

WINGATE BAPTIST CHURCH
Church Council Meeting for January
Sunday, January 22, 2012

The Wingate Baptist Church Council met at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room for the January meeting. The following regular council members were present: Tom Williams, Derrill Smith, Don Merrill, Dale Dupree, James Hall, David Sherwood, Ron Bostic, Sonny Ziegler, Suzanne Philemon, Myron Williams, Larry Parks and Annette Moser. Church members present: Ron & Louise Glover, Adult Ministry Coordinator Co-Leaders and Children's Ministry Coordinator Co-Leaders; Gary Bodford, Presiding Officer Chair-Elect. The following regular council members were absent: Daycare Director, Daycare Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair, Missions/Evangelism Committee Chair, Music Committee Chair, and Stewardship Committee Chair.

The minutes from the November 21, 2011 meeting were emailed to the regular council members on November 30, 2011 for approval.

The Church Council Agenda, 2012 AMP Report (as of Jan. 17) and calendars for February and March were distributed to the council.

Tom Williams, Presiding Officer, opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- Annette Moser, Administrative Assistant, reported the Constitution & By-Laws Committee had been notified of the council's recommendation to delete the Missions/Evangelism Committee from the Constitution & By-Laws (per Nov. 21, 2011 Church Council Minutes). The Constitution & By-Laws Committee plans to present the recommendation to the congregation during the Feb. 26, 2012 Church Conference.
- Dale Dupree, Properties Committee Chair, reported the committee would meet soon to review the WBC maintenance list. [The maintenance list (1-1/2 pages) was distributed to the council during the Nov. 21, 2011 meeting.] The committee will prioritize items and discuss options for repairs. Possibly some items can be repaired by volunteers. Electrical issues have been repaired. A few contractors have viewed specific items that need to be repaired, but they have not submitted quotes.

The council discussed funding to pay for the needed maintenance. Due to the current budget for properties maintenance, the need for additional funding would need to be presented to the church for approval.

New Business:

- Tom Williams, reporting for the Stewardship Committee, shared the AMP Report as of Jan. 17, 2012.
- Derrill Smith, Pastor, encouraged all committee chairs to give a brief report. Derrill will share a report from his recent trip to Belize on Wednesday, Feb. 1, during Mid-Week Gathering!.

Derrill has spoken to Hal Setser about planning a time of evaluation of Johnny's Open Table, following its one year of ministry. Derrill will report to the council after meeting with Hal Setser. Nu Life Church/Open Arm Ministries has relocated to Monroe (Quality Inn). WBC is trying to obtain more information regarding the distribution of food, etc. Food from WBC's arc helped Open Arm Ministries during their food distribution.

Derrill shared he and Peggy Taylor, Daycare Committee Chair, are scheduled to meet with Sally Williams on Jan. 23 about beginning the search for a new Daycare Director. Currently, Janet Hinson is serving as Interim Director. There are approximately 20 students enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program at WBC. Mary Ann Raspberry is the Union County Director of the NC Pre-K Program. It is a requirement of the NC Pre-K Program that the Daycare Director have an undergraduate degree in Childcare Education. The daycare receives funding from the State for the NC Pre-K Program.

The Daycare Committee has been asked to keep in touch with the Building/Finance Committee.

Reports:

- Suzanne Philemon, University Ministries Committee Chair, shared the Pizza Exam Break was held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 and approx 60 students attended. The committee hopes to plan a "trivia night" as a future event.
- Sonny Ziegler, Christian Life/Family Ministries Committee Co-Chair, shared Family Game Night was held on January 8 and the attendance was very good. The Valentine Variety Show will be held on Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are selling well.
- James Hall, Sunday School Director, shared recent Sunday School attendance has been up and down.
- Ron Bostic, Minister of Music, had no report.

- Larry Parks, Chair of Deacons, shared the Ordination and Installation service on Jan. 22 was a wonderful service. The Deacon Appreciation Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22. Sharon Chudalski has resigned from the Diaconate, and Bob Billinger has agreed to serve the remainder of the term (through 2012). Larry thanked everyone for their prayers on his behalf.
- Don Merrill, Personnel Committee Chair, shared the committee would meet with Ron and Louise Glover on January 26 regarding the Adult Ministries Coordinator position.
- Myron Williams, Youth Ministries Committee Co-Chair, shared the youth had recently participated in numerous events. The Youth traveled to Piney Flats, TN for a WU game and worshiped at Piney Flats United Methodist Church. The Youth washed and cleaned the church vans and visited Myzelle Fletcher at the Brian Center. Upcoming youth events: On February 4, the youth plan to volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 5 and following worship the youth will sponsor a soup and sandwich fundraiser (\$5.00/person). Later that evening the Youth Super Bowl party will be held at the home of Rich & Ty Belk.

The Building/Fundraising Committee met and the committee is an excellent group. The committee members are Suzanne Philemon, Co-Chair; Myron Williams, Co-Chair; Blair Austin, Kay Jo Baucom, Debbie Cox, Jim Evans, and Hal Setser. Derrill Smith, Pastor, serves as an ex-officio member

- Ron Glover, Adult Ministry Coordinator Co-Leader and Children's Ministry Coordinator Co-Leader, shared he and Louise are settling into the Adult Ministry Coordinator position and are working with the Personnel Committee on priorities.

The older elementary children may attend PASSPORT Kids at Wingate University this summer. Information will be provided to the parents.

Derrill Smith has been in contact with Child Evangelism Fellowship which plans on starting a club at Wingate Elementary and they are looking for a sponsoring church. Ron will speak to the leader to see what is involved. This would be a voluntary fellowship meeting for students, one day per week (1 to 1-2 hrs per day), after school. The understanding is the club would involve teaching the Bible, scripture memorization, sharing God's love, giving children opportunity to respond, etc. Discussion followed and Tom Williams shared information regarding the YMCA and Gary Bodford shared information regarding the Boy and Girls Club of Union County.

- Louise Glover, Adult Ministry Coordinator Co-Leader and Children's Ministry Coordinator Co-Leader, shared Kids Club is very successful with 5 to 9 children in attendance. Three girls that attend Kids Club are part of a family that attends Johnny's Open Table.
- David Sherwood, Minister of Youth, shared the youth volunteered at the Operation Christmas Child warehouse in December. The youth's adopted Christmas child was a 7th grade male at East Union Middle School. The youth were able to fulfill his Christmas list and also help his grandmother and other family members. The young lady who the youth had previously adopted as their Christmas child is pregnant and the youth may help the young lady in the spring when the baby is born.
- Derrill Smith shared while he was in Belize, the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were being prepared for distribution to the children.
- The February and March calendars were reviewed and changes noted.
- Derrill Smith closed the meeting in prayer.

Note: The next scheduled Church Council Meeting is Sunday, February 26, 4:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.