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Faith Calls...

Pastor's Thoughts

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Birthdays

10/1, Stephanie Traxler
 10/3, Joey Stovall
 10/4, Travis Barrett
 10/8, Beth Hirscheider
 10/9, Brent Rowe
 10/13, Dianna Noe
 10/14, Melanie Hall
 10/18, Ronnie Dyson
 10/21, Jane Bristow
 10/25, Everett Heerboth
 10/31, Malinda Godwin

Anniversary

10/10, Jerry & Brenda
 Smith
 10/27, Billy & Dot English

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Why This? Why Now?

I thought I would take this month's article to explain why I advocate the change in the administrative structure of the church from multiple committees to one committee. This is only my observed opinion and it is offered for the purposes of explanation, and education.

When we set our committees each year we attempt to staff the administrative committee with 9 to 12 members each. Staff-Parish, Finance and Trustees alone would require 36 people. But that isn't the complete story. The chair of trustees and staff-parish, are automatically members of finance by virtue of their offices. This redundancy makes sense in that they are necessary to provide specific knowledge of the needs for those areas.

They also become members of the church council. Someone who agrees to one of these posts must therefore give time to at least three administrative committees to do their job. As each team meets on a Tuesday each month, an entire month is eaten up quickly.

Here are some advantages:

1. These servant/officers will devote their time to one meeting per month (if that is the pattern retained by the council). While each meeting may be longer than historic patterns, it is less in accumulated time than before.
2. The faces are usually the same in small churches. While the Discipline requires that several servant/officers be members of multiple committees, there is always some difficulty in staffing the needed positions from those willing and able to serve causing more duplication. These persons usually experience some "burn out" before they wear out.
3. It will not be necessary to present the same item to three different committees before approval. For example, if trustees desire to change something that requires the expenditure of money, they must debate the item in their own committee to determine a course of action. They must then bring the same item to finance to make certain money is available for the project. Finally, the church council will consid-

er the item. This process may take as little as 2-3 months or much more. The alternative would be to have called meetings in addition to the regular ones.

4. This will offer us more time to do ministry. We spend the bulk of our time just doing the administrative tasks of the church and little time is left for ministry work. I would hope the church could offer more meaningful things such as small groups, educational programs and hands-on mission work. We can be free to be the church.

5. There will continue to be a church treasurer whose duties will not change; the function of that office will be more like that seen in a business setting. The council would review financial reports each month.

6. The council will only handle business items. Each committee/team will provide their minutes to be placed in the record, but there would be no requirement to present oral reports as well.

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Why This? Why Now? (continued)

Here are some concerns and questions you might have.

1. There are fewer people in the decision-making process. While this is true, please remember that many of these are duplicates between the committees.

2. There will be too much power in so few people.

a. In addition to the previous argument, term limits will also require there be a change of committee members each year. People will be appointed to staggered three-year terms, so one-third of the committee may change each year.

b. Whether the council members may serve two consecu-

tive terms must be decided when the structure is established by the charge conference. No one would serve more than 2 terms without a break in service.

3. Who will be the trustees and staff-parish of the church? While the structure may vary some depending on what the charge conference adopts, the council will become the trustees and staff-parish committees. The council will administer those duties.

4. What happens to the rest of the duties in the church? The structure of the ministry teams of the church, such as Christian Education, Mission and Outreach and Nurture, will not change. While each

of these teams will continue to report by providing their meeting minutes to the council, they will coordinate their work through the pastor, who is then ultimately responsible to the council. As the pastor is responsible for the spiritual direction of the church, this is an additional benefit.

I hope this helps you to understand what this plan seeks to do. If you have other comments or concerns, please let me know.

Shalom,
Bro. David

Feed the Funnel Donations

\$5 = 20 meals

\$10 = 40 meals

\$20 = 80 meals

Etc., etc., etc.

Pack Shack/Feed the Funnel

We are collecting donations for our mission, **Pack Shack/Feed the Funnel**. One quarter, (25 cents) will make a meal. A meal contains rice, textured soy protein, dehydrated vegetables and a blend of 19 vitamins and minerals and cheese powder. Meals are easily prepared with boiling water for 20 minutes. After supplies are ordered, our plans are to gather these meals on Nov. 12th, following a shortened Worship Service in order to be distributed by Thanksgiving to the hungry. Millions of homeless are still out there in shelters. Please give generously!

Be a part of the fun on Nov. 12th to help feed the hungry. It promises to be a rewarding experience filled with laughter and surprises.

To find out more about the Pack Shack, go to the website, www.packshack.org or visit with Marlyn Burrow who is chairing this project for Faith UMC.



Feed the Funnel

Fall Festival at Faith UMC

Our Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28th. How many of you remember last year's event? It was a big time with many hands busily working to entertain many children, and well behaved ones at that.

Plan to join us this year. There is always a place for you to help. Some just enjoyed sitting in a shady spot and watching the little ones have fun. Hot dogs, popcorn, cold drinks, horseback riding, a

silent auction, the Pumpkin Patch, face painting, etc. will all be available. We need folks in certain areas to collect tickets. We need folks to sell pumpkins and crafts which are available. To be honest, we need you!

Sign-up sheets will be available for selecting your



There will be several activities at the Fall Fest. We need YOU!

activity for this special day.

Some of you may have donations for the craft table. Last year the homemade relish and pumpkin trail mix were big sellers. Some of you have some items that others desire. Don't be bashful—share some of your talents. Seasonal decorations are always popular, and Christmas is just around the corner. Plan ahead!

Pumpkin Patch at Faith

The unique pumpkins ordered this year will be arriving on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Help will be needed at the Markham Street parking lot in order to unload and place the items to be sold. Watch for the announcement so that you will know the estimated time of arrival.

We had a great crew last year and

the pumpkins were unloaded quickly. We had customers ready to purchase as we were unloading. That encouraged us to move a little faster.

Working at the Pumpkin Patch is a great opportunity to meet individuals who may be impressed with our warm smiles and our kind

attitudes. This is a great time to show off our people skills!

Pumpkin Patch



August Stats

| Date | Worship | Gen. Fund |
|------|---------|-----------------|
| 8/6 | 52 | \$ 5,662 |
| 8/13 | 42 | 1,468 |
| 8/20 | 48 | 1,629 |
| 8/27 | 62 | 1,451 |
| | | <u>\$10,210</u> |

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| Renovation Fund | \$ 505 |
| Noisy Offering | 80 |

Donations for UMCOR



Health Kits needed to restock shelves at UMCOR.

More than likely, UMCOR has emptied their shelves of the items they

keep on hand for natural disasters. Faith UMC would like to help them restock. The list that follows will help you if you'd like to prepare a Health/Hygiene Kit.

Money is also accepted. Make check to Faith UMC, memo "UMCOR" and place in offering plate. If giving cash, please write "UMCOR" on envelope. Ginny will

be happy to purchase supplies if you desire to give, but do not care to shop.

With an unusual number of hurricanes this season and more on the way, we know that many will be in need. Thank you for participating in this mission. It always makes us feel good to help others.

HEALTH/HYGIENE KIT

- Hand towel (no kitchen towels)
- Wash cloth
- Comb (sturdy, no pocket combs)
- Metal nail file or nail clipper
- Bath size soap (no Ivory or Dove)
- Tooth brush (adult size)
- Band aids (6, size 3/4-1 inch)
- Plastic zip-lock bag (1 gallon size)
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste
- All items must be new—
- Do not wash

October 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|--|-----------|---|
| 1 <u>9:45 a.m.</u> , Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Worship & Communion Service <u>12:15pm</u> , Nomi- nating Comm. | 2 <u>10:00 a.m.</u> , Prayer Watch Ministry | 3 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> , Trustees meeting | 4 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Dominoes/Bring your lunch <u>6:00 p.m.</u> , Choir Practice | 5 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> , Alzheimer's Arkansas (caregivers) Lunch & Learn RSVP 224-0021 <u>6:15 p.m.</u> , Bible Study | 6 | 7 *Those rebuilding lives following natural disasters |
| 8 <u>9:45 a.m.</u> , Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Worship Service | 9 <u>10:00 a.m.</u> , Prayer Watch Ministry | 10 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> , Finance meeting | 11 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Dominoes/Bring your lunch <u>6:00 p.m.</u> , Choir Practice | 12 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> , Sr. Networking (agencies) <u>6:15 p.m.</u> , Bible Study | 13 | 14 <i>Unload Pumpkins</i> *Caregivers |
| 15 <u>9:45 a.m.</u> , Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Worship Service | 16 <u>10:00 a.m.</u> , Prayer Watch Ministry | 17 | 18 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Dominoes/Bring your lunch <u>6:00 p.m.</u> , Choir Practice | 19 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> , Live Your Legacy (financial plans) Lunch & Learn RSVP 224-0021 | 20 | 21 *Church leaders |
| 22 <u>9:45 a.m.</u> , Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Worship Service | 23 <u>10:00 a.m.</u> , Prayer Watch Ministry | 24 <u>1:00 p.m.</u> , UMW meeting | 25 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Dominoes/Bring your lunch <u>6:00 p.m.</u> , Choir Practice | 26 <u>11:00 p.m.</u> , Cure PSP | 27 | 28 <i>Fall Fest</i> *Students and teachers |
| 29 <u>9:45 a.m.</u> , Sunday School <u>11:00 a.m.</u> , Worship Service <u>Noon</u> , POTLUCK | 30 <u>10:00 a.m.</u> , Prayer Watch Ministry | 31 | | | | *Please pray for those listed above. |

Scripture: O Lord, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning,
 our salvation in the time of trouble. —Isaiah 33:2