

4/25/2018 Town Hall Recap

Investing in the Future: Children's Ministry

Lee Anne Fernandez, along with a couple of our church's children, gave a fun announcement about this summer's VBS. During the week of June 11-15, children from our church and around our community will get together on our campus to learn about Jesus. This year the theme is "Game On!" and we will need your help with classes, games, snacks, and other activities. We will also continue offering children's church and Wednesday night programs over the summer this year to keep children and families plugged in. For more information contact our Children's Ministry Director, Sharon Halliday (SHalliday@faithepc.net or 352-279-9625)

Investing in the Future: Youth Retreat

On April 13th-15th, Impact Youth held their annual retreat at Camp Geneva. Emma Theodore shared a testimony about her experience at the retreat. Everyone had a great time. A major take away from the teachings over the weekend was the practical ways submission to the Lord is expressed in our worship. With the retreat behind them, they are now turning their attention to the Summer Mission Trip to Chattanooga, TN. Students and leaders meet on Sunday's before youth rally for missions training.

Investing in the Future: Generations Project

Carolyn Bronson gave us an update on where we are and what we can look forward to in the future with our building project. She began by thanking us for our financial and prayer support. We recently submitted the contract and paid the deposit for phase one. Phase one focuses on remodeling the current office building and fellowship hall to provide a safe and centralized location for our children's ministries. This includes the construction of a new office wing on the south side of our sanctuary so that we can convert the current offices into classroom space. Carolyn also shared that we are \$50,000 away from fully covering the costs of this first phase. We are excited about getting this first part of our project underway and look forward to working on phase two in the future. More information, including renderings, the vision and history of the project, and ways to support are available on the church's website, FaithEPC.net.

Local Outreach: Shower and Soup Ministry

One of the best kept secrets at Faith Church is the Shower and Soup ministry. On 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, members of our church come together in the Family Life Center to provide a warm meal, shower, clothes, and other items to homeless members of our city. Jody shared how encouraging the support of the church and the provision of the Lord has been in this ministry. At the moment they are providing 40 home cooked meals each outreach while building relationships and caring their physical needs. Meetings will be on the 11th and the 25th.

Global Church: Andrew Brunson

Pastor Matt provided an update on EPC missionary to Turkey, Pastor Andrew Brunson. Pastor Brunson has lived in Turkey for over 20 years and was imprisoned in October of 2016 on a variety of false charges ranging from terrorism to espionage. On April 16th, 2018 he appeared in a Turkish court and underwent hours of questioning and testimony. He returned to prison to await the next stage of the trial on May 7th. The conditions of his detainment have improved and his case has caught the attention of the world. Please continue to pray for Pastor Brunson's release and his family.

Training Leaders: Seminary Support

One of the unique ministries of Faith Church is its seminary support program. Our church has supported a long line of men who went on to serve Faith or were sent out into other churches to be ministers of the Word. Chris Carpenter participates in our seminary support program and will be completing his course work this fall. In the meantime, he has been interviewing with different churches around the country, prayerfully seeking the right ministry opportunity. He expresses his gratitude for our support and asks for our prayer as he seeks a call.

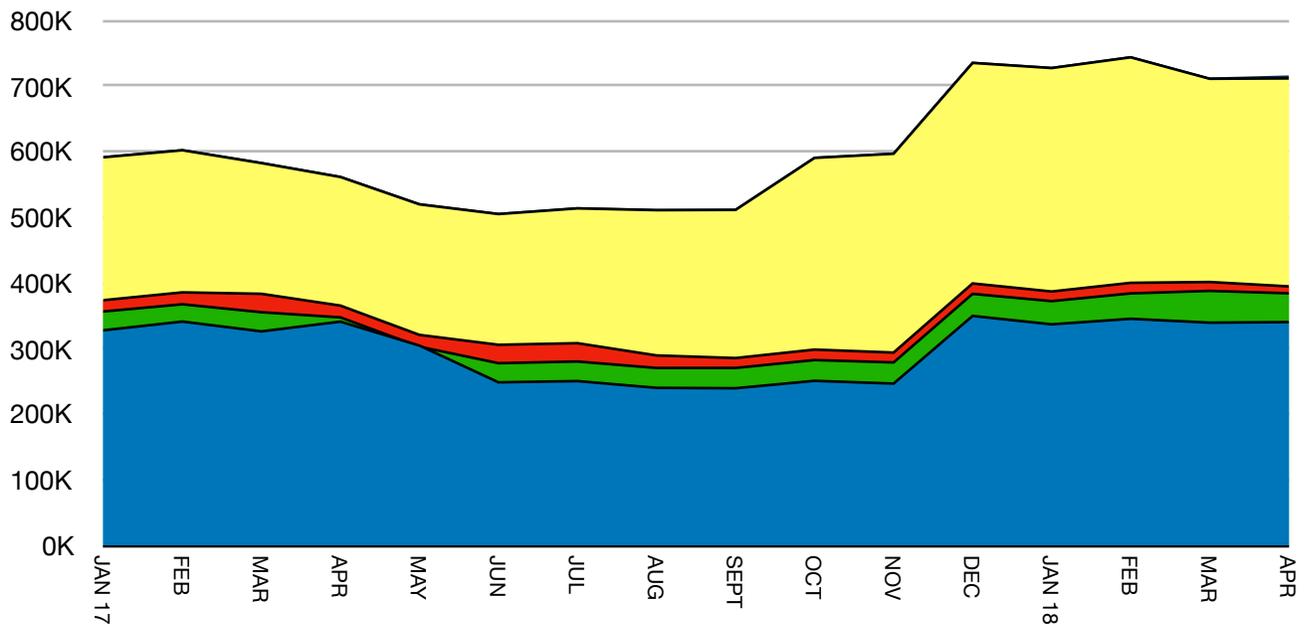
Administrative Update

At the end of the meeting, Pastor Anthony gave an administrative update. The church has established a **Seminary Scholarship Fund**. This fund is used to supplement the tuition costs of the seminary expenses for the students enrolled in the Seminary Support Program. As tuition costs have increased and our churches financial situation changes, we have set limits to the amount of our budget we can commit to this program. Families, friends, and individuals who want to support our church in its mission to training future pastors are able to give to this fund. Disbursement of the scholarship fund is determined by the session of our church. For more information on this fund, contact Pastor Anthony.

Pastor Anthony also provided updates on upcoming **Legacy Projects** to the sanctuary building. We will be replacing the roof and restoring the soffit & fascia. These projects are estimated to cost around \$90k-\$100k. We will be using the full balance of the Legacy fund as well as a portion of our General fund to complete this project. He thanked us and reminded us that our giving to the Legacy fund as well as our tithes and offerings are what allow us to maintain and careful for our beautiful campus.

Finally he shared a chart showing us a picture of our **Current Financial Position**. We currently have more cash on hand over all and in our general fund than we did at the same time last year. At the same time, he mentioned that as we move forward with our Legacy Projects and Building Expansion Project, our overall balances will reduce rapidly. He thanked us for our giving and reminded us that everything we do here at Faith Church from VBS to international missions support to reroofing our sanctuary is possible because of the Lord's generosity through the giving of the members of Faith Church.

Ending Monthly Balance from Jan 2017 - Apr 2018



- Seminary Scholarship \$2,500
- Building Exp \$316,712
- Adult Missions \$10,513
- Legacy \$43,861
- General \$340,570