



Annual General Meeting

June 10, 2024

Allison Campus, 6:30 p.m.

OPENING

Kim Ayles, Board Chair

PRAYER

Keith Grant

CELEBRATIONS

The Board of TJC offered the right hand of fellowship to Pastor Carolyn and Dave Steeves, following the transfer of their membership from The Crossing Church in St. John's, NL.

FAMILY BUSINESS

Motion to adopt the agenda of the 2024 AGM

Moved by Kim Ayles; seconded by Jerry Eisener. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2023 AGM

Moved by Kevin Steeves; seconded by Keith Grant. Motion Carried

MINISTRY REVIEW & FORECAST

Board Chair Report, Kim Ayles

- The year passed quickly!
- At this meeting last year, we talked about the “what ifs,” passing a partial-year budget and not knowing how the lead pastor search process would unfold. We trusted God for His plan and purpose!
- September brought us an amazing transition team.
- October saw Pastor Dave’s final Sunday and a gala celebration for his 37 years of ministry, along with the congregation’s generous endowment of a scholarship at Crandall to honour his legacy and commitment to next generations leadership.
- In November, the Search team had a candidate!

- Pastor Carolyn was flown in for leadership interviews in December and in February to meet the congregation. The church extended an invitation for her to serve as our next lead pastor!
- We are thankful for the way God continues to move even now.
- Kim read from Philippians 2, on the theme of working together with one mind and purpose.

MINISTRY TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Nancy Parker, Executive Leader

- Pastor Brent has been such a blessing to us during this transition period, taking on extra responsibilities for preaching. At his request, he will reduce his hours, but will continue to be a part of the teaching team.
provide support as our teaching pastor at reduced hours.
- Julianna and Aiden were under contracts that ended in April. Aiden is entering his final year at Crandall and will reduce his hours, though remaining apart of next generation leadership.
- Julianna Hisey has been offered and accepted the position of Pastor of Next Gen and Equipping (a one-year contract at 30 hours/week).

Sarah Cogswell, Pastor of Children and Families

- Highlighted a few special events including, Glow Night, gingerbread bash, and a family Easter event.
- Journey Kids completed a Refresh in the Allison campus parent's room, creating a homey and comfortable atmosphere in the room that also includes a live feed to the service.
- Journey Kids Clubs was fully led by Lydia McArthur this ministry this year; we had the most consistent participation this year!
- Lead Mission Team, 2023 Trip to Guatemala

Julianna Hisey, Pastoral Intern, Youth & Young Adults, and Equipping Ministry

- Nothing in youth and young adults would have been possible this year without Aiden Hatchard.
- 5 Youth went to Tidal Impact
- Young adults retreat; intentional time was spent in both solitude and community.
- 8 new Youth Leaders joined our team this year!
- During the recent OneCon event at the Coliseum, our youth spent some of their free time picking up trash around the building.
- Young adults met consistently this year, working through the *Practicing the Way* series.
- Good Friday: every element of the service was planned and completed by our Next Gen Leaders group (NGL).
- NGL also led the 30-Hour Famine, raising almost \$10,000, the highest amount in Canada.
- Equipping ministries: to help people learn about opportunities for service, we developed a page on our website.

Todd Hisey, Creative and Technical Director

- This time last year, we were anxious due to having just lost several key members from the teams to family moves, significantly affecting our scheduling.
- Darrell Nevers and Joy Grant stepped up and have played significant roles in their part-time positions.

- It really is thanks to Darrell that we have online services and recently he was also asked to return to the stage to lead worship during services. He is always willing to serve wherever he is most needed on any given Sunday.
- We have up to 18 people involved in worship teams or tech every weekend (12/AC, 6/RC), and could use a couple more at each campus.
- We've added team members this past year, but are still not close to full.
- We are looking forward to giving the teams a bit of a rest over the summer.

Jarvis Lepper, Pastor of Care and Community

- Care takes all kinds of forms here at TJC, including the church family meal, journey groups, men's breakfast.
- One recent success was the All Things Seniors event, at which we had 96 people, 75% of which were not connected to TJC. Susan E. Steeves helped provide leadership for this event.
- Pastor Jarvis was recently part of a conversation at Crandall about how to connect with some of the 700 international students there, as well as other newcomers in the city.
- Our refugee sponsorship group, Partners of Hope, had 3 families come to Canada with the help of The Journey Church's co-sponsorship.
- Our monthly community care offering has continued to support community partners, such as local high schools, Harvest House, and Teen Challenge (among others).
- Romans 12:10: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Dean Patterson, Facilities

- New LED lights installed at the Riverview campus, 25% of the cost covered by an NB Power rebate.
- Replaced some decaying siding at the Allison campus, and replaced the entry door by the office.
- Facility Booster Team includes approximately 25 people who have stepped up to help with painting, cleaning, and construction projects at both campuses.
- Custodial staff are doing an amazing job keeping our campuses clean.

BOARD NOMINATION

Keith Grant, Board Secretary

Keith shared the process that the Board follows before presenting candidates to the congregation for affirmation: Gay Crossman, Dave McComiskey, and Susan E. Steeves.

Currently, the Board is smaller than in previous years (an intentional decision during the transition period). After serving 7- and 8-years terms, consecutively, Kevin Steeves and Kim Ayles are rotating off.

The Board proposes three Board candidates for the congregation to affirm, to bring our Board to 6 members (including Pastor Carolyn). We anticipate that by this fall we will propose at least one more candidate, to bring the Board to a full complement of 7 members. (In the meantime, the Chair of the Board will not vote at its meetings. Since the Board normally operates by consensus, this is not expected to raise any problems.)

Motion to accept the three candidates in as Board Members.

Moved by Kim Ayles; seconded by Tracy Eisener. Motion Carried.

SPENDING PLAN PRESENTATION

Lisa McKim, Executive & Financial Administrator

(See attached giving and spending plan)

As part of the giving and spending plan presentation, Lisa McKim explained that a number of timely facilities needs have been identified, and proposed to borrow up to \$75,000 to cover these (priorities to be established with the Lead Pastor and Board).

Motion to borrow \$75,000 from the Baptist Foundation for 10 years at the current interest rate.

Moved by Kim Ayles; seconded by Lynn Steeves. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt The Journey Church Giving and Spending Plan for ministry year 2024-25.

Moved by Lisa McKim; seconded by Seth Crowell. Motion carried.

CHURCH LICENSE TO MINISTER

Motion to review a church license for Lay Ministry for Seth Crowell

Moved by Keith Grant; seconded by Brent Hudson. Motion carried.

OASIS DELEGATES

Crandall University, Moncton, August 8-10, 2024

Candidates currently registered:

- Pastor Carolyn
- Pastor Sarah
- Pastor Jarvis

Motion to approve nominated candidates to Oasis.

Moved by Kim Ayles; seconded by Joy Grant. Motion carried.

Motion to empower the board to appoint additional delegates as needed to Oasis.

Moved by Kim Ayles; seconded by Nancy Morehouse. Motion carried.

CLOSING WORDS

Pastor Carolyn Steeves

- Brought the new Board up to the stage – prayed over them.
- Read Hebrews 11:1-2, on the theme of God’s faithfulness
- All that I have been hearing and listening to tonight affirms God’s faithfulness here at TJC.
- 8 people became new members during this transition!
- We had to depend on and trust in God like never before and so did you!
- We reflect with gratitude and wonder at how God has carried us through faith.
- Pastor Carolyn reminded us that at Pastor Dave’s final Sunday, he brought the whole transition staff team up to the stage to remind us that we were in good hands. She had the same people come up front today to thank them for saying “Yes!” and to thank God for his faithfulness during this past season.

CELEBRATIONS

The Board and pastoral staff took some time to recognize some individuals.

Brent Hudson and Nancy Parker were recognized for taking on additional responsibilities during the transition period, in teaching, preaching, and executive leadership. (Both will continue, though in slightly different capacities.)

Kevin Steeves and Kim Ayles are completing lengthy terms on the church Board, providing much-needed stability and wisdom. Kim was particularly thanked for her wisdom and Christ-centred leadership as Board Chair during a particularly complex three years.

BLESSING

Pastor Carolyn