

Christian Enrichment

September 5, 2006

Attendance: S. Duncan, D. Lawton, R. Van Sickle, D. Bullock, M. Woodside, D. Summers-Minette, T. Knight, D. Wilkins.

Dave Wilkins opened the meeting in prayer.
August minutes were approved.

New Business:

Program volunteers:

- The committee discussed the lack of volunteers for the children's and adult programs and concluded the issue needs new emphasis at a CEM and Session level.
- Discussed inviting newer members to participate in teaching and shepherding Sunday school classes, as well as in other special events. Will need to get a list of newer members to contact, recognizing that there appears to be no one with the church coordinating plugging folks into church activities.
- CEM will review its programs and develop alternative means of continuing the many activities without pressuring the few persons who have volunteered much of their time in the past and may be burnt out.

2006 Budget:

- Review YTD 2006 actual spend and going forward budget.
- Discussed and approved up to a total of \$750 the request from Susan Duncan for a new DVD capable TV, a digital camera and Godly Play curriculum. Funds are included in the 2006 budget.

2007 Budget

- Discussed 2007 budget.
- Approved for submittal to session, ELP 2007 proposed budget of \$366,740
- CEM 2007 proposed budget to be reported next month

Old Business

5-Year Plan:

- Discussed the 5-year plan drafted in August.
- Will make a few revisions and finalize.

Reports:

Children's Program: Susan Duncan reporting:
See attached September report.

ELP Report: Rita Van Sickle reporting:

- WECARE conference was successful. God provided window air conditioning units just in time for the event after the church air system went down. 300 preschool teachers attended.
- 11 full and partial scholarships this year
- 2006-2007 school year is full up, except for a couple of Kindergarten slots.
- Discussed 2006 and 2007 budget.

Adult CE Report: Dan Summers-Minette reporting:

- Classes have been contacted
- Working on getting more adult committee members
- Discussed new class ideas.

The next CE meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm.

Denise Bullock took prayer concerns and closed the meeting in prayer with petitions to our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Wilkins

August 2006 Children's Programs CEM Report

Dates to remember:

8/13*	Mission Trip Presentations Sunday	Sunday School Hour
8/16	Conroe ISD start date	
8/17-18	ELP Hosting "We Care Preschool Conference"	
8/20/06*	The "Hat You'll Wear Fair"	Sunday School Hour
8/25	Fourth Friday Fun Fest	6:30-8:30 p.m.
8/27	Creation Rotation Children's Sunday School starts	Sunday School Hour
8/27 *	Godly Play Parent Orientation	Sunday School Hour
8/28	Healing Service	7:30 p.m.
9/3	Labor Day Sunday Fun-day	Sunday School Hour
9/5	ELP starts back!	Weekdays 9-3 p.m.
9/17	Third Grader's Bible Presentation	11:00 Service
9/23	Nathan George Clark Concert in the park	
9/24	Fall Festival and Alternative Market	12:30-2:30 p.m.
10/7	Christian Connections Save the date!	Sat. 9-3 p.m.
Presbytery Workshops for church leaders and teachers		
11/19	Advent Festival	12:15- 2:00 p.m.
11/23	Thanksgiving Outreach Fellowship Hall	11-3 p.m.
12/3	Children's and Youth Christmas Music	Evening TBA
12/23	Cookies, Caroling and Cocoa	
12/24	Children's Christmas Eve Service	5:00 p.m.
<u>2007</u>		
1/27*	Love Your Neighbor Day	
2/25	Children's Sabbath	both Services
3/12-3/16	CISD Spring Break	
4/2-4/6	Holy Week Devotions Prayer Garden	7:30 a.m.
4/8	Easter Festival and Butterfly Release	Sunday School Hour
4/15	Youth Sunday	both Services
5/6	Sunday School Volunteer Appreciation	S.S. Hour and 11:00 Service
5/20	High School Senior's Sunday	
6/11-6/15	Tentative VBS date or Science/Spanish/Drama Camp date	
7/16-7/20	Alternate VBS date or Science/Spanish/Drama Camp date	

*Nursery Available

Nursery

All our Nursery staff vacancies have been filled. We have Abigail Jones and Katie Hogue will be joining our staff as the new youth caregivers for the older preschoolers during the church hour. We have some new faces for Mom's Etc. nurseries too. All former contract employees (staff who work just 2 times a month at Mom's Etc. and occasional substitutes) have been converted to regular employees at Carol's request. I have spent a lot of time this summer tracking them all down and getting 6-10 pages of paperwork filled out correctly for each of these 11 employees plus all the new nursery staff. Some have been out of town and I am still trying to get their forms filled out. Because of the new staff joining us we will have a meeting to go over WCPC Nursery Policies and Procedures after worship or Mom's etc. this September.

Sunday School

Summer Sunday school will be studying the Bible Stories of Jesus, Daniel, Peter and Paul in July and August using the Treasure Seekers Summer curriculum. The younger children are using Godly Play stories with more crafts, cooking and games than the lessons typically involve. During the weeks before and after VBS the older children watched The Chronicles of Narnia and will do a lesson on the movie. Teachers include Kristi Martin, Katie Castro, Susan Duncan, Tricia Knight, Sara Braisted, Mary Ellen Bryant, Stephen Duncan and Debra Martinez for the end of July and August. The older children are using rotation

activities in one or two rooms upstairs to study these Bible stories more in depth. Sunday August 13th the children 4th-6th grades are invited to come to the Mission presentation with their parents. Sunday August 20th during the "Hat You'll Wear Fair" the 6 year and younger children will have a Sunday school activity in a smaller, quieter setting in room 101. We are asking all Sunday school, fellowship sponsors, music program teachers, VBS and youth group volunteers to complete or update by re-completing their Volunteer forms in order to meet the recheck every 3 years criteria in our policy. We will have a table set up for getting, filling out and returning volunteer forms at the Fair. The new Fall theme starts Sunday August 27th and is on the topic of Creation. That Sunday we will also have a Godly Play Demonstration at 11:00 in H-3. Labor Day weekend Sunday we will combine the children's classes for a Fun Day movie or activity and resume rotating the rest of the Sundays in September. Next year Melanie Harrison has proposed (discussed in last winter's meetings before youth was split off the CEM team) teaching a 5th and 6th grade class and taking them out of the rotation. We need to look at the ages and rotations and figure out how we will work this out next fall.

Children's Fellowship Groups

The groups are invited to participate in Family Game nights this summer. I am in the process of finding new leaders for the Alpha Kids and Amigos, Kristi Martin so far has agreed to be one of them. The CEM Committee, discussing the Alpha Group this Spring when it was discontinued temporarily from a notable lack of interest (0-2 attending last Fall's meetings), were thinking of moving the meeting time to Wednesday night after WAM and we are thinking of including a Scout God and Me program with the curriculum to see if these steps would generate more attendance. Since two of the Amigos leaders are not coming back I am holding a parents meeting August 6th after Worship to see if we have any interest in the programs and what times might be better for them.

Vacation Bible School

We had a very busy week and lots of children (around 90) having fun thanks to the many volunteers for VBS this year. Diana Lawton, Michelle Wilkins, Lisa Skinner, Debi McNaught, Sally Bowers, Brendan Ross, Laura Bertwell and Sylvia Campbell headed up the main components of the week and we thank them for their commitment as well as the many other shepherds and youth helpers who helped during the week.

Long range Plans 2006 School Year

Summer: starting June 4th

June 4, 11, 18 & 25	Treasure Seekers: Joseph, The Ten Commandments,
July 2, 9, 16	Two Stories of Shepherds: A Shepherd Becomes King And Jesus, The Good Shepherd, Abraham and Sarah,
August	The Parable of the Forgiven Son, and Paul Shipwrecked
August 20th	Rally Day
Aug. 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24	Creation (Sept 3 Labor Day Sunday Fun Day)
October 1, 8, 15 & 22	Moses in Egypt: Preschool A Baby In The Basket and Elementary Moses and The Pharaoh
Oct. 29, November 5, 12, 19	The Prophets, Preschool focusing on Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet (Nov. 26th Sunday Fun Day)
December 3, 10, 17 & 24	The Season of Advent
January 7, 14, 21, & 28	Parables: The Good Samaritan
February 4, 11, 18, & 25	Parables: Lost and Found, One Coin and Two Sons
March 4, 11, 18, & 25	Lent: Synagogue and Upper Room Elementary GP Story Lent: Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem Godly Play Stories
April 1, 15, 22, & 29	The Faces of Easter
April 8th	Easter Festival
May 6, 13, 20, 27	More Parables: Scattered on Good Ground

