

## Summary of January 5, 2023, Prayer and Discernment Team Meeting

In attendance were members of the team: Steve White, Ann Lyndon, Katy Beth Carr, Paula Michael, Gary Jester, Terry Buchanan, Mak Knowlden,, Terry Stubblefield, Calvin Durham, Lindsey Davis and Dale Cohen. Steve White chaired the meeting.

Terry Stubblefield opened the meeting with prayer.

Lindsey Davis followed with a devotional which included a Scripture reading from Luke 11:14-20 and Psalms 133:1 for the team's reflection.

The team discussed the status of the survey information. The team also discussed how best to provide the information from the survey to the congregation. The team unanimously agreed to the inclusion of the summary of the results and information gleaned from the survey being made available on the Discernment Team page. The information gleaned from the survey will be utilized to guide the team further in discernment.

The team then moved on to a discussion as to the inclusion of frequently asked questions. Prior to the meeting, the team members had submitted various questions and answers, which they suggested be presented on the Discernment Page for the congregation's consideration. The team then carefully and extensively reviewed and edited all of the questions and answers submitted, and made appropriate revisions with input from all team members present. The team agreed that the questions would be revised, as agreed, and submitted for consideration by the congregation. The FAQs will be available on the Discernment Page.

The team then discussed the upcoming speakers, which include the Bishop Deborah Wallace-Padgett on January 29 (who will also preach at the 11:00 services) and Rev. Dr. Brian Erickson and Rev. Dr. Vaughn Stafford on February 5, 2023. The team agreed that questions should be submitted prior to the dates set for the speakers. All team members will encourage their Sunday School classes, and other small groups in which they participate, to submit questions for consideration for presenters as well as to attend these presentations.

Team members have also been assigned to facilitate the video presentations, which are to begin on January 9 and continue for 6 weeks. Presentations will be held at 10:00 am on Mondays and 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. At least 2 team members will be present to facilitate each session.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2023 at 6 pm. The team will continue to pray deeply for the team and our church.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dale Cohen.