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WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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Adult Sunday School: 10:00am Worship: 11:00am
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Monthly Newsletter

Pastor :

Sue Kidd: Pianist

June 2019

Announcements and General Information:

April was such a busy month, I didn't get the May newsletter put together in time to publish it. May has been very busy as well with important meetings taking place and key decisions made by the General and Regional Church. Minutes of those meetings are provided below and on page 2.

Teleconference Minutes
Church Parallel Start Discussion
FCC-WR & CCinGA
May 3, 2019 8:30pm

Purpose: The Board Chair and Vice-Chair of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Warner Robins (FCC-WR) requested a teleconference with the Director of New Church and Church Development for the Christian Church in Georgia (CCinGA) to discuss the proposed Church Parallel Start at FCC-WR.

Participants: Mike Rogers – Board Chair, FCC-WR
John Glover – Board Vice-Chair, FCC-WR
Richard Williams – Director of New Church and Church Development, CCinGA

Church Parallel Start is defined as starting and developing a new church within the footprint of an existing church which is on a path to closure while simultaneously provide pastoral care to the existing church during the transition.

Rules of Engagement:

The new church will be a Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) congregation.

The planter pastor will be an ordained minister within the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) denomination and will have planter pastor training and experience in starting and developing a new church while also being able to provide pastoral care to the existing congregation. The Planter Pastor Search & Call profile is drafted and awaiting approval by Regional Minister, Denise Bell. Richard will forward as soon as approved. In general, the profile covers the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Pastoral care – preach, teach, visitations (hospital/shut-ins), etc.
- Entrepreneurial visioning
- Fundraising
- Evangelism
- Community outreach

A Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) will be created by the Christian Church in Georgia and will act as a holding company for all transferred assets until the new church has been established within 18 months. At that time the assets will be transferred to the new church and the LLC dissolved. The LLC will be co-owned by the CCinGA and the Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF). The LLC Board will be comprised of the Regional Minister, the Regional Moderator, and a DCEF Representative. A meeting will be held on May 9th between the CCinGA, DCEF, and the LLC lawyer to finalize the LLC terms such as funding responsibilities and party ownership percentages. Richard said he would send the results to us by the 10th or 11th. The LLC will be established within the next two to three weeks.

A contract between FCC-WR and the LLC will specify the terms of asset transfer from FCC-WR to the LLC as well as the terms of asset transfer to the new church within 18 months after contract award. The Trustees of FCC-WR will be the signatories for FCC-WR on the contract. Assets include all bank accounts, facilities, equipment, materials, supplies, and furnishings. The contract will also specify roles and responsibilities for funding, securing bids, and executing all needed facility repairs and improvements; for funding the Planter Pastor package; for collecting and managing all future tithes and gifts; and for funding and executing the operation and maintenance of the church. The contract is negotiable. If we want to retain control of a certain amount of funds to pay operating costs ourselves, we can specify that in the contract. This will require us retaining our Board including Treasurer and financial books separate from the LLC. We would need to retain a lawyer to work out the details. John and I do not believe that this is a wise approach. Instead, we recommend transferring all assets to the LLC and provide volunteer administrative support to the LLC such as Treasurer or Secretary services.

As a struggling congregation, we are not alone in the region. Eagles Landing decided to close on Easter and donate a significant portion of their monetary assets to new church growth. Seven to ten more Georgia congregations are looking at development options such as a Church Parallel Start.

Richard volunteered and I accepted his offer to fill the pulpit on 19 May and make himself available to update the congregation and answer questions.

Your servant,

Michael W. Rogers
Board Chairman
First Christin Church (Disciples of Christ) of Warner Robins

Elder: Steven Kidd
Deacon: Judy Barnickel/Jerri Bosarge

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

Liquid Hand Soap, Paper Towels, 39gal Garbage Bags, 13gal Trash Bags, Small Dessert Plates, Kleenex, 16oz Plastic Glasses, Dish Soap, Spray kitchen cleaner, Napkins, Divided Oblong Foam Plates

Minutes from 19 May 2019 Meeting

With Regional Church Representatives

Mr. Richard Williams, Mr. Mike Curtis, and Mr. Jabari Butler

1. The meeting was started right after the worship service ended at 11:55. Mr. Williams filled the pulpit this Sunday so the transition was easy.
2. Mr. Williams explained that we were not alone in our situation as there have been 22 Disciples Churches lost over the last 10 years.
3. Mr. Williams then explained that the General Church in Indianapolis is not interested in investing in Warner Robins First Christian Church DoC (WRFCC) in its current location. This is due in part to the cost of repairs/renovation and it being outside the planned downtown Warner Robins redevelopment project. The west boundary of that project stops at Pleasant Hill Rd, approximately 1.5 miles away from our church.
4. The Regional Church believes the best course of action would be to sell the current property and buy/renovate a building inside the redevelopment zone. Currently, property is still reasonable in the zone but may not be for long as more information on the project is released. This raised many questions and concerns and Mr. Williams agreed that more information is needed before any decision is made about WRFCC. He further stated he would arrange a meeting at the church with a member of the redevelopment committee and a realtor to help us get a better understanding of the overall situation.
5. Mr. Glover (church elder) stated he would contact a realtor he knew to get an estimate of what our church property is worth. This will give us an idea of what assets we would have available to start a new church if that is the direction the congregation wants to go.
6. If we do sell, the funds would go into a State holding account, independent of the regional church, until we were ready to purchase property or distribute the funds to other non-profit agencies, etc.
7. If we start a new church, a Pastor/Planter would be put in place as soon as possible with a 3-year contract. Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Curtis stated we would also receive assistance from the General and Regional churches new start programs.
8. The Regional Church is very sensitive to preserving WRFCC's legacy and understands how important it is to us.
9. Mr. Williams stated he will be back with the redevelopment representative and the realtor. He also mentioned he enjoyed filling the pulpit and would like to do so again in the near future. We thanked him and said that may be possible very soon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30

Recorded by John Glover and Judy Barnickel

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Board Mtg after Church Service	3	4 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8am Model Club 7pm	5 2 pm—Winona Smith Memorial Svc	6 Radio Club 7 pm	7	8
9	10	11 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am Model Club 7pm	19	20 DWF Casserole Ministry at 6pm, Mtg at 7pm	21	22
23/30	24	25 Breakfast— Cracker Barrel 8 am	26	27 Bariatric Group - 7pm in Library	28	29

Announcements: See front page and calendar.

May Birthdays:

10—Janice Fentem
11—Nadine Scaggs
12—Mary Ann Glover
23—Beth Bickley

June Birthdays:

5—Tom Poulnot
14—Andrew Hebenstreit
15—Nicole Hicks
27—Chris Rogers

May Anniversaries:

23—Steven & Sue Kidd
31—Darrell & Marsha Vandervort

June Anniversaries:

9—Randy & Beth Bickley
15—Charlie & Sara Hebenstreit

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