

Elders' response to group meetings 2011

We appreciate all those who participated in the meetings. We realize you sacrificed your time and effort to help with the discussion.

We will be working very hard in the future to make changes and increase our efforts to reach out to our neighborhood. You have a list of the answers, so we will not go through them one by one.

Our top priorities are going to be glorifying God and reaching out to the neighborhood. We are going to make our assemblies as guest friendly and welcoming as possible with the goal of salvation for each one.

We are going to be working on raising funds by seeking grants from both private and government agencies as long as they do not violate our faithfulness to God. We want not to just raise funds, but to use the funds to make an impact in the community for Christ.

We are going to have training sessions for all those who lead in the assembly—Lord's Supper, prayers, announcements etc. We want each public participant to help us follow our theme for the worship.

Those who spoke about what they liked about TRC like our diversity and non-traditionalism as well as the love we have for one another. Some liked our options in having multiple services, while others wanted one service. We intend to keep offering two services as a convenience to many. One suggestion was to stay with what we are doing and improve upon it. We will be doing our best to do so.

Those who stated what they liked least about TRC were concerned with the state of the building. More than that they were concerned with the lack of participation by many. We need more people attending Bible classes and participating in our work. We are going to be pushing for people to attend Bible classes and especially bring their children.

We have moved the meet and greet to the first part of the service to facilitate meeting guests. We are looking at ways to increase our productive use of technology. Davis Connors has agreed to work with us in reaching out to the neighborhood and in obtaining grants.

One last complaint was that we are putting too much private info on the web page. While we appreciate the concern, we believe the need for transparency is more important. Besides, the web page information was responsible for a major contribution for the parking lot.

We love the congregation and pray that we will be able to grow into the future with Jesus.

The elders

Elders Group Meetings Summary

1. What would you like to see happen in the next six months?

- a. Handicap/van transportation
- b. Larger membership
- c. Media marketing
- d. Keep building and raise funds
- e. Concrete answers
- f. Working with the community
- g. Keep Monday program
- h. Use signs throughout the building
- i. Keep reaching out
- j. Keep following up on the absent
- k. Adopt a school
- l. Advertise
- m. Keep emphasis on prayer
- n. Put video clips on webpage
- o. Put a new sign in front of the building
- p. Growth Biblically and in numbers
- q. Change the website-too much information on TRC and issues
- r. Share more info – especially good news
- s. Detailed info on what is needed – spell it out
- t. Monthly financial statements
- u. Live in the present – remove ghosts of the past
- v. Get past the traditions of church of Christ

2. What would you like the congregation to have as our priority?

- a. Youth minister and ministry
- b. Relationships
- c. People saved
- d. Keep spiritual focus – accept the sinner but not the sin
- e. Going into the community
- f. Members to live for Christ every day
- g. Increase member involvement
- h. Preach Jesus
- i. Love for God and others
- j. Meet and greet guests

3. How do you see us raising funds?

- a. Should be some individual efforts
- b. Targeted fund raising
- c. Fund raising for churches usually comes from individuals
- d. Research
- e. Find foundations that support our mission
- f. Tap Maceo for leadership and information
- g. Fund raising from new sources

- h. Fund raising committee
- i. Off site fund raising
- j. Make definite appeal with details
- k. Prayer
- l. Grant application – writing
- m. Refinance/2nd mortgage of building
- n. Growth in numbers
- o. Act in Faith
- p. Faith based initiatives and grants from government – need grant writers

4. What are you personally willing to do to help in the future?

- a. Group as a whole very willing to cooperate
- b. Participate in meet and greet
- c. Increase giving
- d. People need to identify their gifts
- e. Adopt a school
- f. A commitment to outreach

5. What do you like best about TRC?

- a. Relationships among members
- b. Our diversity
- c. The messages
- d. Meet and greet
- e. Length of message
- f. Flexibility – people can pick and choose meeting times
- g. Fellowship, though we need to increase it
- h. Opportunity to serve and live for the Lord
- i. Non-traditionalism
- j. Acceptance of others
- k. Love for others
- l. Meeting changes in people's life styles
- m. Andrew
- n. Nice people
- o. Lord's supper
- p. Friendship
- q. Love
- r. Available classes
- s. Prayer
- t. Stay with it

6. What do you like least about TRC?

- a. Lack of instruments
- b. Run down building
- c. Not enough participation
- d. Not enough dedication and attendance
- e. Too much info on website

- f. Membership getting older
- g. Too few people involved
- h. Lack of willingness to fight for what we have – TRC is special
- i. Lack of communication, especially finances
- j. Lack of fellowship in people's homes

7. What could we reasonably change for the better?

- a. Meet and greet early in service rather than at the end
- b. Form a team to increase technology productivity
- c. Bible classes online
- d. Increase staffing for equipment
- e. Produce video clips
- f. Attitude
- g. Additional leadership
- h. More fellowship