

Sailboat Church – Follow up Summary

As you review this summary, please keep these scriptures in your hearts to help guide our discernment of God's will.

Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Luke 10:25-28 "Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

Things we are doing well:

Worship (4x)

- Music/Singing praises to our Lord (4x)
- AV Team streaming worship (4x)
- COVID Remembrance service (2x)
- New piano/potential for recitals (2x)
- Start of 12 step worship services

Care

- Fellowship (3x)
- Welcoming Church (2x)
- Care for our home bound w/comm (2x)
- Being together
- Caring community / Caring for members
- Coffee hour
- Connect pretty well
- Demonstrate healthy relationships/invite others in
- Greeting new people & caring for them
- Helping others
- Hospitable – welcoming w/o judgment
- Potlucks
- We like each other/enjoy each other's company—even outside of church, not clicky

Missions

- National Night Out (4x)
- Sisseton (3x)
- Warm coats (2x)
- Growing vegetables (Garden) (2x)
- Food Pantry (2x)
- Feeding those in need (2x)
- Vets/We Who Serve (2x)
- International – Ghana/Ukraine (2x)
- Desire/commitment to community service
- Garden
- Generosity – taking mission seriously
- Give to the poor
- Helping/taking care of the less fortunate (2x)
- History of service (VBS, Habitat)
- Lakeview Elem School
- Meals
- Reaching out to those who need help
- Shelter tree at Christmas

Other

- Challenge each other (2x)
- A seeking church
- Accepting of differences
- Beautify our facility
- Cherish our staff
- Holy Spirit is leading us
- Host facility users (AA/Scouts/YDS/etc)
- How we experience disappointment
- Involvement in the community
- PCUSA decent and in order
- Persevering
- Renovate
- Risk experimentation even if sometimes fail
- Share our facility
- Smile well and laugh
- Thinking/adaptable
- Using our resources
- Volunteers
- We eat/pray well
- Wealthy stewards
- Workdays

What can we do to glorify God?

- Everything on the "what we do well" list (2x)
- Acknowledge the 'hound of heaven'
- Adopt attitudes to glorify God
- Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder
- Attitude of thinking forward
- Become as prayor, the prayer itself
- Cup emptying – pray to release distractions and feeling and what promotes those feelings to be able to focus
- Daily devotions
- Finding ways to serve others as our way of glorifying God
- Help people through transitions-clothes closet
- "I" along with "We" glorify God
- Keep eyes open to what the Holy is doing in and through us
- Keep eyes/hearts open
- New 12-step worship services
- Pray even when convinced its not doing any good, but pray anyway
- Pray without ceasing
- Pray without ceasing – training and communication
- Prayer group
- Sing praises – making a joyful noise
- Stay, be become more humble
- Understanding prayer as more than words
- Worship

Learnings from the Book

- Attitude changes
- Attitude of turning to the Holy Spirit
- Be open to the Holy Spirit
- Change is going to engender conflict
- Change our attitudes
- God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves (Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, without Jesus can do nothing)
- Have maps/compass
- Less rowing/more sailing

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Let go (of the past) and Let God (with the Holy Spirit for our future)
Looking forward
Move out into the community
Not being afraid to risk
Not our/my will – but God’s Will
Orientation, we need to be moving to do God’s will (on the other hand, God can redeem our mistakes)
Pray more and listen quietly
Rowboat – just work harder vs. Sailboat - take a deep breath and trust the wind/ruach will take us where we need to go
That “functional atheism” is ‘thinking you have to do it all’ & thus functioning as if God doesn’t have an active part in what we do
“The answer is blowing in the wind”
The unexpected happens
Through change we grow
Trust the action of the Spirit in others
Trust the Holy Spirit/water/wind
To stay in the air the airplane has to keep moving

Passions for Ministry

Clothes closet (3x)
Blessing card/welcome bags
Community thanksgiving dinners COTC had in the past
Do a bucket list
Evangelism
Garden – harvesting vegies for families
Loving justice – acceptance of all as loved by God equally/equity
National Night Out
Personal passion: 12-step worship service and providing a place for chronically mentally ill to have social activities
Officer Matt Park work w/us in neighborhood
Piano
Praying at restaurants
Racial justice/equity

Restarting our drama program
Searching/seeking what is it to know and do the will of the Holy One
Sisseton
Study
The Gathering Place – hidden treasures unfold when we’re looking forward
To put down the oars
Worship /Worship music

God what do you want us to be doing now?

Accepting to other’s new ideas
Acknowledge our realities
Addressing issues of younger families, i.e. during holidays/dates nights/holiday shopping for kids/parents)
Attending groups already present
Be a reflection of Christ in the community
Be faithful
Be faithful and fearless in what we are doing and seeing God in it with us/in us
Be open to a future very different from past or present
Be open to all volunteers and include them
Be open to no future as a church for it may not be God’s will
Be open to the Holy Spirit proddings
Bilingual person to assist us
Blessed w/volunteers who fill in the blanks
Bring more to faith (into our faith commtly.)
Challenge of this question is – discernment
Clothes closet
Community connections (w/Officer Matt?)
Connect with Steeple Hill families/have day of programs
Do God’s will as we understand it “even at risk of losing it’s life”
Doing things for families
Engage people in service ministries
Focus on what our community needs and let that be our focus
Focus passions

Glorify God
Honor scouts – Boy Scout Sunday (God in country/God in community)
Improve our prayer practices
Improve our retention with those who come in our doors
Improve volunteer opportunities by communication (bulletin
Interfaith community game night/social activities
Interfaith functions – annual
Invite Hispanic people/hire a PT bilingual staff
Let go of something we do well, to fulfill another passion
Letting go of guilt – we have not failed
Mission accomplished – *“have run the good faith”* (doesn’t say I/we won)
Music – HS Concerts/parents/neighbors come/ madrigal groups
No idea, and yet trust seeds will be planted
Others joining us
Partner with God
Piano concerns/recitals for students
Pick up from people’s vocations – educational, loaves/fishes
Pickle ball in gym
Pray (2x)
Reach out to community / senior community
Rummage sale
Send out invite to Hanover Park, Christ Presbyterian Church
The joy of being found
What God wants from us may/will change
Worship
Worship ideas - “The Word with Waffles”
“Pondering Pancakes with Paul”