

Those in Attendance

	Roland Huysman	Norma Pharr
Stacey Fleck	Bryan Tullos	Lisa Pepin
Valerie Dull	Benita Sebesta	Molly Ness
Allison Thummel	Kim Ripley	Sarah Barnes
Lee Duggan	Ray Johnson	Sue Fredrickson
Susie Duggan	Stephanie Strickland	Rev. Dr. Bob Pierce
Robert McBurnett	Sandy White	John Larson
John MacDonald	Lahonda Sharp	Nancy Burford
Evan Gisler	Cathy Buhrke	Mark Larson
Cathe Seaton	Becky Neese	Eric Johnson
Josh Seaton	Dayne Delehaussaye	Brad Michael
Barry Broman	Louise Alcock	Lajuan Ellis-Thayer
Bob Culak	Addie Delehaussaye	Gerald Brewer
Wes Whiddon	Mark Szafarz	Debbie Meier
Ellie Whiddon	TJ Szafarz	Joyce Cochran
Sonny Tutt	Robert Coffman	Sally McKnight
Annette Smith	Marilynn Scanlin	Mark Huffer
Karen LaMotta	Robin Henry	Linda Summers Pierce
Tracei Wilson	Stacey Adams	Pat Kelly
JoAnn Eck	Bill Stoltz	Connie Hagler
Bobby Wooley	Priscilla Thomas	Barbara Burnham
Laura Gratz	Bobby Ritter	Ettie Green
John Pound	Darrell Thomas	Lynn Schwab
Mary Pound	Billie Blair	Pat Wyeth
Ingred Lathrop	Mark Pharr	Brian Baer

Susan Brubaker

Alison Thornton

Robert Doerr

Rosie Beiermeister

Jim Rose

Kathleen Doerr

Kira Halcarz

Jan Randolph

Dede Murff

Sharon Rae

Glen Smith

Steve Matthews

Phil Dolezal

Leadership Meeting 8/25/11

Cathy Buhrke called meeting to order 7:06

Devotion by Robert McBurnett

Minutes from April 28, 2011 meeting, brought to a vote –Bryan Tullos brought to a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Huffer – unanimous vote.

SPR Update

John Pound – Jason Nelson’s new credentials now a licensed local pastor in the local conference and the local church. Now a Reverend.

Process for appointment of New Sr. Pastor – Dr. Pat Sparks gave the background of how the appointment came to be. SPR came up with profile of the categories of characteristics for new pastor and these will be taken for discussion to the cabinet.

Targeted date for new pastor is October 1st but may be later than that as they want to get the right person.

Finance Update

Darrell Thomas – Reviewed where we are as of July 31, 2011 and where we are with Mission Possible.

Stewardship Campaign Report

Glen Smith – “Never Thirst Again” will be the theme. The proposed plan for the campaign was revealed. (see handout in attachment)

Vision & Planning Update – postponed until next meeting

Outreach Opportunities

Stacey Fleck -Ghana - update on the school in Ghana – we will have a designated fund for this school – a grant agreement 5013C.

Stacey Fleck - Classical Conversations – organization that does home schooling – group will use Christ Church facilities (second floor rooms) on Tuesdays this year.

Linda Summers Pierce – Chinese Concert on 8/27/11 will be held in the Sanctuary - our portion of the profits will be sent to an orphanage in China - “The Happy Home Orphanage”

Linda Summers Pierce – 9/11 Concert & Blood Drive – Concert will be performed by Nash3 that evening and will go with sermon series “The Final Three” Faith, Hope & Love.

Evan Gisler – Habitat for Humanity – we have a new home that Christ Church will be building this year, volunteers needed in many areas.

Addie Delahoussaye – 25th Christ Church school anniversary this year. During the school year there will be some special events held to recognize this special year.

Ministry Sharing

Vrs. Ministry leaders invited the congregation and leaders to attend upcoming events.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

NEVER THIRST AGAIN

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – SUGAR LAND

2011 Stewardship Campaign



OVERVIEW

The mission of Christ United Methodist Church is “people helping people find fullness in Christ”. Our measures of success as a church are for us to be people who **KNOW GOD, CREATE COMMUNITY, AND IMPACT THE WORLD**. These measures define what we mean by a full life in Jesus Christ. The purpose of this campaign is to help us as a church pray and reflect on where we are in connection with these measures. Our strategy as a church is to worship, connect, grow, and serve. Connection is about moving people into a deeper level of involvement and discipleship. As a connect event, the goal of the campaign is to help people move forward in their faith journey.

The theme of the campaign is “Never Thirst Again”. The theme comes from the promise Jesus made to the woman at the well as well as her response. He said to her in the 4th chapter of John: “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again.” (v. 13) Jesus made this offer to a woman whom he knew had lived a sinful lifestyle. That in no way prevented him from offering himself to her as the source for new life. Though she did not really understand what Jesus was saying her response is nonetheless quite profound: “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty...” (v. 15).

Our mission statement reminds us that Jesus makes that same offer to all of us. He offers us “living water that once drunk will become a fountain springing up into everlasting life.” The world cannot offer us this. The world cannot give us this kind of life. Real fullness is found in Jesus Christ. That is the message of this scripture and that is the message of this song. For us that fullness is found in knowing God, creating community, and impacting the world for God’s kingdom. It is these ideas that we will seek to lift up in the campaign.

Our campaign will utilize the imagery of coffee cups. Let’s face it: for many church folks, coffee is the stuff of life to them. Indeed, woe be to any church who does not have the coffee ready and hot for any church gathering. Church people are filling up their cups of with coffee on a regular basis. This can be for us a powerful metaphor of how the thirsts of our lives are met by Jesus Christ. In addition, the coffee shop (i.e. Starbucks, It’s a Grind) has become the new place for people to gather, socialize, and connect with one another.

KNOW GOD

Worship services, Sunday School classes, home groups, and small groups will follow a curriculum that coincides with portions of the book Crazy Love, by Francis Chan, and focuses on the following themes related to finding fullness in Christ:

*****DATES ARE TENTATIVE*****

October 9: Naming our thirsts and how they are met in Jesus Christ.

Key Scripture: John 4

October 16: Knowing God begins with knowing the attributes of God.

Key scripture: Psalm 19

October 23: You were created for a great purpose.

Key scripture: Colossians 1:16

October 30: We don't like our coffee lukewarm. God doesn't want us lukewarm.

Key Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

November 6: Real Christianity is found in our deeply searching the scriptures and being guided by their wisdom.

Key Scripture:

November 13: Faith must translate into ministry.

Key Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32

November 20 Commitment Sunday: Being fully Christian means that our lives are just different.

Key Scripture: Luke 14:7-14

CREATE COMMUNITY

Never Thirst Again Coffee House events will provide an emphasis on community. These events will take place during the week of November 6 to November 12.

Several Never Thirst Again Coffee Houses will be offered throughout the week around 7:00 pm, with another offered one morning. The events have the purpose of bringing people together to hear and reflect on the major themes of the campaign in a relaxed and informal setting.

Elements of the coffee house will include:

- Music from a local Christian artists, with a different musical style at each event
- Testimony that centers on a life that was changed by someone who came to know God, create community, and/or impact the world.
- Brief video presentation by Francis Chan followed by a short table discussion
- Presentation on our plans for the upcoming church year
- Opportunity to make advance commitments
- Opportunity to contribute to the well campaign
- Good coffee (and other assorted beverages) and snacks

IMPACT THE WORLD

As a part of the Never Thirst Again, Christ UMC plans to partner with Living Water International to provide a well in a village that currently does not have access to clean water.

At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-related disease.

Every day, water-related diseases claim the lives of 5000 children under the age of five. That's roughly the life of one child every 15 seconds.

As we at Christ UMC focus on the fulfillment of our spiritual thirst, this is an opportunity for us to show the love of Christ in a very tangible way by changing the lives of people who are in need of clean water.