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Dear SPEP Church Family,

This letter summarizes the last congregational meeting, one which outlined how we are starting to implement the strategy we approved last year.

Nominations for Office

Josh Gordon and Brian Richards were nominated for the office of Deacon.

Director of Worship

We met our new Director of Worship, Andrew Broadwater. Andrew is married to Hannah, and they have a son (three year old Owen) and a new daughter (Grace). Andrew will begin leading us in worship on February 10.

Changes in Youth Ministry

Our new youth staff consists of full-time Director of Youth Ministries Katie Goslin, and part-time assistants Jeanna Hoover and Jacob Brunk.

Implementation Team Report

The I-Team gave its concluding report, outlining the changes in our staff and committee structure, which will be implemented in several stages. This should result in a more efficient and well-run organization. The Oversight Committees also have lists of recommendations which they are working on now.

Discipleship Roadmap

We were introduced to the basic ideas and structure which will direct our new emphasis on discipleship. The document is attached.

Discipleship Implementation

Our new approach to discipleship will come in three phases. The document outlining them is attached. By June, our Sunday Assembly will emphasize both worship and discipleship for all. Small groups as we might have at home, new study tracks to fuel spiritual growth, a special place for visitors to get to know us (and we them), and a weekly focus on responding to God's Word with expectant, joyful obedience.

Pulpit Committee

The Pulpit Committee has accomplished all its initial stages of preparation, and will soon be receiving applicants for our Senior Pastor position. They gave us a helpful sheet outlining how we can pray for them. The document is attached.

First Watch

Members who have significant experience in law enforcement outlined both past and planned actions to make SPEP a safer place.

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Treasurer's Report

Due partly to an unfilled staff position, our financial position is quite good at present.

Church sign

We announced the surprise gift to SPEP of a large donation. Funds from our savings will be added to this to finance a beautiful and functional electronic sign on Ritchie Highway. A designated fund exists for anyone who would like to help restore our savings – just mark your gift “Church sign.”

The new direction we have begun will bring significant changes to SPEP. As a church, we will take our discipleship more seriously than we have in years. We will develop a better identity as we all worship together. We will become much more intentional about making space at Christ's Table as the Lord brings people to us. As these changes take hold, more will undoubtedly follow.

Success depends on all of us being willing to accept a little change, and being willing to open up our hearts a bit more both to fellow members and visitors.

These changes raise a host of practical questions, and we don't have all of them answered. We decided it is better to obey where we believe God is leading, than wait until we think we have every future challenge covered. Open meetings to discuss all this will be held following 11:00 worship on Feb 3, 10 and 24. Please also feel free to contact me with questions and concerns. We will do our best to address them all, in the context of the path we believe our Lord is leading us.

Blessings,

Pastor Glenn