

Elder Council Meeting  
September 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present: Ross Phillips, Kevin Weaver, Randy Beach, Mike Evans, Jon Knopp. Administrative Assistant: Bob Sievert.

Bob Sievert opened the meeting in prayer.

Randy Beach led a teaching on Romans 1:2-7. Discussion followed on verses 5-6: "Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ." Ross will be leading the study at the next meeting, focusing on verses 8-15.

The elders met with Carl and Julie Gaede and spent an hour and a half with them discussing topics such as, but not limited to: How can Faith Community better serve and encourage them? Would yearly mission teams be helpful? What other things would be beneficial? What is involved in developing a paid support staff for their ministry? How is their relationship with the church that oversees their ministry? How is their relationship with one another and with God? How is their family doing? The elders concluded their time with Carl and Julie in prayer. Overall the elders sensed an outpouring of God's grace in the ministry that Carl and Julie have been called to, and are encouraged by what God is doing in Uganda.

The minutes of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Elder Council meeting were approved with minor corrections, and will be posted on the FCC web site:  
[www.Homeforever.org](http://www.Homeforever.org)

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Kevin Weaver's re-entry to active duty on the Elder Council: The elders met with Kevin discussing his recent one-year sabbatical leave from the Elder Council. Kevin will be serving as an active elder starting with the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dissemination of "Elder Accountability" forms: Prior to the meeting each elder filled out a self evaluation as to how he was doing in areas such as spiritual discipline and serving the church family as an elder. Elders also had their wives fill out an appraisal evaluating their role as a servant leader in their home. Elders then gave copies of these forms to each other and will spend time at the next meeting discussing the appraisals.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Members Only Vision Meeting: The elders edited and confirmed the agenda for the upcoming "Members Only Vision Meeting" on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Ross Phillips will open the meeting with a welcome and prayer. Elders will be teamed with Management Team members in leading small groups in the discussion of several topics that are timely to the church family.

October 11<sup>th</sup> Baptism Class: Ross Phillips will lead a small group during the first service, Randy and Jon will lead small groups during the second service. Baptisms are scheduled for Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### AGENDA ITEMS DEFFERED UNTIL NEXT MEETING:

Due to time constraints the topics of 1) lamp posts, 2) funding of mission trips, 3) serving families in economic needs, and 4) percussion instruction, will be deferred to the next meeting. The elders will also meet with leaders involved in developing an on-going Faith Works ministry at the next meeting. The elders will meet with Randy Beach and Jeff Johnson on October 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the recent Guatemala mission trip.

The elders closed in conversational prayer for the needs of those in the church family.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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