

# FAMILY OF FAITH CHURCH

Nevada, Iowa

April 4, 2012

The Session of the Family of Faith Church met on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at 6:30 PM at the home of Jim and Barb Axline. Those present were Jim Axline, Jason Boyd, Karen Chance, Stacy Dobernecker, Ron Meals, Lori Mensing, and Pastor Scott Milsom.

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Scott and opened the meeting with prayer. Devotions were from John 20: v1 to 8, describing when Mary Magdelene came to the tomb where Jesus was buried and found the stone covering the tomb rolled away. Others had to come to see for themselves before they could believe that Jesus rose from the dead. We need to let people know the story of the risen Christ – let them come and see and then believe. Those who learn about the Resurrection for the first time may need time before they can understand the true meaning of the risen Lord.

**Clerk of Session Report:** Clerk of Session Ron Meals presented the minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting. These minutes were accepted and approved.

**Pastor's Report.** Pastor Scott provided an update on the request from an individual for \$75 assistance as reported during the previous session meeting. An inquiry revealed that the situation described by this individual was inconsistent. Assistance would be available from other community agencies.

Scott reported on the small church conference he and Ron Meals attended last week in Dubuque. He shared materials that participants used at this conference to discussed with the session some of the strengths of a small church. A discussion was held how we should be aware of the stages of development of our new church. Information was shared that 60% of all churches are at 200 members or less, and 40% are 100 members or less. Scott also distributed a handout from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church providing a definition of a Missional Church.

The pastor's report was accepted and approved.

**Evangelical, Mission, and Outreach Ministry Report:** Elder Lori Mensing provided information regarding those who will be participating with the Nevada Feed the World project. Donations have been received and at this time more than 16 from our church will be involved with this event on Saturday, April 14, at the Nevada Resource Center. Food will be packaged for those in Haiti with 10% to be made available to our local community.

Eight church members have signed up so far to form a team to be involved in the DIRT project (preparation to be involved in training to responding to emergency disasters.) The date has been set for our church members to be involved in the adopt-a-highway cleanup activities. This will take place on Saturday, June 2, with a rain date on Saturday, June 9, and will cover a length of one and a half miles on S14 south of Nevada.

Lori will have more information available regarding the Noah's garden project, which is a project to make garden products available to those in our community who are in need. Also

announced is that there will be an “Old Fashion Bake Sale” sponsored by our church to be held on Saturday, May 12, at the Nevada Hardware Store. Hot dogs, chips, and drink for \$2 will be available from 11:00 to 1:00, with the bake sale taking place from 10:00 to 2:00. More on this later.

The report from the Evangelical, Mission, and Outreach Ministry Team was accepted and approved.

**Members Care Ministry Report:** Elder Karen Chance updated the session on contacts and communication with those in our church family who have special situations and needs. This included mailing Easter cards as a way to stay in touch. A sharing took place with session members to make sure that information regarding those in our church family who need to be contacted. Karen also discussed ideas for setting up for fellowship coffee after church services. The Members Care Team will be providing coffee and other “things” after church in a few weeks. The report from the Member Care Ministry Team was accepted and approved.

**Christian Education Ministry Team Report:** Elder Stacy Dobernecker discussed the excellent representation our church had at the showing of the movie *Monumental* shown recently, featuring and narrated by Kirk Cameron. She reminded session members of the work David Barton has done with his organization Wall Builders, and who was featured in this movie. Mr. Barton has documented and published numerous articles and information regarding the founding of our country based on Christian beliefs and principals. This can be accessed on the Wall Builders’ website.

Elder Stacy also provided a reminder of the upcoming movie *October Baby* to be shown in an Ames theater on Sunday, April 15. The Session gave approval for the promotion of involving our church’s youth with this movie.

A handout was distributed that provided a review on the plans for Easter worship events for Family of Faith Church. Stacy discussed details for arrangements taking place Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday evening, and on Easter Sunday worship. The planning for these events also involved the Worship Ministry Team. (See attached handout.)

The Christian Education Ministry Team report was accepted and approved.

**Worship Ministry Team:** Elder Jason Boyd provided addition information regarding arrangements for the Easter worship activities, emphasizing the worship activities on Sunday will represent more of a celebration because of Christ’s defeat over death and the meaning this has for all Christians. The Maundy Thursday evening service will include Communion after a meal. Jason also explained the format for the worship Friday evening at the Axlines.

Jason informed session members that another person will be trained to handle the video and sound aspects of the worship service on Sunday, April 22.

The report from the Worship Ministry Team was accepted and approved.

**Board of Trustee Report:** This part of the session meeting was moderated by Elder Ron Meals since it would be dealing with Pastors Scott’s compensation package.

Elder Jim Axline provided a financial report representing an income of \$4,666.52 and expenses of \$33559.92 for the month of March for our Family of Life Church, and showing a checkbook balance of \$11,355.51 at the end of the month. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report for the month of March. Motion approved.

Next Elder Axline discussed the financial record of receipts and disbursements since September of 2011, the month when our new church began. The average income for these seven months was \$5009.00 and average disbursements were \$3,387.00. Jim also reported on the meeting he moderated with the Board of Trustees this past Monday evening, and discussed the several budget proposals that were covered at that meeting. As a result Jim presented a rational and a recommended budget proposal to the session that included a compensation package for Pastor Scott that equaled approximately one-half of his total compensation package he had received at his previous church assignment. With this budget recommendation Scott would continue to be compensated on a contract basis. Pastor Scott had input regarding this matter.

Jim presented his recommendation as a motion. The motion was seconded. After consideration and discussion adjustments were made with some items on the proposed budget. The vote for the motion was called for and a vote taken. The motion received approval with a majority vote.

Since Elder Jim is out of town this week, he will provide the final adjusted budget figures as soon as possible when he returns. Jim and Ron will next prepare a letter of agreement to share with Scott to finalize this compensation package.

Being no other business before the session at this time, the meeting adjourned and closed with prayer.

The next session meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the home of Karen Chance.

Ron Meals  
Clerk of Session