

January 9, 2020

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Kids Club: Jan Rue has been working with Pastor Craig to move the program from Christian lessons or study to more activities such as visits to the Carefree Living facility, cooking, decorating, more hands on activities. Sharon Luthens and Devon Luthens have been helping. Attendance has been down so Pastor Craig will be meeting with Jan to decide whether to continue for the rest of the year. Jan's plate is pretty full at the current time.

Report of Other Church Experiences: Rich attended the Praise Fellowship Church and found that the sermon, lasting an hour or more, took up the greater part of the service, which lasted nearly 1½ hours, hymns were on a screen with no written music to follow, and parishioners were able to have coffee during the service. The practice of having coffee during the service was met with mixed feelings by the committee. Joe attended a United Church of Christ service which had a very large children's program. He learned that the church hired an elementary music teacher to develop a children's choir who helped grow the choir to more than 40 children. That church also had a visitation group that visited first time attendees to that church. Jay attended a United Church of Christ service in Brecksville, OH, and pointed out the inclusive welcome statement in their church bulletin along with the expanded opportunities and activities of the church like recording the service on CDs for folks who didn't attend to listen to later, hearing impaired amplifiers for parishioners, and email blasts to the congregation. He also pointed out the ending benediction where the entire congregation participates.

Natural Church Development Survey – Discussion on how to proceed with the questions from the survey resulted in the decision to focus on the 10 lowest ranked questions. The procedure would be to select one of those question to discuss at the following meeting. Rich will make the selection and email the committee as to what question we should focus on for the next meeting.

Small Group Meetings – The dates and topics for the next 4 small group sessions would be provided to the congregation on the reverse side of the Prayer Wall at the next Sunday service. They would begin on Sunday January 19 and continue for the following 3 Sundays consecutively. Jay pointed out that the next 2 small group meetings were designed to specifically focus on teaching how to answer some of the questions from the *Natural Church Development Survey* – how to do evangelism properly.

Assimilating New Members – Same message as last month.

Calendar – No new additions were made to the calendar.

Next Meeting Date & Time – Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:05 PM.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

February • Pot Luck (February 12th)
Small Group Meetings #3 & #4

March •

April •

May • Pot Luck (Date to be set)

June •

July •

August • Multi-church Pot Luck

September •

October • Bring a Kid to Church Month

November • Pot Luck (Date to be set)

December •

January • Small Group Meetings #2 & #3