

## **May Update: South Campus 'Second Worship Service' Planning Committee...**

In keeping with our Mission Statement, "To gather people to build relationships in Christ," *we are moving forward with plans* for a second worship service, so that we are ready *when the time is right*. We found through the survey completed last fall that there is significant desire and commitment among current members & participants for a second service in a 'traditional-style' at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays. We continue to have significant numbers of visitors who have indicated a preference for a traditional worship service. We see this as another opportunity to reach out into the community to those who do not know Christ, as well as to those who do, but may not have not been part of a church family in recent years and feel most comfortable in a type of service similar to those many grew up with.

During the initial planning phase we have asked for God's blessing, and we will continue to look to Him for wisdom and guidance. In addition, we will need to clearly see that there is strong support from our current members & participants for both our existing service as well as for a second service. This can be a blessing to our church family as we work together to offer several worship styles and times to our members and the surrounding community. Through God's provision of commitment and leadership, and through His grace, we are hoping to meet in small groups or individually with all of our South Campus family during June (knowing that May is already full with commitments), and God willing, continue with final plans during July, and then begin the second service during August.

Research of churches that have added a service (of various types) has shown that we should expect attendance at the existing service to decrease *temporarily* when a new service is added. However, *since our current service has been increasing in attendance, that should also continue*. The *total attendance* should also increase with the additional service. Both happen with the help of additional personal invitations to those who may have renewed interest and also through printed advertisements and other outreach materials. 'Something new' always attracts attention!

We are asking today that each one of you prayerfully consider how you can support these plans. So that we can continue the culture & 'personality' and growth of our existing service, and as we are known, as being a 'welcoming' and 'family-friendly' church, we will need *renewed commitments from everyone...for prayer...for regular attendance* (at the service of your choice, or at both)...for *willingness to serve in Sunday morning worship areas, as each is able and so gifted...and for willingness to commit to serving in other times and ways* throughout the months and the year ahead.

We also ask for support through prayer and any other areas from those at our North Campus. As we work together for God's glory in spreading the word of His love, opportunities will open for the Holy Spirit to work in each of us and in those who are reached through these goals. God has blessed us so richly – it is amazing to think what plans He still has for us!

God's Blessings,

The Worship Planning Team, South Campus