

FAMILY OF FAITH CHURCH
Nevada, Iowa

January 18, 2012

Session Meeting Minutes:

The Session of the Nevada Family of Faith Church held a meeting on Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 PM at the home of Ron and Louise Meals. Present were elders Jason Boyd, Karen Chance, Stacy Dobernecker, Ron Meals, and Pastor Scott Milsom.

Moderator Scott Milsom called the meeting to order. Devotions were from Daniel 3, starting with verse 13 telling the story of King Nebuchadnezzar throwing three of Daniel's friends into a flaming furnace because they would not bow down to a gold image of the king. The result was a penalty of a fiery death. But God intervened and spared their lives, showing that He is in charge. When we face trials and difficulties we can also expect God to be in charge and be with us through these experiences and times. This devotion was followed with prayer.

Clerk of Session Report: Ron Meals presented the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting. These minutes were accepted and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scott commented on visits to homes in the community made last Sunday afternoon, January 15, as part of the "Let's Go Fishing" project. He considered this a positive experience and a success. Nine people in four teams representing our church made 13 contacts. It was felt that information obtained from these contacts was very valuable. Scott emphasized the need to report this to our church family and the importance of inviting others to be involved as we make plans for the next set of visitations.

Scott also reminded the group that Carolyn Nystrom, Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's River and Lakes Presbytery will be meeting with us on Wednesday, February 8. The focus of this meeting will center around a discussion regarding possibilities of joining the EPC denomination. This meeting will be held at the Milsom's home.

Christian Education Ministry: Elder Stacy Dobernecker reported on the Sisters of Faith meeting held on January 11. It was a successful meeting and will be followed by another meeting on February 1. She reported that Jan Chance requested a leave of absence as a Sunday School teacher. Also Stacy informed the group that meetings for the youth will probably be planned to take place on various late Sunday afternoons. An update was provided regarding the survey for couples group study that might be held on Wednesday evenings. Several have been returned. Stacy announced that she is in the process of examining possible Sunday School materials that might start in March and will cover all age groups including adults. A discussion was also held regarding the topic of membership requirements for our Family of Faith Church.

The Christian Education Ministry report was accepted and approved.

Worship Ministry Team: Elder Jason Boyd discussed possibilities with the group regarding arrangements for special music during worship services, perhaps something special once a month. Also since Pastor Scott will be absent Sunday of January 29 because of the death of his

mother and the need to attend her memorial service that weekend, arrangements will be made for someone to fill the pulpit on that day. The Worship Ministry Team's report was accepted and approved.

Evangelism and Mission, and Outreach Ministry Team: Elder Lori Mensing needed to be absent for this meeting but left word that she is thinking ahead regarding a special event for Easter and Lent. She will be presenting ideas and information at an upcoming session meeting.

Member Care Ministry Team: Elder Karen Chance updated the session regarding cards that are being sent to individuals for various reasons. She also provided a reminder about the 50th wedding anniversary event for Jim and Elaine Barnes that will be held Sunday afternoon on January 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Rolling Green Village. Also Karen will be making arrangements to provide a floral arrangement for the memorial service for Scott's mother on Saturday, January 28. The Member Care Ministry Team's report was accepted and approved.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 6:30 PM at the home of Scott and Lori Milsom. The meeting adjourned and closed with prayer.

Ron Meals
Clerk of Session