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COMMUNITY OF
FAITH
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Our Vision

To **Know**
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Our Mission

Making
disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the
transformation
of the world

On Sunday, August 6, Pastors Steve and Melissa shared the process the implementation team has followed in considering names for our new church, and the two names we are voting between were introduced.

We received 79 suggestions for names and are grateful for the creativity & thoughtfulness of each submission. Before considering the names, the team did some research on best practices in naming a church. Here is some of what we learned:

- It is vital to ask, "What is the purpose of our new name?" The name should not primarily be an expression of our past or how we came together from two congregations. That kind of name would be wonderful for those of us already here but does little to appeal to those who are not yet a part of our church family.
- Our name should say something about who we are and want to be.
- While often church names contain or are inspired by a region, neighborhood, or address, technology has rendered that kind of information less important. Anyone can find us just by "googling" our new name and following the directions they will find on our webpage. We no longer live in a time where church choice is determined mainly by proximity.
- Research shows it is best to avoid using acronyms as names and to keep things simple. Experts advise using only two words that can be shortened to perhaps one word.
- It is important to think about your online presence (available URL, logo and branding).
- It is important to consider what words you use in describing your church (assembly, fellowship, chapel, community), as each of these may communicate different meaning and feelings to those outside the church.
- Consider finding a name that is unique in your community.

Keeping these things in mind, the implementation team each prayerfully considered the list and chose 3-5 names that stood out to them. When we compiled those lists, there were only 11 names on the list, and one of those was eliminated because it is already used by several Roanoke churches. Of the 10 names, 4 of them were chosen by multiple members of the team (with one being on 5 of the 7 lists). We discussed those 4 names at length and then adjourned for a week to pray for the Spirit to guide us to 2 names to present for voting. You will find those two names, along with an explanation of each, on the enclosed insert.

One important note: we also prayerfully discussed whether to have "Baptist" in the name of our new church. We are proud of our Baptist heritage and polity, but we also know that sometimes, denominational words can be a barrier to those looking for a church, especially given recent news from the Southern Baptist Convention, which is the only variety of Baptist many know. Given this, and that less than 1/3 of the suggested names contained "Baptist," we are recommending that we not have Baptist in the name of our new church, but that we include a tagline such as "A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation" in smaller font on our sign, website, and letterhead. (Of course, we will be deciding together our denominational alliances; this is an example.)

We hope you, too, will take time to prayerfully consider the two names before casting your vote, as we figure out who God is calling us to be.



Finances

Total Budget Income for 2023: **\$ 83,841.33**

Jan. Budget: \$ 21,755.32	July Budget: \$ 9,840.72
Feb. Budget: \$ 7,728.84	Aug. Budget: \$
March Budget: \$ 12,183.93	Sept. Budget: \$
April Budget: \$ 9,489.61	Oct. Budget: \$
May Budget: \$ 12,408.15	Nov. Budget: \$
June Budget: \$ 10,434.76	Dec. Budget: \$

September

Peggy Wilson	Aug. 5	Gerri Mills	Aug. 16
Angela Carraway	Aug. 6	Mark Smith	Aug. 18
Stephanie Felton	Aug. 7	Felicia Knott	Aug. 19
Lois Burge	Aug. 10	A.G. Melson	Aug. 20
Nadine Minnix	Aug. 14	Jeff Knott	Aug. 24
Sandra Manetta	Aug. 15	Crystal Dillon	Aug. 31



Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement and nursing homes: Madaline Brown, Lois Burge, Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Buddy Garrett, Buddy Hawkins, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Anna Mae Smith, Frances Williams, Katie Wood.
- Those with cancer including Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's Brother) Barbara Kern, Susan Wimmer (Ginny Smith's friend), Peggy Akers, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Angie Johnson (Joyce Short's Niece), Carolyn Straughen (AG Melson's Sister).
- Patty Bohon (Friend of Betty Hall)
- Gwynn (Jack Cooper's friend), awaiting a liver transplant
- Sue Epperly
- Mary Ellen Gearhart
- Buddy Hawkins
- Debbie Foutz – Recovering from surgery
- Susan Melson – Recovering from cataract surgery
- Angel Adamski (Bill's Lininger's Friend)
- Tamara Sloan's Daughter, who has pre-eclampsia
- Jack Cooper, having a biopsy on August 10
- Ashley Childress (friend of Dabney Ward)
- Students, teachers, and staff as they return to school.
- Jordan Poff
- Doug Heptinstall
- Reatha Linkenhoker

Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at **9:30 on Sunday mornings.**
- **Brown Bag Mid-week Bible Study:** Our Summer Bible study on "Tests, Trials, and Opportunities" based on the life and faith of Abraham and his family. will wrap up on August 16th and will take a break until September.

Paper Back Book & Magazine Collection

Calvary Baptist has invited us to participate with them in an ongoing collection of reading materials for the Roanoke City jail library. Paperback books and magazines are needed. There will be a box in the foyer for your contributions. Magazines do not need to be current. Fiction and nonfiction books for adults and teens are desired. Neither hardcover books nor spiral books can be used. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Upcoming Meetings

- **Calvary Church Council Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 13, 11:30 am**
- **Implementation Team Meeting: Monday, Aug. 14, 5:30 pm**
- **Colonial Avenue Quarterly Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 20, 11:30 am**

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, Aug. 26, 8:30 am: Join us for the next men's breakfast at Golden Corral. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 AM for anyone who is interested in carpooling.

Youth

- **Aquapocalypse, Sunday, Aug. 13, 4-6 pm:** We'll be joined by other youth groups for an epic afternoon of water games and fun! Wear a swim suit/clothes you don't mind getting messy, and don't forget a towel!
- **Sunday, August 27 at 5 pm:** Parents, youth, and families, plan to join us for a potluck dinner and time of family fun, along with planning for the coming year. Each youth is asked to have at least one adult present with them, if possible.

All Age, Multi-church Fellowship

Dessert First Fellowship, August 13th: Join us in the fellowship hall, following worship, for a time of light refreshments and getting to know each other better!

Next Steps

Along with voting on our new name (described earlier in this newsletter), beginning in late August, a skilled coach will guide us through a process of seeking God's specific purpose and mission for our new church. All voices are needed to be part of this process. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Alongside this discernment process, we will be making sure that all the legalities are taken care of (finances, property, personnel) and establishing church structure, affiliations, bylaws, and procedures. Each month, we will continue to share more details about the next step of the process, and more people will be added to the implementation team for each step.

Celebrating Summer



Passport Kids Camp 2023



Passport Youth Camp 2023



Mission Week 2023 Keystone



Mission Week Joint Sale 2023



Youth Wet & Wild Waterpark 2023

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Award Presentation



Back to School Blessings

After much prayer and consideration, the implementation team recommends that our new church name be either: **Mosaic Church** or **Green Valley Community Church**.

Green Valley Community Church

- This name helps to identify where we are located and where our ministry focus is, if we want to have a direct impact on the neighbors around us.
- Scripturally, this name alludes to Psalm 23 and the rest and protection God provides.
- Green is a color symbolizes growth and vitality.
- Some other things to consider: our church building is not actually in the Green Valley neighborhood that surrounds Green Valley Elementary School but is in the Castle Hills area. For some, the name evokes a peaceful feeling, but for others it evokes feelings of retirement/withdrawal rather than engagement with the community.
- A variation of this name was suggested by more than one person in our naming process.

Mosaic Church

- Mosaics are made up of smaller pieces brought together to make a larger image. For a church that bears the name, this is a reminder of the importance of connection – to God, to each other, to our community.
- Mosaics are often made from the broken remnants of beautiful things, which is the story of God's redemption of each of us, our churches, and all of creation.
- Mosaics can be unfinished products, growing and changing as new parts are added.
- Scripturally, this name alludes to Psalm 51:17, Romans 8:28, and 2 Corinthians 4:7 and the ways that God continually makes things new, as God's power is shown in our weakness, as well as 1 Corinthians 12 (the idea that each person is necessary for the church to be whole).
- The word mosaic is a word that is understood by those outside the church and may evoke curiosity about a church with that name (especially among young adults).
- There is a group of churches on the west coast with the name Mosaic, and we will need to clearly differentiate ourselves from them in our online presence (which is also true with other church names).
- This name was on 5 of the 7 implementation team members' lists in our first round of sharing our choices, and at our final vote, when we ranked the last four choices 1-4, it was by far the one that stood out (it was the number one choice for everyone, tied for first with Green Valley Community Church for one member of the team).

From August 13-20, ballots will be available in the church foyer. As you consider your vote, remember to pray for indifference to everything except God's will. Please mark your choice (voting only once) and place your ballot in the basket, or e-mail or call the church offices with your choice. The new name will be announced on August 27.