

**Yates Baptist Church
Business Meeting
April 22, 2009**

Frank Gibson, Chairman of Deacons, called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

The Church Clerk moved that the minutes of the January 28 business meeting be accepted as printed. The motion was seconded and approved. The Clerk made a motion that the following person be granted the transfer of his letter as requested:

Jeff Prince-First Baptist Church, Morganton, NC.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Bob Wilmarth, the Church Treasurer, presented the financial reports for the church and for the Child Development Center. (Attachment # 1). He commented that the first quarter offerings were down by \$4,000 from this time last year. No one knows why things like this go up and down. There were no questions regarding the financial statements.

Mark Hutchins presented the church with an update from the Parking Lot Ad Hoc Committee. He reported that things were progressing as planned.

- John Myklebust commented that we need money to repair the current lot because we are crunched for space.
- John Harris commented that we are working with a civil engineer to draw a plan that can be presented to the church.
- Bob Wilmarth said that the current parking lots are in great need for markings that can be seen. Mark Hutchins explained that this situation was in the hands of the House and Grounds Committee.
- Frank asked if the House and Grounds Committee is looking into this. Russ Medlin answered his question. He said that the Committee was looking at different designs to give room for more cars.
- Don Gordon said that the committee wants to wait until the rest of the parking lot plans are completed before making any improvements to the current lots.

- Gene Smith asked if the committee was looking at any plans. He was informed that they are currently working with Clift Creedle. The church has approved up to \$15,000 for this process. There have been some communication problems.
- Gene Smith noted that we have a plan. He asked if that plan was adequate. It was explained that we want something a little different to give the church members a better visual of the lot.
- Frank Gibson asked if there are plans to raise money for the lots, such as the Honoring God's House program.
- Bob Wilmarth said that there were no plans at this time. The Honoring God's House money is available only for the loan for the renovations that have been completed and the two properties which have been purchased.
- Mark Hutchins explained that the Finance Committee is responsible for any recommendation regarding financing.

There were no more questions and comments about the Parking Lot Ad Hoc Committee report.

Old Business:

There was no old business for this meeting.

New Business:

Frank Gibson presented a statement for the Deacon Body concerning the Long Range Visioning and Planning Assessment.

Yates Baptist Church has just completed an extensive evaluation process of the ministries of the church through Team 24/7. The Team 24/7 evaluation began in early 2007 and concluded with church-wide approval in November 2008. The deacons are responsible for carrying out 15 recommendations related to 8 ministry areas in the church over the next three years. One major recommendation deals with exploring an alternative number and schedule for worship services in 2010. A second major recommendation deals with exploring ways to improve the effectiveness of the committees, councils and teams of the church. This will be dealt with in 2011. We also have a Parking Lot Ad-Hoc Committee that is currently working to improve the parking facilities of the church. The deacons and staff have determined the Team 24/7 recommendations

along with the parking lot improvements will demand a great deal of time and will have a significant impact on the future of our church.

Therefore, the deacons of Yates Baptist Church, in agreement with the ministerial staff, recommend that we revisit the long range visioning and planning process in the fall of 2011.

Since this statement came as a report no action was needed.

- Judy Smith asked if there was some way the statement can be publicized giving access to all church members. It was decided to put the statement in the newsletter and on the website. Frank will give the statement to the proper persons to get this done.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice B. Bates
Church Clerk