

## **Church Family Meeting 10-15-23**

### **Opening - Pastor Brandon**

***Value - "We are family: We take seriously our responsibility to care for each other as brothers in sisters in Christ and seek to provide an atmosphere that reflects the family dynamics of God's people, especially our need for intergenerational relationships."***

- Celebrations and Praises
  - Church Growth, New Members, Baptisms
  - Small Group Ministry
  - Summer Ministry
    - VBS - 41 kids
    - Youth Group - in the Park, Billings Retreat
    - Field Days
    - Worship in the Park
  
- Operating as "Family" amidst Church Growth
  - Leadership Expansion to Care Well for a Growing Congregation
  - Organizing Our Ministry to Maintain Intergenerationality.
  - Consider Your Own Role in the Work of This Ministry (Eph. 4:12)
  
- Leadership Introductions

### **Leadership Expansion - Will Malcolm, Elder**

***Value - "We are loved: We rest in the incredible love that God has demonstrated towards us in the sending of his own Son. Resting in God's love motivates us to express selfless love towards each other and the people God has placed in our lives, especially as we care for the vulnerable in our church family and community."***

- Expanding Our Leadership Team to Better Demonstrate God's Love for You
  
- Status of Elder Team Expansion
  
- Interim Associate Pastor Candidate - Kyle Mallard
  - Hiring Timeline
    - The elders and a Hiring Team composed of members and ministry leaders of various ages and life stages have identified Kyle as a candidate for this position and are unanimously recommending him.
    - Kyle will come to visit with us mid-November.
    - After that visit, we'll ask for member feedback for two weeks, before making a final determination to bring Kyle on.
  - Copies of the job description are available.

### **Introduction to Kyle - Sara Bandstra and Suzy Barnett, Members of the Hiring Team**

- Brief Snapshot of Kyle and His Background
- A few thoughts on why the Hiring Team thinks he would be a good fit to serve our church body as an associate pastor.

### **Financial Update - Sabrina Malcolm, Treasurer**

- Mortgage is paid off!
- Current Balances
  - Checking balance: 32,070.09
  - Savings balance: 65,995.54
  - Mortgage balance: 0.00
- Red Envelope Sundays will now be for Facility Expansion so that we can accommodate our church growth without taking on additional debt.

### **Discipleship Opportunities to Connect beyond Sunday Mornings - Luis Briceno, Elder Value - “We are Disciples: We understand our need to be equipped in the context of Christian community. We value learning and spiritual growth for the sake of living for God’s glory in this world, especially by the regular teaching of the Bible and the guidance of peers and mentors.”**

- As our church body grows, we have a number of regular opportunities to pursue deeper fellowship and discipleship:
  - Community Groups
  - Tabletalk
  - Men’s Group/ Men’s Breakfast
  - Senior Saints
  - Ladies Ministry
- Importance of Discipleship Relationships with Peers/ Mentors
  - Don’t hesitate to talk with the elders if you need help forming these connections!
- The Importance of Service as a Disciple of Jesus
  - Especially within the Body of Christ
  - How might God be leading you to volunteer in any of the many ministry areas of the church you will hear about today?

### **Ladies Ministry Update - Jannah VanderHouwen, Ministry Assistant**

- Goals of the Ladies Ministry and Upcoming Opportunities

### **Community Outreach - Gary Boone, Deacon**

***Value - "We are Sent: "We are each sent into distinct places of influences in our local community. We intentionally strive to work for the good of our neighbors and point them to the hope of God's redemption and restoration, especially by being a faithful presence of the gospel in these places of influence."***

- Our community outreach initiatives help Mountain Bible be a faithful presence of God's truth and love in our community and give you opportunities to use your gifting for the Kingdom of God.
- Some of our various community outreach opportunities:
  - Delivering "Weekend Bags" at Wynans School
  - Coffee/ Snack donations for Wynans, the Way, and Arrowhead
  - Evergreen Hymn Sing
  - Family Skate Nights
  - Loaves and Fishes

### **Embrace Grace - Lexi Vogeli, Embrace Grace Group Leader**

- Reminder about Embrace Grace Ministry, purpose, kick-off date, how to help, etc.

### **Next Gen Ministry Update - Kimberly Reagor, Next Gen Coordinator**

- We have coordinated our student ministry and kids ministry curriculum so that kids of all ages are learning about the same texts and biblical truths as it relates to their stage of life. We hope this will help foster Christ-centered family conversations at home.
- Weekly Parent Update and Parent Handouts
- Conversion of the "Nursing Room" to a "Family Room"
- We need volunteers!

### **Missionary Updates - Sara Bandstra, Missions Team Coordinator**

***Value - "We are a part of a bigger story: We know that our local congregation is a part of a historic and global movement of God's people throughout the world, and we seek to***

***support the global work of God's church through prayers, giving, and sending. We especially value the spiritual growth and encouragement that comes from an awareness of God's larger work in the world throughout history and across the globe."***

- Missions Team serves to keep us connected to God's work in different parts of our country and the world.
- Brief Update on Missionary Partners and How We Can Pray for Them

#### **Deacon Care - Ashley Sites, Deacon**

- Purpose of Deacon Ministry
- Deacon Care Assignments
  - We have organized our deacon ministry in such a way that each deacon has certain members they are checking in with regularly. But these are "loose" assignments, so feel free to reach out to any elder or deacon if there is a specific way we can pray for you or need we can help with.

#### **Staying Connected - Pastor Brandon**

- Overview of the Planning Center Directory/ Church Center
- Church website, Weekly Email Update, and Social Media Channels
- Volunteer Opportunities and Needs

#### **Prayer Time - Luis Briceno, Elder**

- Prayer for the Church, Missionary Partners, and our Community