and reach out to the community
 - Get the word out on St. John's – Advertise
 - Brochure on church that is available at Chamber of Commerce
 - Decals/Bumper sticker/Logo
 - More information in the newspaper
 - Find a way to contact new residents in the area. Make it the first choice for newcomers.
 - Radio coverage
 - Consider ways to reach the community around us
 - Meals once a week
 - Expand pre-school, scouting, tie-in with Boys/Girls club
 - Open church to different cultural services
- Reach out to visitors
 - Make them feel welcome
 - Follow up
 - Develop visitor's packet and come up with way to get it in their hands.
- Increasing membership involvement
 - Continue to offer and support Bible studies and missions
 - Aggressively pursue getting members involved in supporting the church. Identify the untapped talent.
 - Improve ways to get new members involved and integrated into the church.
 - Encourage more involvement in church activities.