

Elder meeting Oct 16, 2018:

- Pre-elder meeting with preschool 5:30 to 6:30 PM: AJ, Mark, Ron, Bob, Pastor Pete, Pastor Scott and Matt present. Shared meal with time of general fellowship and then group discussion time.
- Discussion key points:
 - Preschool expressed they would like from the elders/church...support and appreciation in general; assistance with ideas on how to reach/minister to the preschool families; specific recommendation was prayer “box” that elders could pray over.
 - Preschool expressed that they feel they are often the last to be thought of or informed about things at Grace (e.g. During half day lunches, preschool is last to eat and sometimes forgotten). Communication and mindset needed to change this.

Present for regular meeting- Jeff, Vicar Dave, AJ, Pastor Pete, Dean, Ron, Bob, Pastor Sam, Mark, Pastor Scott, and Matt

Opening prayer- Pastor Scott; praise for Aviles family safety during MVA earlier in day.

Devotional- Pastor Pete: Grace is at a *Kairos* moment!!!

Agenda:

1. Biblical financial stewardship lesson #10- Pastor Pete. *Stewardship is our way of acknowledging and showing our faith in the gospel.*
2. CMC Mission launch- Vicar Dave & Jeff; met with Principal Marty at Felicita Elementary and they are very open to partnering with Grace; Principal Marty offered to promote the 17 Nov soccer camp without prompting. Needs of Felicita students- After school programs & recreational activities (families not financially able to pay) to prevent gang involvement. Pastor Sam recommends developing partnership with families and challenged us to ask what is the “why” that is driving the ministry. We need to think, pray and work through some of the logistics related to this opportunity.
3. Vison- AJ. AJ to send notes in separate email. Pastor Sam recommends watching Simon Sinek’s “Finding the Why”.
4. Worship revitalization- Pastor Scott
 - a. Two positions needed: 1) Worship leader that is paid staff; job description already exists; 2) Tech team leader; need job description and leader (? Paul Isbell). Need this to revitalize and become more relevant.
 - b. Terminate Saturday night worship service as of 17 Nov. ***Need to make decision on this ASAP and will move it forward through email discussion.***
 - c. Possible alternative Saturday night (or Wednesday night...?) activities- school musicals, family nights, preschool family outreach, life groups host school families by grade, common ground ministries, work with interfaith, celebrate recovery, serenity house...