



AGENDA

FAMILY MEETING – April 28, 2024

1. Call to Order
 - A. Agenda
2. Approval of previous minutes:
 - A. Called Family Meeting Minutes dated January 28, 2024
 - B. Called Family Meeting Minutes dated April 21, 2024
3. Reports (Included in the package provided)
4. New Business:
 - A. Approval of membership report
 - B. Nominating Committee Recommendation
 - C. Budget update
5. Adjournment

**HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH
CALLED FAMILY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2024**

The Called Family Meeting of Hopeful Baptist Church was called to order by Pastor Billy Young. Pastor Young opened the meeting with prayer.

Purpose of the Called Family Meeting: A number of people attending Hopeful Baptist Church were indicating they were interested in joining and becoming a part of the fellowship of Hopeful Baptist Church. As a result of the interest Pastor Young held a New Members Class on January 14, 2024, and the names of the people who are requesting membership are listed on the attached Membership Report. In addition, Pastor Young gave a brief update on the budget.

There were no corrections or deletions to the minutes listed below:
September 24, 2023

A motion was made by Fred Wright to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Jeff Fletcher. Motion passed.

The Membership Report was presented by Pastor Young. A motion was made by Bill Gootee to accept the Membership Report as presented, seconded by Steve Truluck. Motion passed.

No additional business at this time so Pastor Young invited everyone to stand and be adjourned by prayer.

Emily Harden
Church Clerk

**HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH
SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 21, 2024**

Pastor Young called for a special called business meeting to be held on April 21, 2024 during both morning services. The purpose of this business meeting was to present Daniel Shenning as our potential Worship Leader.

Pastor Young introduced Daniel Shenning and explained the procedure to the church on the process of voting. The deacons passed out the ballots to all members age 16 and above. The deacons then collected and counted the number of votes. Mr. Shenning received over 99% endorsing him as our Worship Leader.

Mr. Shenning accepted the position of Worship Leader and will begin serving around the middle of May.

Meeting was adjourned.

Emily Harden
Church Clerk

Pastor Billy Young

Wow! There is so much to report about since our last family meeting in September. Just looking through the calendar we can celebrate so much that has happened:

- Fall Festival
- Thanksgiving Worship
- Christmas presentation
- Christmas eve worship service

I love the special events that we do through Hopeful Baptist Church, but I am really grateful for the faithfulness of our consistent weekly experience in worship. Our tagline at Hopeful Baptist is **Growing Together**. We want people to grow in their **Upward** relationship with God, grow **Inward** in our relationship as a church, and also build **Outward** relationships through mission in the world. Since October 1, 2023, we are averaging 464 persons on campus each Sunday morning for worship and 37 unique devices watching our watching services live. We are also averaging 275 persons each Sunday in small groups. Additionally, we are averaging 229 persons on campus each Wednesday. While we don't measure growth just in numbers, numbers represent people, which helps us evaluate how we are doing in reaching our community. I am praying that we continue to help people **Grow Together - Upward, Inward, and Outward**.

Easter Sunday was an amazing day at Hopeful Baptist Church as well. We help 4 unique worship services - a Sunrise service at 7 AM, and then 8:30, 9:45, and 11 AM worship services in the sanctuary. After we evaluated all that attended, we estimated that we engaged with over 800 individual people. Easter reveals to us the number of people we are impacting through the life of our church.

During the time period without a full-time worship pastor our music ministry volunteers have been amazing! I am grateful for how they have led our church over the last 9 months. In August, 2023, the body of deacons of Hopeful Baptist Church approved the following search committee to serve alongside Hopeful Baptist Church pastor, Billy Young, in searching for a worship pastor candidate to serve at Hopeful Baptist Church. The following committee was formed: Holly Cowen (choir member, instrumentalist, member of stewardship committee), Valerie Hewett (choir member, member of women's ministry committee), Renee Jernigan (choir member, member of personnel committee, choir member), Adam Palmer (instrumentalist, deacon), John Sparks (deacon chairman), and Steve Truluck (trustee). Our search committee, church council, and deacon body unanimously recommended Daniel Shenning as our worship pastor.

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, Hopeful Baptist Church voted to affirm Daniel Shenning as our worship pastor. (302 yes votes, 1 no.) Daniel and his wife, Jaqueline, will join us in May.

I am excited about what God has done, is doing, and will do in the life of Hopeful Baptist Church. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor.

Billy Young

Pastor Mark Cunningham -Children's Ministry and Recreation Ministry

The first half of the 2023-24 year has seen several exciting things that have happened in the Children's Ministry. We have had an increase in weekly Sunday School attendance from 25 in 2023 to 28 in 2024, and have seen an increase in attendance in Kids Worship from 26 in 2023 to 28 in 2024.

The children in Kids Worship are encouraged to grow in their faith through videos, games, and music. The Christian Service Center is our mission in the Children's Ministry, and in January of 2024 we presented Chris Walters a check for \$225. This was \$125 over the goal!

The AWANA program has seen growth in the last couple of years. We averaged attendance of 54 in 2022 to a weekly attendance thus far this year of 89. In October and November we had a 4 week food drive for the Christian Service Center. We had a competition between the boys and the girls with the winning group having the opportunity to dunk Pastor Mark in a dunking booth. The children gathered 939 different food items that we took to the Christian Service Center. The boys won the competition and the dunking of Pastor Mark will be happening soon!

I am excited about this Summer as we have VBS planned for June 2nd through the 6th. Our theme is "Breaker Rock Beach" with the theme around Romans 12:2. I also, for the first time, have planned a day camp for the 1st through 5th graders for July 15th through the 18th.

The Recreation Ministry enjoyed our 21st year of Upward Basketball. We have over 100 total participants and several children express an interest in spiritual matters. We started with sign-ups in October with the season conclusion in the first week of March. This is a great outreach into the community for there are roughly about 25-30% that are unchurched in the program. I am looking for volunteers to assist me in the continual work of the Recreation Ministry.

Amanda Palmer - Preschool Director

Our preschool department is thriving and GROWING! We have had several new young families join as well as are expecting more than **10 NEW BABIES** to arrive from within our current church family in the next several months. We are averaging about 30 different children each Sunday between the 3 service hours. This past Sunday we had 25 children during the Sunday School hour, which is the most we have had since I started! Since September we have had about 80 different children entrusted to our care. That means about 60 families in our community that have trusted us to care for and minister to their children! I am excited about how we have been growing and thriving.

My family is one of the families expecting a little one in the coming months. We are expecting a new little girl right at the beginning of Summer. I will be stepping back and focusing on her and my family for a few months. Which means, more than ever, I need people to step up and help lead our ministry. If you feel God could be laying on your heart to step up and help during this transitional time (and even into the future) we could use it. In addition to my own new baby, many of my current volunteers are also expecting, so at the same time the number of babies is growing, we are simultaneously experiencing a decline in available volunteers.

Teaching this many young children takes a lot of help. We have about 35 AWESOME, dedicated volunteers that work hard to help keep our ministry running smoothly. While that may sound like a lot of people, we need a minimum of 15 volunteers every Sunday and 7 every Wednesday to keep our ministry running safely. Many of our volunteers currently serve in multiple services each month. Ideally we would have around 60 volunteers in our rotation to make sure our volunteers are not over-utilized. I am most in need of volunteers to help with the following areas:

- IMMEDIATE NEED: A person to assist in our Baby room during the last few weeks of Awana (through May 15). We have lost a few volunteers to health issues recently and I need another person to help through the end of the school year at least.
- Regular weekly volunteers during Sunday service, especially during the Sunday School Hour (9:45). We are needing to consistently have a 3rd (Infant) classroom open which means more people to help staff it.
- Wednesday nights over the summer. I have a solid team of Awana volunteers during the school year but they need a break over the summer. With my absence as well this summer, I am in need of a few people who would be willing to step up and help out on Wednesday night this summer.
- A few more people who don't want to commit to a regular rotation, but are willing to fill in on a 5th Sunday or last minute when my regular people are sick/can't make it.
- Volunteers who are not in the classroom, but willing to help check families in and out, get craft supplies, monitor the hallway and front doors etc., so our classroom volunteers can stay in the room with the children.

If one of these is something you may be interested in, please talk to me so we can get you signed up. We would love to have you join us in serving through this important and rewarding ministry.

Youth as young as 15 are able to serve without a parent, and younger children are welcome to accompany their parents in serving.

Our building has been going through several updates as well. We have painted our lobby and are looking to paint and redecorate more classrooms in the coming months. I would love some volunteers who have an eye for decorating and design to help me to pull these rooms together into more welcoming and inviting spaces to create a great first impression for our families. We have also recently transitioned to a new curriculum that has been a great success. Our children love it and it makes teaching much easier for our leaders to lead.

I am really excited for all God has been doing in our ministry and all he will continue to do in the coming months. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the church and our families in this way.

Pastor - Charles Scrivener - Senior Adult Ministry

It is an honor to serve at Hopeful Baptist Church where so many people faithfully put God first in their lives. In my part-time role, we have worked together on some great projects in the last six months!

Since the last Senior Adult Ministry report, my job title has changed as I have added working in the area of Adult Discipleship, or Sunday School as we know it. We have begun six new adult Sunday School classes with an emphasis on folks who were not currently involved in Bible study classes. Two classes meet in nursing homes (Solaris and Baya Pointe) and four on our HBC campus. As you read this report, our newest class- for men of all ages-has met 4 Sundays and are enjoying studying the Bible together. I have met with the current adult teachers and am on the look-out for additional folks as potential teachers for future classes. Be sure to invite someone to Sunday School from your circle of influence.

In the area of Senior Ministry, I have enjoyed visiting nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals caring for members and their families. Our seniors had a great trip to the Ark and Creation Museum in northern Kentucky last fall, as well as a lively time at Senior Fest at Lake Yale Conference Center this past February. The Deacons and Staff hosted a Widow Banquet, and our senior lunches continued with programs such as Staying Healthy, reflecting on Jesus' birth and Valentine Fun in September, December and February respectively.

Looking ahead, I am excited to see all God has in store for HBC. We will have our next senior get together in June and will do it as an evening meal so that more people can attend. Also, we are looking into short day trips. Details forthcoming on both activities.

I have truly appreciated all the support and encouragement you have given me in this role and I look forward to continuing together especially as we draw even more folks into a Sunday School class for discipleship and even salvation, for some! With your help, we can have a profound impact on our church as well as God's Kingdom.

Steve Truluck - Facilities Operations Ministry & Building and Grounds Committee

The Physical Plant is comprised of 8 structures. Sanctuary, Preschool Building, Administrative and Children's building, The Life Center, Student Building (G3), Senior Center, pastoral home and garage. The campus has a combined gross building space of 49,406 square feet and 82 acres of grounds and planted pines. The Childrens Church is the oldest structure and was opened in 1948, the newest structure, The Student Building was opened in 2012.

Objectives:

The Facilities Operations Ministry oversees and coordinates the maintenance and operation of HBC Facilities by;

1. Performing repairs and preventative maintenance as needed.
2. Determining when a repair is complex or large enough that it may require arranging for contracted provider(s) or specialized volunteer help.
3. Developing and overseeing volunteers for FOM functions and utilizes tasks to foster discipleship among the church body.
4. Developing and maintaining a computer-based maintenance management program to address short term and long-term facility management resulting in an efficient operation.
5. Overseeing and coordinating grounds maintenance, landscaping maintenance and other related duties.
 - a. Lawn and grounds maintenance is accomplished utilizing a combination of paid contractor, staff and volunteers.
6. Working with the pastoral team in the planning and execution of building utilization, improvement, and renovation/construction projects.
7. Working with those committees or functions that have authority over facility functions and financial management, e.g., Building and Grounds Committee, Safety and Security Committee, Stewardship Committee and the Church Financial Officer.
8. Coordinating the routine cleaning of all meeting and activity spaces utilizing an outside vendor and volunteer resources as available.
9. Arranging for special cleaning needs following special functions such as weddings, funerals, community gatherings, etc.
10. Setting standards for cleanliness and proper utilization of all spaces.

Focus for the coming year.

Renovate and upgrade the Children's building to include expanding the bathroom facilities for both male and female. Refurbish worship area with new finishes and lighting.

Complete the renovation of the Preschool building to include exterior painting.

Refurbish Sanctuary bath facilities and lobby area.

Remodel and refurbish the lobby of The Life Center to facilitate better guest relations and first impressions.

Upgrade the internet and phone services campus wide allowing for better online service access as well as improved business applications across campus.

Refurbish the office/admin area, flooring, painting, furniture.

Install a covered walkway between the Student Building and the Senior Building.

Continue efforts in energy conservation in order to drive down the cost of operating the physical plant. Changing out lighting in multiple locations to more energy efficient technologies.

Pastor - Nate Street - Student Ministry

It's been an exciting few months in the Student Ministry so far this year. We have had an abundance of things going on from our evangelistic activity in January where we played Capture the Flag at John Sparks residence, to our Winter Retreat at Lake Swan in February, to our Service Activity back in March.

Our Capture the Flag Evangelistic activity was a great opportunity for our students to invite their non-christian friends to come and have fun, all while we were able to share the good news of Christ and eat pizza! We had about 50 teens come out for that event and we're excited to have another activity with an evangelistic focus before we go to Summer Camp in July. In February we took 22 of our students to Lake Swan for a weekend retreat. During that time, we got the chance to get away and spend some time together, cultivating friendships and looking in depth at what it means to put on the "Full Armor of God". Our goal is to equip our students to know what it means to follow Jesus in a practical way, preparing them to live for Christ even when they are outside of their home or church family.

In March we got the opportunity to go and serve at the home of one of our elder couples in the church who are predominantly "shut in" for various health reasons. This gave us a great chance to show the love of Christ in a practical way, and serve them with various needs around the yard. We will be looking to give our teens more opportunities to serve in the near future.

On Wednesday nights we've been working through different series. We did a 5 week study on, "Who is Christ?" Looking at different Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah as well as the life of Jesus. Demonstrating how He was the Promised One who is the Savior of the world! We are currently finishing an 8 week series on "Beautiful Women of the Bible." We have observed the lives of 8 different women throughout scripture and learned from their lives what it means to be a true woman of God. We are currently prepping for FUGE Camp this summer in North Greenville, SC. We have a group of 40 currently registered and still have a few more spots. We will be holding an info meeting for students and parents after church April 28th (lunch will be provided). Please be in prayer that we will fill all of our spots and that the Lord will work in the lives of each student who comes.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
JANUARY 15, 2024 - APRIL 14, 2024

RECEIVED BY:

- LETTER:

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| Bass, Lucille | 04/28/2024 | Gateway Baptist Church, FL |
| Bird, Andrea | 04/28/2024 | First Baptist Church Orlando, FL |
| Bird, Don | 04/28/2024 | First Baptist Church Orlando, FL |
| Dicks, Melissa | 04/28/2024 | Providence Baptist Church, SC |
| Peterson, Ashleigh | 04/28/2024 | Crosspoint Church, Bangor, ME |
| Reeder, Mack | 04/28/2024 | Palmetto Shores Church, SC |
| Reeder, Evelyn | 04/28/2024 | Palmetto Shores Church, SC |
| Smith, Derek | 04/28/2024 | Pine Grove Baptist Church, FL |
| Smith, Jennifer | 04/28/2024 | Pine Grove Baptist Church, FL |
| Sparks, Jimmy | 04/28/2024 | Pine Grove Baptist Church, FL |

- Voted on in the January 24, 2024 Meeting:

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| <i>Vittur, George W.</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Gateway Baptist Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Vittur, Brandi</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Gateway Baptist Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Vittur, Macey</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Gateway Baptist Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Vittur, Madison</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Gateway Baptist Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Vittur, Kyle</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Gateway Baptist Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Gould, Brenda</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Parkview Baptist Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Parrish, Dustin</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>The Cross Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Parrish, Shannon</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>The Cross Church, FL</i> |
| <i>Street, Nate</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Lakewood Baptist Church, VA</i> |
| <i>Street, Marianne</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Lakewood Baptist Church, VA</i> |
| <i>Murray, Jason</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Wellborn Baptist, FL</i> |
| <i>Murray, Ree</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Wellborn Baptist, FL</i> |
| <i>Murray, Hollyn</i> | <i>01/21/2024</i> | <i>Wellborn Baptist, FL</i> |

- BAPTISM:

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| Geiger, Paisley | 01/28/2024 |
| Murray, Camden | 02/04/2024 |

- Voted on in the January 24, 2024 Meeting:

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| <i>Avilla, Thomas</i> | <i>10/01/2023</i> |
| <i>Luoma, Cindy</i> | <i>11/12/2023</i> |
| <i>Edens, Brenda</i> | <i>11/12/2023</i> |
| <i>Kite, Troy</i> | <i>11/21/2023</i> |
| <i>Kite, Tiffany</i> | <i>11/21/2023</i> |
| <i>Bridges, Justin</i> | <i>12/10/2023</i> |

STATEMENT:

- Voted on in the January 24, 2024 Meeting:

Long, Tom *01/21/2024*
Long, Debbie *01/21/2024*
Macknick, Pat *01/21/2024*
Pilchar, Micah *01/21/2024*
Pilchar, Abigail *01/21/2024*

LOST BY:

- LETTER

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| Dicks, Melissa | 9/27/2023 | Bethlehem Baptist Church, Lake City, FL |
| Dicks, Wesley | 9/27/2023 | Bethlehem Baptist Church, Lake City, FL |
| Giebeig, William | 2/15/2024 | Parkview Baptist Church, Lake City, FL |
| Giebeig, Sonja | 2/15/2024 | Parkview Baptist Church, Lake City, FL |

- DEATH:

Dicks, Joseph L. (JL) 1/24/2024
Sauls, Inez Betty 2/15/2024

Voted on in the January 24, 2024 Meeting:

Slocum, Richard *11/15/2023*
Spradley, Jonathan *11/23/2023*
Crews, Everett *01/07/2024*
Elder, Laveenia Dicks *01/09/2024*

Nominating Committee Recommendation

Nominating committee continually evaluates committee membership. The personnel committee has a current vacancy, as Emily Harden is stepping down. The nominating committee recommends Cindy Andrews to serve on the personnel committee, effective immediately.