

**Yates Baptist Church  
Business Meeting  
January 23, 2008**

Linda Mercer, Chairman of Deacons, called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

The minutes of the October 17, 2007 and the November 18, 2007 Business Meetings were reviewed. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved.

Kathy Stickley, Church Clerk, reported that there had been a request that the following letter be granted: Alan W. Maddox to Elkton Baptist Church, Elkton, Tennessee

Bob Wilmarth, Church Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports for Yates Baptist Church and Yates Baptist Church Child Development Center for the year-to-date through December, 2007 (see Attachment 1). The reports were accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

- Mike English reported from the **Long Range Facilities Planning Committee**. The church had previously approved that up to \$15,000 be spent on hiring Cradle Architects to prepare a complete parking lot design. This was to include renovation of our existing lots and the addition of parking lots on the property that the church owns on Chapel Hill Road. Mike reported that the committee plans to change architectural firms, and that no money has been spent at this time. The owner of the next house on Chapel Hill Road has contacted the church to ask if we are still interested in purchasing the house when he decides to sell. The LRFPC will decide how to proceed, and bring the recommendation to the church.

- Judy Smith reported from **Team 24/7**. She reviewed the history of this team, its membership, and the progress it has made so far in assessing the ministries of Yates Baptist Church. From 20 identified ministry areas throughout the church, 9 were prioritized as having a significant impact on the church's ability to fulfill its mission. Those areas are: Committee Structure, Adult Sunday School, Small Groups, Senior Adults, Non-Local Missions, Singles, Worship, Local Missions, and Outreach. The team will now ask many church members who are involved in these ministry areas to help the team assess what is going well, what could be going better, what opportunities we're missing, and what suggestions would enhance the effectiveness and impact of these areas. Team 24/7 hopes to finish the assessments in April, and report to the church in early fall. No questions were asked (See Attachment 2).

- Don Gordon reported that the **Missions Council** has created the Operation In As Much Planning Team for 2008. Elizabeth Gordon will lead the team. Operation In As Much is scheduled for April, 19, 2008. This date is being promoted nationwide as a day for groups to participate mission opportunities throughout their communities.

Frank Foy presented information regarding the Karen refugee family that will soon arrive. Yates will provide 4 to 6 months of support for this family while they are adjusting to their new area

and finding employment. Our Mission Fund will contribute \$2,000 to help them get settled. We will provide furniture for their apartment, food, help with enrolling the children in school, and anything else that we can do to help them assimilate into the community. The family that we are supporting consists of a mother, father, and two children - ages five and two. Gene Smith emphasized that we are to teach them how to get what they need - not just simply provide everything for them. It is hoped that the family will attend Yates at least one time so that we can meet them. John Saunders said that a Karen Baptist Church meets at University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill. The Yates Association has provided Bibles, hymnals, and other needs for this church.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Gene Smith closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Stickley  
Church Clerk