

2/1/2024

Hi Church,

We had a very productive and encouraging Elder Retreat (Deacons) last week with the agenda/goals of:

1. **God's Blessing:** Gaining God's power and perspective through prayer.
2. **Relationships:** Fellowshiping and sharing together (a church will only be as strong as its leadership is unified).
3. **Church Plant:** Reviewing and improving our church current church plant strategy.
4. **Calendar:** Planning the church calendar and preaching/teaching schedules.
5. **Budget:** Establishing the 1st draft of the 2024 budget.
6. **Future Staff:** Examining and adjusting our current youth pastor and campus pastor search for future staff.
7. **Vision/Goals:** Working on the vision of TBC as far as priorities, plans, and specific areas for spiritual progress and growth in 2024.

So, the purpose of our annual meeting this week (Feb. 4, 2024) at our combined service (Calvert Campus 9:00-10:30a Service, 10:30-11:15a Fellowship Brunch, 11:15a-12:30p Annual Business Meeting) is to:

1. **Financial Update:** Report the good news of our total giving and total expenses in comparison to last year's budget.
2. **2024 Budget:** Present this year's proposed budget and answer any questions or feedback.
3. **Church Plant:** Update you on some of the encouraging fruits thus far in our church plant, but also ways we hope to build and improve our current crawl, walk, run, plant church plant strategy.
4. **Staff Search:** Inform you of the current status of our Youth Pastor and Campus Pastor search.
5. **TBC Vision:** Listen to your feedback and wisdom as far as our 2024 vision (goals, priorities, direction).

Lastly, can I encourage you to continue to do your best for Jesus and help this church be as beautiful and fruitful for our Lord as possible by:

1. **Consistency:** Being as CONSISTENT as possible in your worship, service, and giving on Sunday mornings
2. **Growth:** Help us grow in our areas that need the greatest improvement: prayer, fellowship, and evangelism/outreach.
3. **Fellowship:** As far as fellowship – if you are not part of a Sunday School Class or Home Group would you pray about jumping in or back in in order to help us grow deeper in our fellowship, remember our Lord's commands to consider others above ourselves with a sincere love for the brethren, and to be as faithful and obedient as possible to all the "one another" commands.
4. **Thanksgiving:** Remembering to be thankful, joyful, and prayerful for our church during our growing pains.

Blessings, Pastor Chad

P.S. **Faithful Men** is this Saturday, 7:30a at Marcus Romero's house, and then at 10:00a **helping Jake Waite** - he let me know that he could use some help removing damaged furniture from his house (text me at 2407184659 if you can help). Also, anyone wanting to be baptized this Sunday – there will be an 8:00a **baptism class** at the Calvert Campus (classroom across from the kitchen) followed by the **baptism** during the service (9-10:30a), and don't forget to bring food to share for our fellowship brunch (10:30-11:15a).