Moderators Comments

Markham Baptist Church

Congregational meeting   
February 28, 2022

Welcome! It is great to be able to meet. Even by Zoom. Yes, we would rather be meeting in-person together able to see each other’s smiling eyes, not socially distant, or masked. We need hugs!

The Covid pandemic has been difficult for each person in individual ways. We, I am sure have asked the Lord, WHY. I am sure there is a purpose, and it is within His sovereign will.

During this time, I have thought a lot about the Church, our Church. MBC

Paul talks a lot about the Church as the body of Christ.

Romans 12: 4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12 and 13 for example

**Romans 12** 4-8 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, **5**so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6**We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; **7**ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; **8**the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

In spite of being isolated and sitting in front of our TV or computers to worship together we are still the Church. We love the building at 110 Church Street But the Church is us. We are the body of Christ. We are called to represent him to our families to the community of Markham. Someone said recently that “we have each other as gifts from the Lord”

Just think of the gifts that God has given us. Think of the number of committee meetings, special meeting, phone calls, notes, Sunday morning services, almost 100!,

Tuesday devotions, food bank and 360 kids Christmas gifts, the Pregnancy Center. These are all ministries of MBC. Please don’t forget the “Tech Team”

Don’t forget Alexandra, what would we do without her.

I want you to know that our Pastor Craig and the people you elected to represent you as the Board of Directors, spend many hours on their work. Often their work is behind the scenes. On your behalf, I want to thank them. No! these roles are not easy ones, nor are they just going to a meeting once per month. Your prayer for each one and their families would be appreciated. The list of committee members is on the web site.

If you are not on a committee. We need you, so when Sheila Stevens, as chair of the Nominations Committee calls on you, think about Romans 12 and the gifts you have been given. Please pray about, it and then, say yes. Don’t say “I don’t have time or skill” or I have not been here long enough, or I have served long enough. The Lord will help you. Think about the gifts he has given you. Yes it is hard work, But, so rewarding when you are serving the Lord.

In a few minutes, Sheila, will be asking you to affirm the appointment of Tony Serio to the Board of Directors. We welcome him with open arms. He will be telling you about his vision for CE&O.

Marion will be presenting a budget for your approval. I think this is the ninth or tenth edition. It has been difficult because our fixed expenses are greater that our projected offerings, based on prior years’ experience. Some difficult decisions have been made by your board in recommending this budget. Please be in prayer as you consider it and the implications of your decisions.

Thank you for taking time to attend to-night. Your attendance and prayer is appreciated.

Blessings

Pat McGee