

# BFC Annual Business Meeting Minutes

## January 17, 2021

**Opening:** Worship Pastor Jordan Terrell opening the meeting with music and songs at 6 pm. Elder Chairman Dean Vogel offered prayer over the proceedings and for revival within our community and country. After counting the 77 proxy votes submitted, a quorum was declared as an excess of the required 20% of members were in attendance or represented by proxy.

**New Elder:** Roe McAdams was recognized and thanked, having completed his term of service on the Elder Board. Don Lipps, Jr. was introduced as the selection to replace Roe on the Board, beginning the first year of a three-year term. Bob Terrell moved and Eugene Bengston seconded a motion that Don Lipps, Jr. be accepted as a new member of the Elders. **Motion passed.** The Chairman then introduced the other Elders and their leadership positions on the Board.

Dean Vogel – Chairman     Reggie LaDue – Vice Chairman     Will Swaine – Treasurer

Mike Young – Secretary     Don Lipps     Rodney Hollinger     George Janvier

**2020 Minutes:** Chairman Vogel asked Mike Young to present the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting from January 26, 2020. Mike announced that the minutes were present and that he was prepared to review the 20 pages of content from the previous session. Randy Gaines moved and Bob Schroeder seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that they be accepted as posted. **Motion passed.**

**Ministry Reports:** Chairman Vogel then asked the leaders of the church to present a recap of their 2020 service year.

**HOPE Ministry:** Chris Hadden presented the report for Hope Ministry.

(See attachment 1)

**Children's Ministry:** Dana Hadden gave the report for the Children's Ministry

(See attachment 2)

**Youth & Families:** Pastor Adam Smehyl shared the report on Youth and Families.

(See attachment 3)

**Worship and Music Ministry:** Pastor Jordan Terrell presented the report on music and worship.

(See attachment 4)

**Associate Pastor:** Pastor Andy McQuaid reported on 2020 activity and changes in his ministry.

(See attachment 5)

**Senior Pastor:** Pastor Todd Patterson summarized his 2020 BFC service and also gave the report on Missions.

(See attachment 6)

**Reports posted to the BFC Website for review:**

**Administrative Board:** Bob Schroeder prepared the report for the Administrative Board.

(See attachment 7)

**Deacon Board:** Fred Hayes prepared the report for the Deacon Board.

(See attachment 8)

**GriefShare Ministry:** Barbara Heishman prepared the review for the GriefShare effort.

(see attachment 9)

**NAOMI Ministry:** Donna Mandeville prepared the reported for the NAOMI Ministry.

(See attachment 10)

**Tuesday Crew** Bob Schroeder heads this team of men service church and community

(See attachment 11)

**Visitation Ministry:** Ron Yoder sent his report on the Visitation Ministry.

(See attachment 12)

**Women's Jail Ministry:** Bobbie Graham has led this ministry for 46 years and prepared the report. (See attachment 13 )

**Women's Ministry:** This report was prepared by Gwen McQuaid

(See attachment 14)

**Closing:** Pastor Todd closed the annual meeting with prayer from Ephesians 3:20-21. He asked for continued growth in all the internal and outreach ministries of the church. Pastor Jordan followed with a closing worship song. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mike Young, Secretary

## Attachment 1

### **BFC Annual Business Meeting - 1/17/2021**

#### **Children's Ministry**

Good Evening Church Family,

As we take a moment and pause and reflect on the 2020 year in review, I want to start out by saying Thank you to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His hand in everything we do. To also say thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers who have been so cooperative through these difficult times.

This year has been a challenging year to say the least. We have learned so much through all that has transpired over the last 10 months. We had to adjust to online Sunday School services and Wednesday Night Olympian and Gopher Buddies bible studies. We were challenged each week with different complications in the learning curve of how we were communicating online. We were forced to change our online Sunday school curriculum due to broadcasting rights. We were forced into communicating all of our Wednesday Night Olympians bible verses and Christian services and verse test all through video parents would send us. But I got to tell you, we graduated more kids to Gold than any other previous years and I just want to take a moment to say thank you to all the parents for their support in that effort, you guys are amazing. And because of you and your Kids hard work, you and your families were able to join in the Gold Trip this year to Sun Splash waterpark in Cape Coral, FL.

As a bonus, because of the times and all that our church family and their kids had been going through the leadership approved a request to allow all the Kids in Olympians and all immediate family members to join us and get the group rate. We had approximately 120 show up to this event and it was amazing fun for all.

Before the shut down due to Covid-19 we were able to start the year with our Night at the Kids Museum where we had about 31 kids and 9 leaders come out in January. Then in February we were able to enjoy our Annual Fastcar event and had an estimated 150 kids and family in attendance and enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship and Hot Wheel racing. We gave a Gospel Message and 14 kids did affirmations and 2 Kids were welcomed into the Kingdom of God through their decision to trust Christ as their Savior. Hallelujah!!

After then March came along and Covid-19 was ushered in and all our in-person meetings and events were cancelled.

As the months went by and we prayed and prepared for the day we would be allowed to meet together again.

In late June we were able to get approval to take the kids to Word of Life Summer Camp in Hudson, FL. We were blessed through the giving of our Church family and your donations to the Camp Scholarship program to take 51 kids to camp. I tell ya "The kids and the leaders really needed it; it was a wonderful time in the midst of all that was going on."—

As I said earlier after we came back from camp, we were able to go on our annual Gold trip to Sun Splash waterpark the following weekend. Again, it was great!!

That was our last event until September 16<sup>th</sup> our first Night back to start the fall season of Olympians and Gopher Buddies program along with the start of meeting in person for Sunday school the Sunday before. What a Glorious day that was.

So, as we continue to navigate our way through these unprecedented times, I am happy to report the enthusiasm is great, we are seeing record numbers on Wednesday nights Children's Ministry and beginning to see an uptick in our Sunday morning Sunday school attendance.

Although we have been presented with many challenges throughout this year, God has remained faithful at every turn.

I want to also take a moment to recognize Frannie Gillilan for all her hard work keeping the Gopher Buddies functioning throughout this time. Continuing her bible studies and sing a longs with the kids each Wednesday Night. Thank you Frannie, you're amazing and a true servant.

To all our Church Family, thank you for your Support and your Prayers, they have been instrumental in our success these last months.

So, in closing, thanks again for all your support and to the Leadership for your support in giving us the tools needed to serve.

Looking forward to a new year and seeing what amazing things Gods has in store. Amen!!

Sincerely,

Chris and Dana Hadden

BFC Children's Ministry Directors

## Attachment 2

### **BFC Annual Business Meeting 1/17/2021**

#### **Hope Ministry**

Good Evening Church Family,

First of all, I would like to thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the opportunity He has given us in serving our community through Hope Ministry. Also, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support over the last year and a half. Hope Ministry is making a difference in the lives of the Children and Families in our community because of your support.

So, as we look back on what was a difficult year for community ministry due to the Covid-19 virus, we can look back and say we are very thankful for the relationships we were able to build in the early part of the year before we were shut down. We were blessed to be able to still keep an ear to the ground and help people in need during the Covid-19 lockdowns.

We were able to help with food supplies to multiple families. Assisted in securing child care for a single mom so she could work. Provide food to help support local food pantry.

We were able to resume our meetings in Veranda breeze and Heartland Christian School the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. We were very happy to get back out and have our bible studies and snack times and just good old fellowship time with the kids. The first few weeks were slow as people were getting use to us coming back out which is normal. But as time passed, we have seen a lot of new interest from the families. We were very fortunate to be able to partner with First Baptist Sebring to distribute food in the Park Crest, Veranda Breeze and Hope Villas communities in September, October and November. We were able to go door to door distributing the food to families in need and I would like to say thank you to those who came out to help us accomplish that. Over the course of the 3months we were able to distribute about 10,000 lbs. of food. It was neat that the last opportunity came the week before thanksgiving.

As we continue to go out to Veranda Breeze each Monday afternoon from 4pm to 6pm and build those relationships we have also built a great Partnership with the Management of Veranda Breeze. We were invited to participate in a fall festival in October and a Christmas night of Movie and HOT Cocoa and Cookies in December to which has allowed us to get to know the parents and has increased our attendance on Monday evening Bible Study.

We got word from Management in November that the Veranda Breeze Board of Directors have decided they want give back to Hope Ministry for its contribution to their Community by supporting us with a Quarterly gift. Isn't that Great News!!

Just to follow up a little of what we are doing in Heartland Christian School, we go there each Tuesday for lunch and spend time chatting with the kids and building relationships that allow the kids to get to know us and open up to us and allows us to pray with them as they present prayer needs. Then after school we got back to their aftercare program and do Bible study and we bring little goodies for the kids for listening and paying attention. We also get to enjoy some more fellowship time with them as well. We generally get to speak the Word of Truth to about 50 to 60 kids on Tuesday afternoon which is Awesome!

Continuing on into the Christmas Holidays we were able to Partner with the Living with Foundation to help families in our Community to have an enjoyable Christmas. Also partnering with Families within our Church we were able to assist them as they blessed other families and I got to tell ya, it was so neat to have the privilege to watch God work through all the blessings.

We were also blessed to have the opportunity to Partner with Christmas In the Highlands this year on Christmas eve to have a Drive Thru Christmas giving event here at Bible Fellowship Church, I've got to say, it went very well and about 400 kids and family members were able to be blessed through this effort by so many wonderful volunteers.

So, all in all, not a bad year for being shut down for 6 months I would say. It has been a pleasure to watch the Hand of God work this past year in all these circumstances, God is so Awesome!!!

So, in closing, I want to again say thank you to all who have supported these efforts through your prayers and giving to this Ministry.

We look forward to 2021 and what God is going to do and we are very Hopeful and excited to see His Hand at work in the coming days and months.

Thank you

Sincerely

Chris Hadden

Hope Ministry Children and Family Outreach

## **Attachment 3**

### **Youth Pastor – 2020 Annual Report Adam Smehyl – Youth and Families Pastor**

#### **Wednesday night ministry:**

- Routinely over 100 Middle and High School students weekly. Sometimes as many as 140. We also started live streaming on YouTube, then the video is posted to Facebook.
- Systematic study using. Word of Life curriculum hitting topics of: Christian essentials, The purpose of church, the person of the Holy Spirit, the doctrine of sin, the faith of Joseph, a study in Ephesians, and apologetics.
- Small groups are fully staffed with 19 volunteer.
- In October, 8 students obeyed the Word in being baptized.

#### **Sunday mornings:**

- Sunday school has been cut off due to COVID-19. I have students asking when we are going to start back up. My only response is “not soon enough.”
- Tuesdays at high school has been cut off due to Covid 19 restrictions. I still have a good working relationship with Sebring High School.
- We took 22 students to Pursuit Camp, Word of Life winter camp. The camp is sports themed with a message that is encouraging was well as evangelistic. Not sure this year is going to happen because of Covid, and conflicting schedules.

#### **TERM & CAPTIVE - I taught two one-week book study classes.**

- **TERM**-The Emmaus Road Message-A worldview study. “Stranger on the Road to Emmaus” by John Cross.
- **CAPTIVE**-Sanctification and the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. “The Captive and the Kings Will” also by John Cross.
- 12 students each day 8:30-4:00 Monday-Friday

**Mexico 2021** was bumped back to 2022, with plans written in pencil due to Covid.

#### **Work camp**

This year we took over 50 students to Stay at Home Work Camp in Lake Wales. We had morning devotions. During the day they roofed, painted, did yard work, and other service projects in the Florida sun. At night they received the Word of God under the barn, and our students led worship.

Praying for continued growth in my students and leaders.

## Attachment 4

# **Worship Ministry Report**

## **2020 Annual Business Meeting**

### **Jan 17, 2021**

#### **Adult Music**

- Like every other church in 2020, this year looked a lot like moving services to primarily, then secondarily, an online experience.
- Appreciate the flexibility of our amazing worship team in adapting to changing worship environments.
- Intentionally introducing songs that deal with less common themes.

#### **Youth Band**

- Currently have 14 students involved in youth worship.
- Obviously, inactive for months in the spring.
- Led worship for work camp (July 12-17).
- Working through Colossians, then Ephesians in bible study time.

#### **Kids Choir**

- Spring 2019-Spring 2020
- Put on hold during Covid-19.

#### **Personal**

- Josie and I were blessed to lead a “family discipleship”/young families Zoom bible study for much of the spring. Worked through Philipians as well as a Psalm 23 study by Matt Chandler.
- Welcomed Oliver Lawrence into our family this year (August 12). Appreciate the flexibility to spend time at home and the love of BFC for him already.

## Attachment 5

### **Associate Pastor Annual Report - 2020**

**Intro:** It has been one weird year! I doubt anyone will want to debate that in view of all we've been through as a church resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, but if you'd like proof, just look around the room tonight! Many of the members that are "here" are represented by proxy; others are joining us online. And who ever brought a face mask with them to passed annual business meetings, to say nothing of sitting where the blue tape tells us to sit. Weird! But necessary, and I want to say that I'm properly proud of way that BFC has navigated the very choppy waters of 2020. We haven't been everything everyone would have wanted us to be, but I think we've charted a reasonable course between keeping our people safe from the virus and keeping our ministries going forward to the blessing of the souls of our folks.

**Exposition:** Back to this being a weird year: one of the things I noticed as I looked back through my monthly reports to the Elders in preparation for tonight was an unexpected shift in emphasis in my ministry this year. It wasn't planned, not a thought of it being intentional, but a gradual change in direction has taken place over the course of 2020. Briefly put, at the beginning of 2020 the emphasis of my ministry revolved around teaching the Scriptures, helping grow a culture of prayer in our church, and encouragement of our Growth Challenge initiative. Weirdly, by year's end the focus of ministry had come down to two points: teach the Scriptures, and keep the Body alive as best we can through electronic media. When the year began, I knew nothing of ZOOM.

When the year began, our weekly podcast consisted only of recordings of our pulpit ministries. When the year began our website and Facebook page were once a week updates, rather than major centers of interest. Today, everything has changed. We are now using ZOOM as a means of delivering Bible studies via the internet; Sunday school classes; Book Club; Tuesday prayer meetings and Abide 21 morning prayer sessions; and the occasional odd staff meeting. We now have a Monday through Friday 5-10 minute devotional podcast available on our website, Facebook page and Buzzsprout site called "Let's Talk!" We have a Saturday 5-10 minute video podcast called "Wisdom from the Word" focusing on brief devotionals from the Book of Proverbs. And Pastor Jordan and his team are live streaming our Sunday morning services and special events.

This shift in emphasis from prayer and growth to technological ministry is troubling and gratifying all at the same time, as I'm sure you will agree. We've learned many lessons this year that we didn't even know we needed to learn last January and there is the thought among many that we'll never be able to quite go back to who we were before 2020, and that's probably a good thing. But we don't want to lose sight of the most important things while learning new things. As soon as we all get needles stuck in our arms, we'll have to turn our focus back once again to that which is most important. In the meantime, I am grateful for the new ways of ministering to the family that have been forced upon us this year.

**Details:** Now, permit me to take you on a fast tour some of the things I've been privileged to take part in in 2020.

After a nearly a nine-month struggle in development we added the BFC app to our arsenal of electronic outreach. We began working with our website developer in January of last year to produce a mobile version of our website you can easily access from your mobile phone. This has come to completion but we're not satisfied with the capability it achieved, so it looks as if we're going to have to do a complete rebuild of our website and app beginning this month with a different developer.

As I mentioned before our prayer ministries have been somewhat impeded in their development this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had hoped to provide several events for the encouragement of the church's prayer life but were unable to follow through with those because of safety concerns. On the other hand, the pandemic forced us to make use of ZOOM technology in our Tuesday evening prayer ministry, which has proven to be a blessing, allowing several who were out of state to continue meeting with us for prayer as well as providing a safe option for those in our community self-isolating because of the pandemic.

Another development I had the privilege of being involved with this year is a small team called the "Discipleship Planning Team." This group started meeting around the first of the year and completed it's work by mid-March. We have recommended to the Elders the development of a specific ministry to strengthen our discipleship of the Body. Specific details on how this will work will be coming to you later this year.

Concerning preaching and teaching this year, I had the privilege of preaching Sunday night messages through the books of Colossians, Malachi, Joel, Habakkuk and Titus this year, as well as teaching two thematic series, "Law and Grace" from the book of Galatians and "Great Chapters of the Bible," a quick trip through the main theme of Scripture: Creation, Fall, Redemption and Restoration.

Finally, I'll put in a plug for the Book Club. This year our group read together and discussed Dean Inserra's book, "The Unsaved Christian," Tim Keller's, "The Prodigal Prophet," John Piper's, "Coronavirus and Christ," J. I. Packer's "Finishing Our Course with Joy," and Mark Batterson's "Whisper." These all proved to be wonderful books, and tonight only, if you'd like to read one of them I'll provide it to you for free (providing I still have some leftovers in my closet)! See me after the meeting and we'll go explore what I've got to share.

**Conclusion:** Having come to the end, I will stop! But not without thanking you for the extraordinary privilege of ministering here at Bible Fellowship. Someone has well said that, "the only place you can effectively serve God is the place where He has put you." I rejoice that God put me here with all of you!

## Attachment 6

### **Pastor's Report 2020 Annual Meeting**

BFC Family,

I would like to thank you all for allowing me a chance to serve the BFC Family in 2020. This year has been a year like none other. I would like to take this chance and just highlight some things as I look back over 2020. The one thing that has been on my heart for this year is a longing to see **Jesus as the Hero** of the BFC Family. So let's look at what He has done in 2020:

- a. Property has been purchased and zoning has been changed so that we could build on this land.
- b. Zoom group meetings—not one of us had any idea about Zoom when 2020 began and now we all have an idea of what this looks like. God has allowed us to offer new things in 2020 because of this technology.
- c. Joy when we were allowed to come back together as a family!
- d. People gathering during the week have been such a blessing to me. We have had a chance to see the hunger of those who want to meet more than just a Sunday morning. So now the church is being used in new ways, which has brought joy to my heart!
- e. Missions—God has allowed us a chance to help start two churches in Africa and given us a new missionary! Thank you father for allowing us to expand!

To close our time together we would like to use worship-based prayer

1. Reverence
2. Response

## **Attachment 7**

TO: BFC Elders

FROM: Bob Schroeder, **Admin Committee** Chair

SUBJ: **Annual Report**

The Admin Committee was created by the Elders to assist in the administrative operations overseeing existing governing policies and procedures. The Admin Committee consists of 8 members and an Elder liaison. The Committee meets on a monthly basis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, from noon till 2PM. Each member is assigned overseeing duties with respect to designated church ministries and staff functions.

A major portion of the Admin Committee duties is to develop and oversee the church's annual budget. The church physical year is from Jan 1 – Dec 31. In 2020 the approved budget equated to \$887,000. During the year of 2020, the church received 2 very generous offerings and participated in the government COVID-19 Payroll Protection Plan stimulus. When these amounts were added to the normal tithes and offerings, the church year ended with a very strong financial posture. This strong finish is truly a testimony how our Lord provides the resources to do His work at BFC.

As of January 1, 2021, a new annual budget has been approved and implemented. The Committee requests the congregation continue to pray for the BFC finances and Admin Committee. In addition to financial responsibilities, the Admin Committee performs duties that support staff and governing policies and procedures. During 2020, The Committee supported placing 2 new staff members and is active in updating the employee policies and procedures guidebook. Additionally, the Committee is updating the existing "BFC Financial Policies and Procedures" governing document.

Tasks completed during the year 2020 include: obtaining a cost reduction in church fees to process electronic donations (tithes/offerings), review of current investment policies, receiving and forgiveness of the government funds regarding the Payroll Protection Plan stimulus, adjustments/changes to the monthly financial reports documentation format to clarify financial transactions, and self-auditing to ensure in-house procedures and documentation are being utilized correctly.

The Committee in 2021 continues to pledge to the BFC congregation that the blessings and resources provided by our Lord will demonstrate faithful stewardship and glorify Him in all ways.

## **Attachment 8**

# **Deacon Board 2020 Annual Report**

2020 was an interesting year to say the least. It started out as any other year.

Stats:

Starting in January we had 17 active Deacons.

The Deacons served Communion on January 5 and March 1.

Terry Leaphart stepped down from the Deacon Board after many years of service.

AND that is when the "as usual" went left of center.

When the COVID-19 pandemic came to the forefront, everything changed.

Due to the restrictions from the government, social distancing, the addition of wearing masks, and the disinfecting requirements mandated changes regarding how we handled the Deacon Responsibilities.

In the same time frame, the government medical experts strongly advised that anyone with pre-existing medical conditions should refrain from any social gatherings. This is when the number of active Deacons dropped from 17 to 9. We also said farewell to Stuart Boyd, who was called home after a battle with COVID.

Attendance for the Sunday services dropped eliminating the need for Deacons to be in the parking lot. Sunday school services were cancelled eliminating the need to have Deacons monitoring the children's and adult classes.

With the number of Deacons diminished, our Deacon Responsibilities were pared back accordingly. Instead of having 5 Deacons on duty every Sunday morning, we now have 2 or 3 Deacons. We handle the disinfecting of the Sanctuary between services and monitor the south and west lobby entrances.

A Deacon Memorial plaque was designed and implemented by Jim Morris, with the approval of the Elder Board. The purpose of this plaque is to honor Deacons who have fulfilled at least a minimum 3-year term and have since passed away. This plaque is in the information (south) foyer. The first name entered on the plaque is Stuart Boyd.

The normal procedure for Deacon nominations was derailed due to the COVID. To date we have not had the regular meetings since February. The difficulties encountered with the usual process are the lack of attendees at regular church services, in order to be able to personally invite them, and the number of candidate adversely affected by the pandemic for health reasons. As the forthcoming year dawns upon us, we will monitor how this scourge will affect how we conduct the business of the Deacon Board. Nominations and selections will be handled accordingly.

The Deacon Board is a tremendous opportunity for service to our local church. The need for new Deacons is great. I would greatly encourage any man that is a member, even if you "snowbird," to consider becoming a Deacon.

Respectfully,  
Fred Hayes

## Attachment 9

### **GriefShare 2020 Report**

#### **BFC Annual Meeting**

**Facilitators:** Bob Warrington, Mary Sage, Betty McMindes, Judy Graham, Donna Mandeville, Barbara Heishman, Christie Mynott

The January classes began with 18-20 participants in the afternoon including 5 men. Among them was Arden Gilmer who is currently considering joining us as a facilitator for 2021. This is an answer to prayer. The evening class led by Christie Mynott, our gal from Canada, had 12 in attendance including 3 couples. We saw remarkable progress as our folks allowed God to help them with the grieving and healing process because of their loss of a loved one.

Then came COVID-19. Most of our folks still showed (but Christie headed back to Canada) on Monday, March 16 for lesson # 10 of the 13 lessons. On March 17 the decision was made to stop all activities at the church. In the meantime, the folks at GriefShare headquarters did a superlative job of getting the videos on the computer. By supplying them with our folks e-mail address, the attendees were able to download the videos so that a major part of our folks saw the videos. We in turn divided the participants among our team. Each week for the next 3 weeks we kept in telephone contact with our folks so that they were able to complete their workbooks. Those that did not have computers we telephoned as well and helped them limp through their workbooks.

We regret that we were unable to have closure for both classes. Our desire was to do that sometime in the summer never anticipating that we would still be dealing with COVID-19 on an even larger scale. Throughout the summer GriefShare headquarters worked to make the material available on Zoom. Our facilitators worked with Andy McQuaid and Christie Mynott in Canada to try to use the Zoom process. We offered the video “Surviving the Holidays” in November and will be offering the video “The Loss of the Spouse” January 9. But we discovered that our participants wanted to be in a class that was “only in person” so long as we were maintaining social distancing and wearing face masks. Thankfully, the Fellowship Hall is available to give us enough space to do that. Therefore, we will start another 13 week GriefShare session on January 11, 2021.

We thank Bible Fellowship Church for being flexible and understanding as they helped us to work through the many changes that took place during the year 2020. We are especially grateful for Andy McQuaid’s patience with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heishman, lead facilitator

## Attachment 10

### NAOMI FELLOWSHIP 2020

#### Never Alone Offering Ministry Instead

This is one that when the ladies qualify to be part of us, we cry!

We want to thank Bible Fellowship Church for taking seriously James:1:27

*Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this:*

*To visit orphans and widows in their distress and to keep yourself unstained by the world.*

I would like to recognize the NAOMI Committee: Donna Barnhart, Treva Edwards, Debbie Luddington, Sue Sherlock, and Roxanne Wood. - Cathy Schreima, (deceased) and Cathy Boldt who resigned due to family needs.

#### Mission Statement

Our purpose is to minister to each other through fellowship, prayer, and food. Our mission is to partner with women after the death of their husband, in the love of Christ, to be encouraged and strengthened to fully trust and to experience the reality of a victorious life and deeper walk with God.

#### Activities

In January Monie Motis, a retired SIM Missionary spoke to us straight from her heart of the 33 years she and her husband Ben were missionaries. There were both good times, but also some bad times because of political unrest. She said her testimony could be titled – *My walk in life OR What we do when we don't know what to do.*” At the end of Monie’s sharing her heart, there was time for questions by those attending.

In February we held an afternoon Valentine’s themed tea. Beaj Reed, who resides at the SIM Village was the quest speaker. Her story revolved around death and the deaths in her family. The way she presented this somber subject was awe inspiring and well received by the ladies attending. She told us a story about a tea cup and also spoke about the song, “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus.*”

In appreciation we presented Beaj with a pretty china tea pot. We also had door prizes consisting of 5 china tea cups and saucers which brought such happy smiles on the faces of the ladies attending. In observance of Valentine’s Day red table cloths and white napkins were used. Each lady could choose a china tea cup and saucer to use. We had beautiful tea pots, flowers, Dove chocolate candy favors, plus printed cards with Biblical scriptures made by Mary Sage. Refreshments consisted of plates of delicious cookies.

In February we also did a book drive for the Goodwill store here in Sebring. The program was called Book Works. The Naomi Fellowship collected new or like-new children's books for this program. Book Works volunteers read to pre-school children at eh Head Start Centers and then presented each child with a book to take home. They also needed volunteers to help sort, clean and prepare the books for the children. Morgan Hout volunteered to help out in this area until the COVID-19 virus hit.

In March, Pastor Joe Anderson was our guest speaker. Over the years he has taken people on 14 trips to Israel. Pastor Anderson's slide presentation from that country was most informative. He brought out various scriptures relating to each slide.

**And then the Corona virus hit.....**

We stopped all meetings for six months and then in October we opened with a pizza luncheon and watched the powerful movie *Overcomer*. This inspirational story is a mix of faith, humor and heart. It has a theme of Identity and the Power of Forgiveness. We were all cheering and clapping Hannah on in the race.

One of our goals is to enjoy happiness being with our Sisters in Christ.

**And then.....** a recent outbreak of the virus in our church has led us to cancel all meetings until further notice.

Submitted by

Donna Mandeville

1/17/2021

## Attachment 11

# **Tuesday Crew / Helping Hands**

## **2020 Activity Summary**

During the Year 2020, the Tuesday Crew has provided both direct and indirect support to the general domestic care of the BFC Campus, conducted several projects via the “Helping Hands” Ministry, security actions and COVID-19 support actions. Domestic care primarily assists the Facility Manager in maintaining the functionality of all support systems: electric, plumbing, lighting, landscaping, parking areas, cleaning, building/roof repairs, furnishing repairs, air conditioning, security and COVID-19. Special projects relating to campus functionality included: changing lighting to LED, running electric/water to all out buildings, gutter installation, building attic walkways, installing attic lighting, parking lot/area cleaning-repair-painting, and landscaping of south lawn/flower beds.

In addition to random and special care, the Tuesday Crew performs scheduled maintenance on the air conditioning equipment, irrigation system, fire suppression/detection systems-equipment, tree trimming, kitchen equipment, vehicles and various small support equipment (power washer-lawn tractor-utility cart-generator and hand equipment)).

The Tuesday Crew also sponsors the ministry of “Helping Hands”. This ministry is intended to support BFC members (widows/widowers- handicapped-seniors-single moms) that need special assistance but can’t achieve individually. During the 2020 the Helping Hands Ministry provided moving service, home repairs, lawn/property repairs and transportation/vehicle support actions.

In 2021, the Tuesday Crew will continue to support these actions to help maintain the campus functionality. Actual achievements will be accomplished as opportunity/need is determined by the Facility Manager/BFC leadership.

Submitted by: Bob Schroeder

## Attachment 12

### **BFC Visitation Team 2020 Annual Report**

I would like to start by thanking the team who have participated in this ministry. I would also like to thank the people who have faithfully sent cards.

We discontinued face-to-face visitations in early first quarter because of Covid. We continued phone visits with those we had been visiting regularly. We also sent cards to those that had hospitalizations and to those that have lost loved ones. I believe that phone visitations can be expanded and encourage forwarding of names.

My hope and prayer is that we can resume in person visits before year end.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Yoder

## Attachment 13

# Women's Jail Ministry 2020 Annual Meeting Report

2020 was a year of "what's next." I had to pray and trust the Lord Jesus above all else. I didn't know what would happen to the jail ministry. The officials at the jail were somewhat in charge, but when it all came to pass the Lord Jesus was in what happens next. He always makes a way where we see no way.

For a time I could not go into the jail to minister at all. But as God was in control, a plan was made to allow the volunteers to come back to minister to the ladies. So now I appear on TV in a small room with a small camera for thirty minutes the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 1:00 until 1:30. The broadcast appears on the cell block main TV screen for the women. They can see me, but I can't see them.

I am getting accustomed to the way things are. I ask the Lord to give me a message from His heart to my heart to their hearts. To any who listen the allotted time allows me to play a little music, pray and give a devotional that brings Hope and Help from the heart of our Savior. I'm always telling of the free gift of Salvation and Jesus' Love to all who will believe and receive the Free Gift. Letting them know Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Light.

I am His messenger to tell them how to receive the gift of life by repenting of Sin and becoming born again through the Blood of Jesus Christ. They can walk in the light instead of darkness.

Please pray that the Word of Truth will set all who hear it and believe. They will be set Free and become followers of Jesus Christ. Please pray for my strength to continue to serve Him and do the work He has called me to do. To God be the Glory!

Thank you for all your prayers and support over the years. The prayers of the Saints ascend up to God.

Sincerely Christ's Servant,

Bobbie Graham

## **Attachment 14**

### **BFC Women's Ministry**

#### **2020 Annual Report**

From a human point of view 2020 was characterized by the unexpected; however, God's work continued in many avenues of ministry – including ministry to the women of BFC – in spite of the unexpected. The BFC Women's Ministry Leadership team includes Susan Patterson, Stacy Smehyl, Gwen McQuaid, Carolyn Shoemaker and Nicole Radonski. After many years of faithful ministry Marlene Rafferty decided to step down from leadership this year. Marlene is missed by our team and we thank her the countless hours she has given to this ministry over the years.

We began the year with the Wednesday evening Bible studies led by Stacy Smehyl and the Thursday morning Bible studies led by Kay Yoder in full gear. We welcomed Carissa Marine in January and Becky McIntyre in February as they shared their stories of spiritual journey with a group of ladies during our monthly Coffee Break on Saturday mornings.

The additional Coffee Breaks and other events that were planned for 2020 were put on hold in March. While the opportunities for public ministry were limited, a few smaller and less public avenues of ministry came to life. Many of us were blessed by Stacy Smehyl's encouraging thoughts from the Word that she regularly shared through the Remind messaging app for several weeks during the spring and summer. This same tool was also used to send a daily Bible verse for spiritual encouragement to a group of women who had previously joined the BFC Women's Ministry Remind group.

We have been encouraged to hear the stories of several who found creative ways to minister to women while our larger groups have been unable to meet. For example, a small group of women decided to intentionally reach out to young mom's using text messages, prayer and other means to offer support and encouragement. Other groups of women found ways to safely meet for regular worship and Bible study. Others found creative ways to continue ongoing discipleship opportunities, even with COVID protocols in place.

As the Christmas season approached the leadership team was encouraged by Susan Patterson to think of a way we could hold our annual Christmas event in early December. The result was the very successful event, Christmas Under the Oaks, held outside. We appreciate all who participated and helped with this event.

As we look ahead to 2021 we are pleased that Stacy and Kay have already been able to begin weekly Bible studies. We look forward to the return of other ministries and perhaps some that are new, as soon as it is advisable to do so.

Please pray for the Women's ministry at BFC that we will be sensitive to the needs of women and respond to the opportunities that God presents. We are thankful that there are no barriers to ministry with God and we look forward to how He will work in the coming year!