

Council Update
10/23/2011

Building Remodel Update--

- In August, the congregation voted to approve the conceptual plan for the Sanctuary remodel and the lift and a budget in the amount of \$350,000.
- As we began to get quotes from the architect and construction manager for the project, an estimate of \$85,000 was offered to us by Plunkett and Raysich.
- The Council thought this was out of control and began to explore other options. Through a recommendation, we found Raposa Design, who will do the architectural work that will not exceed \$10,000. The Council asked Rich Schiemann to be the project manager for \$15,000. The project manager will not make the decisions, but will execute the decisions of the Council and Facilities Management group and the Remodel Committee. This was agreed upon by the Council and the Facilities Management group.
- The Council and Facilities management group agreed and are informing the congregation that we will move forward with the lift at a cost of \$65,000 for that portion of the project.
- The sanctuary remodel will take some additional time because as we are now investigating the stage area, there are some possible issues with ADA compliance. In addition, we are bidding out specific areas, pews, lighting, carpet or floor covering, stage and audio-visual. Final numbers and plan for the sanctuary will be complete no later than the annual business meeting so that we can go forward in early 2012.
- The Council and Facilities management group desire to stay well within the proposed budget and show we are being faithful stewards of what the Lord has blessed us with as a congregation. We will bring continual communication to the congregation as to the costs and timing of the project.

Staff Update--

Pastor of Next Generation

We have been redesigning Pastor Neal's job description. When he first began, he was primarily responsible for our Student Ministries (6 grade – 12th grade) and the 4:12 (young adult group). It was decided to discontinue the 4:12 group and as a result, we added the H.I.S. Kidz Children's Ministry to his job description. Now we have updated his job description for the following three areas of ministry:

- **Youth/Student Ministry** (6th grade – 12 grade) – 70% of his time and energy is to be invested in our youth, in building and growing a vibrant and healthy Youth group, along with their parents.
- **Young Adult Ministry** (25 -35 young adults) – 20 % of his time and energy is to be invested in a leadership team and providing teaching, etc.
- **Outreach Ministry** - 10 % of his time and energy is to be invested in church-wide outreach events and relationships. Mobilizing the congregation more towards reaching Brookfield.

Recently, we moved Youth Meeting to Sunday evenings and have seen a better response of students attending including three new students that came through the Block Party. We are averaging over 10 students. Our once a month large group outreaches for the students have been well attended – Sept was 25+ students and Oct had 14 students. We encourage you to pray for Pastor Neal, our Youth, and Young Adult Ministries.

Children's Ministry Intern

Janis Marks began as a part-time intern, September 9, 2011. She has quickly led **Awana** to a great start. We have 51 volunteers and 77 children with new children coming weekly. We have seen children come directly from the block party into involvement in our Awana program and some children and parents to our Sunday Worship and **H.I.S. Kidz**. We encourage you to pray for our children's ministries. Janis has begun a complete review of our **H.I.S. Kidz** program, working through how we are using our resources and how to use them better. This includes the curriculum, a template for Sundays, how the children are actually learning, space needs, and volunteers, along with the weekly schedule. We encourage you to pray for Janis and our children's ministries.

Outreach Update--

On October 2, we hosted a Neighborhood Block Party following our Sunday morning worship service. We invited the community through a mailer that went to over 3,500 homes in Brookfield. At the Block Party, we handed out a flyer to all the neighbors (38 family units) that came from the neighborhood, with an invitation to the fall ministries. We had over 43 volunteers that served to help the Block party be a great ministry. It was great to have the Brookfield fire and police department represented. The Block Party provided the opportunity for us to have face to face time with our community. We also discovered some of the needs in the community that we will be working towards offering ministry opportunities for; i.e. parenting skills in a high tech world and parenting skills for special needs child(ren). The Council would like to especially thank Pastor Neal for how he put this Block party together! We encourage you to pray for our outreach ministries.

Upcoming:

- November: Lunches for the Ronald McDonald House families (sponsored by Women's Ministry)
- December: Christmas gifts for needy area families (sponsored by Women's Ministry)
Inviting those on our outreach mailing list (over 3,500 homes) to our
Christmas/Advent services
- Jan/Feb: Family Fun Night
- March: Parenting Seminar on Saturday morning

We need each of you to continue to pray to reach the families in Brookfield, as well as inviting your neighbors to come along with you to Outreach opportunities.

Financial Update--

Ridgewood Baptist Church
Year to Date Income Statement
For the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2011

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance Amount
GENERAL FUND			
General Offering	\$ 242,544.81	\$ 264,749.99	(22,205.18)
General Expenses	267,000.16	252,097.61	14,902.55
Ministry Funded Exp.	<u>7,314.00</u>	<u>7,410.00</u>	<u>(96.00)</u>
Net Income	(31,769.35)	5,242.38	(37,011.73)

MISSION FUND			
Mission Offering	\$ 53,512.00	\$ 60,075.00	(6,563.00)
Expenses	<u>66,074.03</u>	<u>71,249.69</u>	<u>(5,175.66)</u>
Net Income	(12,562.03)	(11,174.69)	(1,387.34)
Savings Acct.	<u>14,914.00</u>		
	2,351.97		

Projected General Offering			
	Year-to-Date Actual	Annual Budget	Variance
General Offering	\$ 242,544.81	\$ 345,000.00	(102,455.19)
Weekly Needed	6,634.00		
Aver. Weekly Received	<u>5,770.00</u>		
Aver. Weekly Shortfall	(864.00)		
Projected Annual Shortfall	27,445.00		
Weekly needed through end of year	7,881.17		