INPUT PROVIDED AT FOCUS MEETINGS TO DATE

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Here are the ideas and thoughts presented at the Focus Meetings to date:

- Mentoring new members and guests (shepherding)
- Keeping younger couples with children at Northlawn. What can we offer to keep them here?
- How can we inspire people to want to volunteer.
- How do we integrate new people into volunteering?
- There is more to ushering than just passing the plate. It should involve welcoming and loving others.
- What are we doing to involve community?
- Are we keeping in touch with people who have visited?
- Is anything being sent out to our neighbors?
- Keeping sign up to date?
- Talent shows?.
- Game nights?
- Could we use the stage again?
- Thurlan pointed out that he only knows about a third of the congregation. He has been gone for 26 years so there has been a big turnover.
- Do people have a good understanding of the purpose of the church?
- What does our mission statement mean to each of us?
- The mission statement should be at the root of what we do.
- Follow-up to Purpose Driven Church. How do we keep it alive?
- If we're focusing on Christ, people will want to stay.
- Community Day inviting people in neighborhood?
- Follow-up to VBS on a regular basis?
- Community Bible Study?
- Men's Dinners are bringing people from other churches.
- Church thrives if relationships are strong. Cultivate relationships with new members.
- There is a disconnect between the two services. Relationships are not being cultivated between attendees of the two services.
- Use technology to keep people informed.
- E-mail day before events to remind people.
- Ways people can come to know Christ.
- Member Care
- Birthday cards for shut-ins (already being done)
- Holiday cards to shut-ins
- There are people who aren't shut-ins who we need to keep in touch with.
- New baby pictures on the video screen
- Pictures of new people on screen
- Input From Focus Meetings
- Use the screen for announcements before the first service?
- Pictures of people at men's dinner
- Meeting a person at point of his/her needs
- What are the needs of people at Northlawn and how do we discover those needs?
- Communicate with community
- Lloyd VanLente pointed out that when other churches have changed the name of the church to include "community" there has always been an increase in membership. Should our name be changed to Northlawn Community Church? It's working for other congregations.

If you have additional thoughts or ideas, please write them in the space provided below and give them to a C.O.R.E. Team member. Thanks!

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