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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE?

ELDER COMMUNICATION

An update from the Council of Elders

The Council of Elders would like to update you on some past events and upcoming opportunities at Hope Church. As always, if you have questions, please come talk with one of us.

PRIORITIES – We set aside time in December to take a fresh look at the church's vision and mission statements. From these, we've established priorities for 2017 to help guide our decision-making in the year ahead. The church's Vision and Mission are restated below along with a summary of the priorities we've established.

THE VISION OF HOPE CHURCH is to glorify God through making disciples

To accomplish this vision, we will actively pursue the following mission:

- **Evangelize unbelievers (Witness)**
- **Equip believers (The Word & Work)**
- **Exalt God (Worship)**

We affirm the authority of the Bible in our lives and the foundation of all we believe and do.

Believing God has called the Elders to lead out in accomplishing this Vision, we are adopting the following priorities. These priorities will be frequently reviewed and may change from time to time.

- Priority 1: Actively engage our neighborhoods for the purpose of personal evangelism both inside our building and out.
- Priority 2: Be engaged in a community of believers (small groups or otherwise) for the purpose of personal growth, support and fellowship.
- Priority 3: Maintain a multi-cultural focus.
- Priority 4: Retain visitors. Plug people in to serve where they are gifted.
- Priority 5: Mentor believers.
- Priority 6: Maintain a focus of prayer throughout all aspects of the church.

ANNUAL MEETING – In November, at our Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected.

Elder: Steve Arthur, Gary Backer, Gary Ferch, Brian Nelson, Terry Talley

Deacon: Dave Booker

The following officers have been appointed by the Elders:

Treasurer: Mike Kilpatrick

Trustees: Dennis Doney, Elias Hindeleh, Richard Jenkins

Associate Trustee: Brad Murphy, Barb Neal, Randy Neal, Troey Sitzes

Missions Team: Gary Ferch, Dave Gibson, Pastor Clint Hamilton, Elias Hindeleh, Lori Kilpatrick, Karen Klein

Church Clerk: Peggy Booker

YOUTH PASTOR UPDATE – As mentioned in the last update, we hired Nick Keyes to serve in the position of youth intern. Please join us in welcoming Nick and his wife Catherine.

YOUTH RETREAT – Nick hit the ground running. The youth went to the Logan Valley Conference Center for a retreat at the end of December. From the reports we've heard, there was great time of fellowship, deep conversations, teaching, and lots of games until the wee hours.

YEAR END BUDGETS – We are excited to see the financial blessings we saw in 2016. God has provided surpluses in the General Fund and Missions Fund for 2016. Thank you to the people of Hope Church who have given sacrificially to make this happen.

FALL FESTIVAL – The Fall Festival on October 31st was possibly one of the biggest nights we've ever seen. Hundreds of people from the community came through our doors for a safe, fun night of games and free candy. Nearly all who came in were presented with an opportunity to hear the Gospel message.