

## **FIRST BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Mission - Glorifying God through knowing Christ and making Him known*  
Vision – To be a beacon of light in our community and the world empowered by the Holy Spirit, sustained by prayer so that all are welcome and transformed in Christ

Church Leadership Council Minutes  
Monday, August 2, 2010  
7:00 P.M. Room L44

Attendees (Italicized and bolded): **Andrew Amodei**, Janet Batts, **Julie Bennett**, Buddy Bounds, Bill Campbell, Lawrence Collier, **Lee Cornell**, **Margaret Deans**, **Hoyt Denton**, **Doris Dexter**, **Ashley Dukart**, **Debbie Folk**, **Paul Folk**, Eric Fritz, **Bob Garver**, Les Heaton, **Danny Howe**, **Chris Manley**, Jeff McCord, **Bonnie Macdonald**, **Mike McIntire**, **Dean Odiorne**, David Pond, **Gail Preslar**, **Jerry Repass**, **Melissa Rivers**, **Jason Roberts**, **Mickey Rainwater**, Joyce Russell, **Jim Taylor**, **Bob Viers**, **Fred Wallin**

The meeting was called to order by Julie Bennett at 7:05 p.m. Julie welcomed Mickey Rainwater.

The devotional was given by Ashley Dukart.

### **GOOD NEWS ITEMS**

1. The high school mission trip to Johns Island went exceptionally well. Twelve projects were completed.
2. The middle school group is the most spiritual group we have ever had – very exciting! The group's mission was to re-side a home with vinyl siding. They completed this and went back and added a porch.
3. A mission team from Rockwell, S.C. is working on a new porch on a home here in Kingsport. It is nice to exchange mission opportunities with communities that we serve.
4. While Danny was in New Jersey he had the opportunity to teach a class at a mission school. He also set up some meetings with the General Board. He wants our church to know that the Board had many compliments on how well First Broad Street does things.
5. The United Methodist Men will be having a barbecue meal fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available.
6. The Parsonage Committee did a great job in preparing the parsonage for the Rainwater's.
7. Thirteen hosts have signed up for the neighborhood receptions for the Rainwater's to give folks an opportunity to meet Mickey, Joy and Elizabeth.

8. An appreciation event for teachers is being planned.
9. A new Sunday school class for young married couples called SoulMates is being launched.
10. Vacation Bible School was a huge success. There was an average of 166 in attendance each day.
11. Marilyn Jones is in Texas getting settled. She is very excited about starting seminary at Perkins School of Theology.
12. Twins were born to CLC member, Melissa Rivers.
13. The Flower Festival to be held August 26-28 is fully in the planning process.
14. The International Youth Conference on Evangelism went very well. We are fortunate to have several of our youth interested in ministry – looking forward to some ministry internships.
15. Andrew thanked everyone for supporting him in his ordination and for the stole.
16. The Holston Conference of United Methodist Women met at the Colonial Heights United Methodist Church on July 24-26.
17. Buffalo Mountain camp is a wonderful ministry to young people of this church.

**NEW MEMBERS – Janet Batts** – Due to Janet's absence, none were reported.

**2011 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – Denise McCreight** – Kevin and Denise McCreight are our Chairs for the 2011 campaign. The theme is *Stepping Up & Out in Faith* with a right footprint as the graphic motif. Each toe will have a focal point for the five weeks – Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Prayers, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Presence, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Gifts, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Service, and Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Witness. They chose this concept of "stepping" since it can apply to each aspect of what we're asked to do when we join the church. We are asked to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. In essence, we have to "step up" or participate in order to support our church in each of these roles. However, we often have to "step out in faith" because stepping up in one or more of these areas makes us uncomfortable. We need to have the faith that God will lead us if we only allow him. Many modes of communication will be used including a Sunday School Trivia Game. They have requested that the CLC and the Stewardship and Finance Committee pledge lead the campaign by pledging early. More information will follow. Discussion ensued. They also requested ideas or focal point for trivia questions. Please send these to [mccreight@charter.net](mailto:mccreight@charter.net) or call them at 349-6583.

**MINISTRIES AND STAFF ORGANIZATION STUDY UPDATE – Mike McIntire** – Much data has been collected and assembled in a lengthy document. The team will be meeting next Monday to work start the process of working through the information. We hope to have a progress report in six to eight weeks.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES DIRECTOR SEARCH – Bonnie Macdonald** – Anna Manley has been welcomed to the staff and they are glad to have her. The hours for this position have been changed from 40 to 25 hours. Discussion ensued about some changes in duties. Art and Soul will start September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – Paul Folk and Mike McIntire** – We ended June with a \$138,000 deficit. July's results are not known yet. Revenue for the month was strong. Pledges were at 93%, plate offerings were \$25,000 ahead of last year, and the Child Center revenues have caught up. However, expenses remain high and we expect our deficit to grow \$26,000+. We need to work hard to control costs.

**2011 OPERATING BUDGET DEVELOPMENT – Mike McIntire and Paul Folk** – Budget proposals are due Friday. Please get them in Sue Ann and try to keep them flat or decrease if possible. Discussion ensued.

**SIMPLE CHURCH – Mickey Rainwater and Margaret Deans** – Margaret briefly shared the concept of the book, *Simple Church*, and stated that it is currently under study by the some of the staff. Mickey does see the possible value of this concept for First Broad Street and he will be leading a six to eight week study session of this book during Wednesday night sessions beginning on September 15<sup>th</sup>. He extended an invitation to the CLC and other leadership of the church to participate in this study. Discussion ensued.

**OTHER BUSINESS – Council** – (1) Mickey gave an update on Clark Jenkins. His surgery went well, but the cancer was found in three lymph nodes. He will require six months more chemotherapy. Clark is positive about doing what needs to be done. Continued prayers are needed. Notes and cards are greatly appreciated. (2) 2011 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Broad Street Church. The Lay Leader Committee is putting together some people to discern how to celebrate. Suggestions are welcomed. (3) The high school youth are going through a restructure phase. Please pray that it goes in the right direction. (4) Milton Nelson's brother died. Please keep the family in prayer.

**CLOSING COMMENTS BY SENIOR PASTOR – Mickey Rainwater -**

Mickey thanked everyone for his family's "extravagant" welcoming to Kingsport. The parsonage was in great shape, they have been well fed, and there have been many acts of hospitality. The neighborhood gatherings have been very well organized. His one-on-one visits are much appreciated. Please keep wearing name badges!! He shared that he enjoyed being a pastor and a leader and looks forward to the coming months and years.

Mickey closed with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Folk, Secretary