

# Sunday Church Forum

Sept. 10, 2017

If you weren't able to be with us for the church forum, here are the highlights:

## New members

Pastor Dave Robinson introduced 10 new members:

- Sam and Brooklyn Niemeyer
- Garrett and Jaclyn Lietzen
- Jeff and Jill Painter
- Clinton and Teresa Wolf
- Anthony and Tera Carlson

Dave said 19 more people were in the membership pipeline.

He also talked about strengthening our understanding of why we do membership and what the process should be. Part of that includes a membership covenant that we affirmed:

Dave read:

*Jesus Christ has given the church the authority to affirm as Christians, those whose belief and behaviors align with Scripture. Members of Mill Creek, in joyful obedience to God's Word, submit themselves to both Jesus Christ and the authority of this church.*

All Mill Creek members then recited this covenant in unison:

We gladly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. We will seek to obey God's Word, trust in the gospel, and pray. We agree with and support our church's statement of faith. We commit ourselves to the mission of disciples making disciples for God's glory.

We will grow more like Jesus by sharing Christ where we live, work, and play; gathering for corporate worship; living on mission in gospel-centered community; and investing in other disciples. We will use our spiritual gifts, encourage church planting, give generously, expect mutual care and accountability, and submit to our elders.

The elders also affirmed a covenant:

Dave read:

*The elders have been identified and charged by the members of Mill Creek, to shepherd this church. In joyful obedience to God's Word, the elders submit themselves to Jesus Christ, as the head of His church.*

Mill Creek elders then recited this covenant in unison:

By God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will shepherd Mill Creek members so that you would walk worthy of the Lord. We desire to present you as mature in Christ, fully pleasing to God and bearing Spiritual fruit.

We as elders, sobered by the reality that we will give an account for those under our care, do joyfully commit to this sacred responsibility for the glory of God and the good of this church.

As shepherd-elders, we will humbly lead this flock to trust the gospel, feed this flock the word of God, protect this flock from false doctrine, and care for this flock in love and prayer.

## **Multiply Campaign**

Pastor Marty Burch said we are now debt-free after the sale of McCoy, which sets us up for the Multiply generosity initiative that begins Sunday, Sept. 17. Some details about Multiply:

- o This will be a one-fund campaign, which for two years will combine all our giving – both our normal giving toward the church operating budget and our additional giving toward campaign goals.
- o The church has hired Generis, a consulting firm, to help.
- o The Multiply financial goals are:
  - \$1.8 million toward our operating budget.
  - \$2 million toward a building addition.
  - \$200,000 toward church planting both in neighborhoods and in the nations.

Pastor Jeremy Krause gave a preview of the five-week sermon series that starts Sunday, Sept. 17, as part of the generosity campaign:

1. Jesus gives us hearts that rejoice
2. Jesus gives us Hearts that are generous
3. Jesus gives us Hearts that treasure him
4. Jesus gives us Hearts of grace
5. Jesus gives us Hearts that commit

Jeremy also explained the problem that makes the Multiply campaign necessary: We're out of space. We had McCoy at 17,00 square feet, and now the modulars give us 5,000 square feet, but the city of Shawnee put a time limit on how long we can keep them. We hope to build 7,000

square feet. If we don't build, we don't have a place for all of children's ministry, student ministry, or staff offices.

At the same time, the children's ministry is growing. In 2015, 100 children were on the roster; today we have 143.

But we don't just want a building; we want more people to know Jesus. So our goal is that 100 percent of Mill Creekers will be committed to Multiply, and not just financially -- committed to joining us for this preaching series, and to praying that one of your friends would come to know Jesus.

## **Church Plant**

Cody Waterman talked about the goal of Proclaim Church, which is to make Jesus known in Bonner Springs. Anyone who has an interest in Proclaim Church is invited to a Vision Night on Sept. 17 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Bonner Springs YMCA. Cody said he'll explain different ways people can be involved.

- Praying
- Giving
- Participating, and
- Joining

He asked for prayer:

- For Proclaim's launch team
  - o That the Holy Spirit would lead the right people
  - o For at least 50 adults to commit before launch
- Pray for Proclaim's funding
  - o A total of \$435,000 needs to be raised, with \$190,000 already raised.
  - o God would provide resources and space for less money.
- Pray for soft hearts in Bonner and more would know Jesus because of Proclaim
  - o For God to give us hearts for the lost and boldness to share the gospel
  - o For favor in the eyes of neighbors and to represent Christ well

- o The Holy Spirit to work in others giving them spiritual curiosity for Christ