

Aldersgate Church Council meeting was held on February 23. Bill Phillips, Chair opened the meeting with a very important question, "What do we as a church need to repent?" Cherie Portinga gave opening prayer. Staff and Committee reports followed.

Maria Newsum, Family and Children's Ministries

- March 21 - Egg Hunt
- Confirmation currently in progress, recognition and luncheon May 16.
- Fishing Rodeo being planned for future.
- Faith Village needs helpers for 4&5 year olds and 1st and 2nd graders.
- Quilters planning a project for children's gift.
- Adult Bible studies currently being held Wed and Sun evenings.
- Fall Studies being planned.
- Quilt and Crafter Retreat March 13.

Jenn Wilson - Youth and Young Adults

- January began with a bang as we welcomed Terri Gibbs to the newly remodeled Family Life Center.
- Wed night Theology through TV continues.
- Girl/mentor book club and Band of Brothers Bible Study continues.
- Average attendance on Sunday night is 8-10 for Jr. High and 20-30 for Sr. High.
- Jenn and 5 adult women attended Montreat College Conference.
- Women in the Way house have recruited new faces for young adult program and led the Jan. Sun eve Bible Studies.
- Excellent turnout for super bowl bash, thanks to Crowell Family.
- Valentine's Dance cancelled due to conflict with school calendar.
- Jr High winter event is Feb 26 weekend in Tybee Island.
- Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner brought in \$550.65.
- Young Adult bible study moving to Monday evenings, Disciple I study begins in March.
- Women of the Way House are learning leadership and teaching principles.
- A new application for the Way House is being reviewed.

Linda Bradberry - Music Ministry

- All choirs scheduled in worship during Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr
- Aldersgate Singers participated in Choir Festival with 200 other singers from GA/AL
- Youth Singers faithful and hard working. They enjoy singing with Chancel Choir and Aldersgate Singers. They travel to Springmaid Beach in April.
- Chancel Choir are always in worship and very faithful to rehearsal times, working on music for Palm Sunday and Easter.
- Music department thankful to have organist, Laura Lowe

Wendy Crowell - Congregational Care

- Met in January and discussed coordination of the ministry areas (Hospital Visitation, Shut-In Visitation, Communion Ministry, Flower Ministry and Bereavement Ministry.) Wendy will coordinate all areas.
- Proposed new ministries include lawn care/home maintenance, new baby/new mommy, transportation, casserole and grief recovery. Some of these may be delayed due to budget restraints.
- Many visitations have been made to hospitals, nursing homes and shut-ins. Flowers have been delivered, communion served and sermon recordings delivered

Carol Sayers - Nurture

- Worship Committee met Jan 5, next meeting Mar 2
- Churchwide survey in process to determine members' Worship preferences.
- Seder Meal is March 21, \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children
- Maundy Thursday service is April 1
- Church open for prayer on Good Friday
- Aldersgate will be participating in Easter Sunrise services, plans incomplete at present time.

Dave Bolyard - Outreach

- VA Cookout being planned by David Pitts, date tba.
- Operation Augusta Cares - May 8 at Family 7
- Trip to Gulfport MS will be sometime this fall
- Disaster Training Workshop being planned for Augusta District, will be held at Aldersgate.
- Camp Glisson, April 21-23
- Nicaragua mission trip, Sept. 4-11
- Augusta Urban Ministries Walk for Others will be Sat. Apr 24, 8:30 am at St. James UMC
- Every Member in Ministry - May 8, one team will help with Operation Augusta Cares
- No current report on Interfaith Hospitality

Al Stocks - Witness

- Pie Ministry active
- Church needs to be very deliberate and proactive in greeting visitors and welcoming new members. Would like Worship committee to look into, perhaps a committee could be formed to address this.
- John Garrard working on marketing efforts
- Faith Friends active due to efforts of Dawn and Jill.
- Community Events - Sheryl Jolly in charge
- Dan Hamilton would like to have New Member classes in spring and fall

Beth Fisher – Staff Parrish

- Recommended to District that John stay at Aldersgate
- Associate Pastor position turned back over to District for June appointment. This is result of budget restraints. Laity will be needed for now to work with Maria during transition
- Worship/Praise Leader position still open. Possibly have someone interested, will await outcome of survey to see if this position is needed.
- Debbie Young finished her accounting duties January 31, Carl now doing all accounting work as well as administrative duties

Ed Wicker, Jr. – Finance

- Budget presented, total proposed budget is \$827,817. Ed reviewed each and every line item and explained how budget amount was determined. This budget allowed for a small year-end deficit, however a one time gift of \$35,000 will allow for a balanced budget.
- Those members who had pledged in the past and none yet received for 2010 have been contacted
- All Stocks moved to approve the budget, second by Jeff Barrett. Motion passed.

Rob Sherman – Trustees

- Trustees are reviewing use of church vans, custodial contracts, checking in and out of keys to church property
- Sub committee may be formed to review kitchen use guidelines
- Spring workday at Lake property will be scheduled.

Cherie Portinga – Lay Leader

- It is important that all of us get the word out about our new facility. Additional usage will ease budget constraints

Building Committee

February 22 meeting has been postponed. No report this evening.

John Pinson – Pastors Report

- Current open chair positions are for Men's and Women's Ministries.
- Church Survey scheduled as soon as software for same is up and running. Results will be given to Worship Committee. Survey will be available online.
- We received a donation for the Tree of Life from individual from Curtis Baptist Church.
- Read Luke 13:31 about the naysayers. Reminded us all Aldersgate is doing ministry and making disciples for Jesus Christ.

- Read letter from District office requesting our opinion on relocation site for Quest Church. John read proposed response indicating that we continue to support the Quest Church. Motion made by Dave Bolyard to send letter, second by Bobby Jones. Motion passed.

John ended the meeting with prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Ford, Secretary