

Council Report - May 2015

Council member JD Kuplic opened the May Council meeting on the 19th with a devotional and prayer for peace as we continue on this journey of transition together. We were reminded once again that God has a plan for FCC, and we must continue to trust in Him as that plan rolls out.

Much of our time was devoted to discussing the FY 2015/2016 budget proposal, and the tough decisions that were necessary in order to arrive at it. Those changes are outlined in a letter from Council to the congregation mailed out on 5/20. This mailing also included a message from Pastor John announcing his resignation as of June 30th as well as additional staff changes that are taking place.

The council will be holding a series of Town Hall meetings in June in order to share the proposed 2015-2016 budget, discuss the council nominees and provide an update from the call committee. These meetings will provide the information for the Congregational Business Meeting that will be held June 28th. There will be two Town Hall Meetings on Wednesday, June 10th; one from 10-11 am, and one from 7-8 pm. A third meeting will be Sunday, June 14th, from 9:30-10:30 am.

It is very important that each of us who call Faith Covenant home make it a priority to attend one of the town hall meetings in order to ask questions and hear the updates on what is happening within our congregation. The format of the annual meeting will not be conducive to in-depth Q&A time, as we are holding two meetings during regular service times within the service itself. This change in format will give us the opportunity to have more people informed, involved and excited about the future of our church as we look forward to what God has for our future in His kingdom.

A new sermon series entitled "Getting Past Your Past" will kick off on May 24th with Pastor John preaching, followed by guest preachers for three weeks and wrapped up on annual meeting day with a vision message from Brian Martin. The month of July will see Dan Clites preaching each Sunday. As we look toward August and the months thereafter, we are in the process of discerning our next steps for preaching, until the new Senior Pastor is in place.

In other church related news:

Brian Martin recently graduated from the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, having earned a Masters of Theology degree. It is tremendously inspiring to see someone whose love for the Lord provided the energy to persevere while at the same time holding down his full time job, AND helping care for a newborn! Way to go, Brian!

The Call Committee is compiling the survey results, the job description has been completed and approved, and we anticipate beginning to receive resumes in June.

Please continue to be in prayer for our church and our changes. Do not be discouraged. God is with us. Our challenge is stick together with each other now more than ever. He will guide us through this season of transition.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. – Heb 13:8