

2018 Annual General Meeting of The Journey Church
June 14, 7pm, Allison Campus of The Journey Church

Welcome

Board Chair, Dale Hatchard welcomed those present.

Celebrate

Pastor Micah Knowles opened in prayer.

Worship

The worship team led us in worship.

2018 Reflective Stories Shared

Dale Hatchard welcomed Pastor Mark Smith and Dan Trites from Riverview Baptist Church. He then shared that there had been a lot of time and energy spent on the multi-site arrangement and that it was a wonderful experience to learn about and get to know the folks at RBC. Further and reflectively, "I think about TJC's SHINE productions and the Journey Youth. I witnessed 1000's of kids praising God at a 2018 Youth conference and I was in awe – that's going to be life-changing for them. It's been a significant year for me."

Caitlin Dawe, "this past year I worked with the Partners of Hope team, Tony, Sarah and Debbie, to successfully bring the Atto family here to Canada. This was one of the most significant experiences of my life. A lot of work went into getting them here, and then getting to know them, the baptism on New Year's Eve was stunning to be a part of. The church family came together to drive, shop, give clothes & furniture. And the money people, Debbie, Linda, that's real time stuff. For me that has been one of the most powerful things I've been a part of. And do you know why we did this?, because we can!"

Jeff MacArthur, "a highlight of this past year for me was when Todd went on sabbatical... and then came back! During that time, we re-energized a youth band, and one evening I had to go to small group and they wanted to run the songs again and so, they did it by themselves! What a blessing. They are very capable kids, that was the sticky part for me, the music, kept me going to youth rally's, it really routed me in the church. Youth band, big highlight."

David and Sarah Cogswell shared that they've been hosting a high school and middle school group in their home this past year and it's been phenomenal. "These kids are quite amazing, if you ever get an opportunity to be involved with them, take it. Its exciting to hear their hearts for God, grab onto it if you can.

Nadine shared that this year for the first time she worked with the children in pre K. "I notice the kids overall are more engaged in the stories, they're memorizing the Bible verses and they are so proud that they can remember them. I see God working in them, they're starting to get it. My little guy is 4, he's afraid of the dark and wants to sleep with us. I reminded him, "if you wake up in the middle of the night, think about Jesus, think about how He loves you and that you are ok." He is getting better, God is working in his life and I'm thankful.

Travis Melanson, "I went to a parenting group and honestly didn't realize how much I was going to get from it. I hope we can push that forward. Simple things that I've been doing in my family since, have made such a difference. Integrating my faith into my family has made a huge difference."

Stacy Dryden has felt blessed through the work she has been involved with in the development of a care ministry for our older adults. "I'm encouraged and excited to see and how it will come together this year."

Tracy Eisener, "I've been involved in youth ministry since 2007. I've seen a lot of wonderful youth come through TJC and become Godly adults. This past year we visited a tiny little church and the youth led the Sunday service! People there were amazed at their abilities and hearts for God. I had the privilege to baptize a 16 year old girl whose family are not Christian. She had a safe place to come and ask questions. It's a rewarding experience to be able to work with these kids. Last week at RBC, I could see awe in peoples faces at having a church full of youth again."

Ardith Legacy, "I'm so grateful to have a church family who loves unconditionally. Just the fact that we're able to be here in this setting. Just knowing how many others don't have this, I am incredibly thankful for this church."

Rich, "I'd just like to say that our small group is phenomenal; the sharing and bonding and baring of souls that has gone on has been incredible and awesome and I am so happy to be part of it."

Family Business

Adopt the 2017 AGM Minutes

Dale moved the adoption of the 2017 AGM Minutes, no additions or corrections required.

Minutes declared approved as is.

Church License Renewal

Motion to Renew Church License for Kevin Steen.

On behalf of the Board, Dale moved to renew Kevin Steen's church license for the 2018-19 year, seconded by Wes Morehouse. Question: all in favour, no opposed.

Motion carried.

Kevin: I'm increasing my studies this year and will be ordained.

Kim Ayles prayed with Kevin

Multi-Site Proposal Presentation

Motion to Accept the Multi-Site Proposal:

Jeff MacArther moved to accept the Multi-Site Proposal, whereas, the Riverview Baptist Church be adopted into the family of The Journey Church and become the third campus of The Journey Church. We affirm the vision that through this new multi-site relationship we will create a welcoming, neighborhood based, Christ-centered community of faith that shines a bright light in the community of Riverview.

Seconded by Bruce Fawcett, private ballot response: 65 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain on 66 total ballots.
Motion carried.

Pastor Dave began with our vision statement created 4 years ago.

“Becoming a Church that Loves like Jesus”

This vision shapes what we do and who we are. We believe this vision leads us in three significant ways:

- Join God in our Neighborhoods
- Grow Great Souls
- Refresh our Resources

Love each other in the same way I have loved you. I’m always trying to hone it down to the exact mission God has for us.

Last Wednesday night, June 6, RBC had a church business meeting where they affirmed the multi-site proposal by 80%, 52 in attendance, 10 voted in advance. We’re very excited and encouraged by what we felt was a very positive majority statement. I’m going to be there on Sunday morning to celebrate with the RBC congregation. One of the things I want for us to understand is that, I always think about when Nancy and I became parents, we had one child, it was fun, then we had two and it got busy, and then we had three and all of a sudden, I realized we were a family. The moment we become a three campus multi-site church, we know this will stretch us. Stretching times are exciting *and* painful. We want to grow great souls and join God in our neighborhoods. I really believe in neighborhood churches. I think there is something powerful in a vibrant church in Riverview, on Salisbury Road and in the west end of Moncton. Everyone will need to be involved, we’ll need everybody. All hands-on deck. Everybody needs to be equipped to serve and to love. I believe that we’re going to be challenging people to seek out where God is calling them. Some of you will be called to go to the RBC campus, some will be called to stay where they are. Some will be travelers.

The proposal is clear, we began the transition last fall and there have been literally 100’s of hours put into this. It’s a new day, trying to figure out how to do church in 2018. Baptists really believe in association. I think multi-site in this day is a new dynamic with a fresh expression in how and what it means to be Baptist.

Questions

Jeff, how will we measure, how will we know the toll this has taken on leadership, has it borne fruit?

P Dave, for me I guess the metrics will vary. RBC will be able to say they have a much more intergenerational congregation. That there's more sustained intentional ministry on a weekend basis. We could say there is a measurable metric teaching to children on a regular basis. We also like to be able to measure equipping people. For example, Alex Hisey is going into first year at Crandall University this fall. Do you think we might have Alex become a campus minister? A new expression like that to me, would also be a measurement. Obviously, we would want to measure baptisms. So, in my mind those are measurements. We're going to have to be open to try different models, to do things simpler. It's important that we communicate *what are measurements of success*. The fact that I drive every Sunday morning up Dickson Blvd and we're still a light in that neighborhood, that even this past Sunday we were baptizing people there, knowing, that that may not have been the case, that that the light may have gone out. That's a measurement for me. Keep in mind, there is risk involved.

David Cogswell, what is the age for voting? 14, Daniel wants to vote! 😊

2018/2019 Spending Plan Presentation

Linda Hisey presented the spending plan for the 2018-19 ministry year.

We increased our overall giving this year, even without the legacy gift given last year. We're celebrating that! One interesting observation we made, we had 7 less family's giving through our pre-authorized giving. So, let's not underestimate the power of consistent giving, no matter the amount!

Total revenue \$640K.

Some hard news. We ended with a deficient of -\$27K

There were 3 items with higher than expected costs: ministry costs, facilities, personnel.

Normally in a given year, there are 52 weeks, 26 pays. It was payroll leap year, this past year there were 27 pays instead of 26. That made a difference

How do we address this -\$27k deficit – we were blessed to enter the year with a surplus of \$20K, God is good, leaving us with a deficit of -\$7K.

We have more variables this year than normal. Because of the expansion, we know that there are salaries that are being paid at RBC and a daycare in the church that will become useable in different capacities.

Cathy, Jim, Dan, Debbie and myself, our spending team, are awesome. This plan is based on the assumption that we will be operating as a 3-campus site. Transition is going to be messy. Family expansion is exciting *and* stressful.

See documents.

Questions

Amy, the position that was alluded to in the multi-site document, will that be part of Micah and Sarah or is there in fact a position to be filled?

Linda, there will be one position for a campus minister at RBC, this is the only primary hire at this point. We're still in discussions. We're saying that we won't need 85K for staff.

There is budget for this.

Dean, does the number in here cover just regular maintenance for all three campuses?
Do you foresee there would be refresh happening in any of the sites this year?

Linda, yes, this is just operational.

Yes, there will definitely be some refresh happening at RBC that will be funded by their cash reserves. Neil Rogers has a great plan, it just needs to be launched.

Motion to Adopt the 2018/2019 Spending Plan:

Wes Morehouse moved we adopt the spending plan for the The Journey Church presented for 2018-2019, seconded by Gary Taylor, all in favour, no opposed.

Motion carried.

2018 OASIS Presentation

Motion that the Board be authorized to appoint delegates for 2018 OASIS

Dale moved the Board be authorized to duly appoint delegates for 2018 OASIS, seconded by Seth Crowell. All in favour, no opposed.

Motion carried.

P Dave, we are trying to be frugal in our spending, if somebody really has a desire to be a delegate for us, they should feel free to speak to Dale. There would be some cost involved, they need to understand that, but we'd be happy for others to attend.

Delegates

Penny Fawcett

Jeff and Amy MacArthur

Bruce Fawcett attending.

Prayer

Dan Trites closed us in prayer.

Worship and Dismissal