

## **Bon Air Baptist Church Council Meeting**

4/11/2022

*To be submitted and posted to the website upon approval*

### Attendees (bold):

<b>Chip Almarode</b>	<b>Leigh Ann Cahill (scribe)</b>	<b>Lee Coble</b>	<b>Dennis Collins</b>
<b>Roberts Doyle</b>	<b>Fred Dunning</b>	<b>Buddy Gardner</b>	<b>Eddie Gibson</b>
<b>Tara Hatcher</b>	<b>Tom Stocks</b>		

**Guest Speakers: Kim Boswell, Deborah Upton, John Sawyer**

Kingdom Moments and Prayer

### **Ministry Updates**

- Kim Boswell, BABC Children's Pastor, stated it is good to see families coming back and they have added 2 more families. They had a multigenerational event with kids age 2 to adults age 80 which was a success. Kids want conversations about Jesus. Baptisms coming up on Easter Sunday to include several children. The Children's Moment inviting kids to come up and join the leader has started back in both services. Kim is teaming up with Chris Wondree on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month for a joint program for the children and high school kids. Planning for Vacation Bible School (July 18-20<sup>th</sup>) is gearing up. It will be back indoors this year using the theme Discovery on Adventure Island. Registration opens May 15<sup>th</sup> with attendance being capped at 40 preschool children and 120 children for kindergarten through grade 5.
- Deborah Upton, Discipleship Pastor, has been busy planning the discipleship classes and activities for the summer and into the fall as she is retiring at the end of this month. She has planned three activities: 1. Trip to the Bible Museum on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2. A 3-day summer Adult Bible Study on the Prodigal God. 3. An intergenerational game night in August. There will be both in person and zoom classes on various topics through the fall with classes winding down in November. Sharon McCauley and Candyce Saunders will assume the duties until a new discipleship pastor is found. They will report to Pastor Mac Jordan.
- John Sawyer, Campus Pastor for James River Campus of BABC, stated that more people have been attending on Sunday mornings in the past month. The 10 am service was almost full so they may have to go back to two services if attendance keeps growing. Some members are still attending by zoom. The Wednesday night service is online with high attendance. This service will not occur during the summer but will start up again in the fall as an online service. They are evaluating the options for this campus on what the future looks like. Pre-Covid they had 200-240 adults and children for 2 services. Last Sunday, 4/3, they had 75 attendees. The options were: 1. Continue as they are now. 2. Try something new and different. 3. Merge the James River Campus into the main BABC campus. They are looking at the pros and cons of all three options. They would like us to come and visit their campus.

### **Consent Agenda**

- Church Council Meeting Minutes 3/21/2022 – *approved*

- Clerk's Report- Voted **in** by statement 2; by baptism 0; **out** by death 3, request 0, no activity 0, by letter 0 – *approved*

### **Church Incorporation Motion**

- Dennis Collins sent Glenn Reynolds the copies of the deeds.
- The Church Council will let Mr. Reynolds tell us what the next steps are in this process especially in regard to a title search.

### **Church Council Eligibility Requirements Bylaws Change Motion**

- The motion will be read again to the congregation with an opportunity for discussion and then will be voted on at the April Business Meeting on April 20, 2022 at 6pm.

### **Portal Inquiries:**

- There were no portal inquiries to date.

### **Pastor Tom's Update**

- Personnel updates:
  - Missions Pastor Candidate to be brought before the church on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, for vote which will occur at the end of each service at both campuses. Publicity material will be released on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (resume, calling process, etc.).
  - Discipleship Pastor Search Team receiving resumes through May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Celebration for Deborah Upton will be held on Sunday, April 24, as a drop by reception in the Commons at 10:15 and 11:45am.
  - Financial Pastor, Paul Sundquist, announced his retirement July 2022. Publicity and search process will begin immediately.
- Building and Grounds updates:
  - Construction on restrooms to begin April 18, 2022-Easter Monday (offices closed).
  - HVAC third floor installation (3 units) has begun on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Asbestos removal begins 4/11/22. The project is slated to take six weeks to 2 months to complete.
  - Media room to go live in early April.
- Coming Events or other notes:
  - National Fresh Expressions Conference (March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>) was a success with over 600 in attendance. BABC received much affirmation for hosting.
  - Holy Week activities are as follows:
    - Maundy Thursday Service - 7 pm BRC
    - Good Friday Service - 7 pm JRC
    - Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 10 am JRC
    - Easter Sunday Services- 9:30 and 11 am with baptisms BRC
    - Easter Sunday Services – 10 am JRC
    - Easter Flower Cross- outside Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> BRC
  - BABC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for October 2, 2022. Theme “Back to the Future” celebrating coming out of COVID and looking to the future. Two questions to all the congregation: What did COVID steal from you? How did COVID gift you moving into the future? One combined service campus-wide at 10 am on 10/2/22.
  - Mary McDonald Concert with choir-Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4 pm.
  - Last Wednesday night dinner and discipleship- Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship Report**

- Giving was ahead of the budget for March by 13K. However, year-to-date (YTD) giving was behind budget by \$120K.
- YTD expenses were under budget by \$80K. Personnel and Co-operative Giving were the greatest contributors to the savings (under by \$37K and \$12K respectively).
- Cash at Atlantic Union Bank declined to \$2.6 million during March.
- The value of the endowment increased to \$2.5 million as a result of investment gains of 1% and recent donations.

**Corona Virus Response Update**

- No update.

**Other Business:**

- No new business.

Next meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022 - 6:30pm, Buford Road Campus.