

## **Westview Baptist Church June 2022**

### **Report on Congregational Survey re: Pastoral Search**



On May 28 we had a roundtable discussion that focused on a survey prepared by the Search Committee. We were asking for your response to 5 questions concerning our church. After the meeting we summarized the results and reviewed them at our meeting.

**These are some highlights from that summary:**

#### **An Effective Church:**

It is welcoming, friendly, non-judgmental, praying, and focused on the Gospel  
Christ is the head and His love is shown  
There is a balance between outreach and in church ministries  
The volunteers are engaged and committed

#### **What does Westview do well?**

We are welcoming, adaptable to change, faithful, supportive of others  
We reach out to the community (food cupboard)  
We have adjusted to changing times (online services)  
The music team is a very important part of our services

#### **Where does Westview need to change?**

Better communication and listen to each other more  
More outreach including making our facilities more available to the community  
More attention to youth and encouraging their involvement in all aspects of our church

#### **How effective are our ministries?**

##### **Worship**

More balanced (get the drums back)  
Biblically structured  
Music is a very important part of worship

##### **Preaching**

Love it  
Bible based  
Relevant to the times and topical  
Needs to be relevant to youth

##### **Developing relationships with God**

The importance of small groups including bible studies, Alpha, coffee hour and prayer  
Teaching at all levels including Sunday School  
Support each other as in the journey

##### **Building Community with each other**

More comments regarding the importance and diversity of small groups

##### **Serving in the church**

Continue to encourage volunteers and have creative recruitment  
Need personal invitations and short-term opportunities  
Encourage youth and L.I.T.s to build confidence

## **Outreach and Missions in our community and the world**

Food cupboard, Explorers and Indigenous Events are good examples  
Build on past efforts  
Use of meals to get people together  
We miss the CMHA dinners on Hamilton Road

## **Christian Education**

### **Children**

The staff is doing a good job  
Sunday School, Explorers, VBS

### **Youth**

Need more leaders  
Look at why youth consider church unsafe  
Need to find ways to keep youth

### **Young Adults**

Not active  
Need to have activities and leaders

### **Families**

Need to have suitable activities  
Opportunities to be involved

### **Seniors**

Keep supporting seniors (phone list, internet, volunteers)  
More programs and dinners

### **Discipleship**

Having small groups helps  
Alpha is affective  
Need to train leaders  
Need to be relevant and open to the community  
Train how to engage meaningfully with newcomers

Copies of the survey report and the detail survey results are available on the table outside the sanctuary

Thanks to all those who attended the roundtable discussion. Your input has been very valuable and will be used. Some input will be useful to the Search Committee and other input has been passed on the Executive Board for their review

Since the Search Committee was formed, we have been meeting regularly to plan for the search for a new pastor. We are planning to meet with a representative of C.B.O.Q. this month

If you have questions please contact a member of the search committee

Thanks

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