

# *Colerain Baptist Church*

*Kirkwood, Pennsylvania*

## **Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda and Reports**

January 22, 2017

(Snow Date January 29, 2017)



*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in  
the middle of them."*

*Matthew 18: 20*

**COLERAIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2018  
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**PASTOR'S 2017 YEAR-END REPORT**

This has been another great year here at Colerain. It has been a busy year, as I continued to complete service layout, counseling of those in need, hospital visitation, and shut in visitation, along with continuing to fill the pulpit. This was a year of change as I was diagnosed with cancer and went through extensive treatments. Sue and I would like to thank all who have prayed, sent cards, and even a meal or two to help us through this time. As we felt the love and caring of our church body .I was given the honor of officiating the marriage of Emily and Austin Laws. I am looking forward to God doing great things here in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Richard A, Schleh

**2017 DEACON BOARD REPORT**

The Deacon Board met regularly, usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month during 2017 with a number of special meetings as the need arose. The Deacon Board worked with the Pastor Rick

Schleh in seeking to meet the financial needs of some members and the spiritual needs of the congregation. During meeting times devotionals and special prayer times were held.

The Deacons served communion on the first Sunday of every month and took a benevolence offering to help those in need. Letters of intention were sent to 9 people who have not been attending.

The Deacon Board continues to seek God's will through prayer and reading of His Word and look forward to continued spiritual growth here at Colerain in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Shoemaker, Chairman

#### **TRUSTEE'S REPORT 2017**

We didn't do too many major things this year.

Bob Kershner resigned after the November 2017 Advisory Board meeting for reasons unknown.

The major thing we did was the dehumidifier downstairs.

We also did minor maintenance things such as shoveling the parking lot.

We cemented around the drain outside of the church so that it would stop leaking.

Austin Laws put hardware on the cabinets and drawers in the kitchen and cleaned out the lights in the kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Welk

#### **CHURCH HISTORY 2017**

January 1 10 am worship service only.

January 22 Annual meeting immediately after church.

March 3-5 Impact for teens.

March.9 No heat, no services.

April 2 Gideon speaker in morning service.

April 16 Easter breakfast and am Service, no Sunday school

May 14 Mother's Day.

June 3 6:30 to 8:30 pm game night.

June 11 Able to view morning services online.  
June 11 Homecoming Sunday. Pastor Chester Halstead spoke in the morning service. Followed by a covered dish luncheon.  
June 18 Father's Day.  
June 21 First Wednesday evening prayer meeting.  
July 16 11 am Service at Muddy Run followed by a covered dish luncheon.  
July 16 Start of Riptide (for 20 to 30 year olds) in the evening.  
July 23 Kings, missionaries to Italy, will speak, in the morning, followed by covered dish.  
July 23-27 Bible School for kindergarten thru sixth grade.  
August 13 Youth Sunday in morning service.  
October 29 Fall Fest dinner after the morning service.  
December 3 9 am Pancake Breakfast by youth to raise money for Impact.  
December 17 Congregational budget meeting immediately following morning service.  
December 17 6 pm Christmas caroling.  
December 20 6 pm Christmas Carol sing followed by games and refreshments.  
December 24 6 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

### **2017 MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Mission's Committee met, usually, on the first Tuesday of the month. The committee is thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness and His direction.

Colerain Baptist Church was blessed in 2017 with missionary visits from:

TAKIS AND TIA VASILOPOULOS were in the States from Greece for the month of June. Their schedule did not permit them to come to a church service. They met with the Missions Committee at our monthly meeting on June 6, 2017. They gave an update about their two children, Anastasia and Michael. They shared about their ministry in Athens, Greece, and in Moldova.

FRANK AND KATHY KING were on furlough and came to Colerain Baptist Church on Sunday, July 23, 2017. They arrived on [Saturday, July 22, 2017](#), and met with the Missions Committee Saturday evening at Lapps Restaurant. They stayed overnight. They shared in Sunday school, had special music in the morning service, and Frank gave the morning message. We had a meal after church and then Frank and Kathy left to go to Northern, PA to meet with another supporter.

Our mission project this year was:

The church participated again in the Samaritan's Purse, "Operation Christmas Child" Shoebox Project. The Missions Committee coordinated the project.

The Missions Committee passed out an "Adopt a Missionary" sign-up sheet at church and four families signed up.

The Missions Committee would like to thank the Colerain family for their prayers and financial support for our missionaries in 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Shaffer, Mission Chairperson

### **2017 SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Stacey Kershner was asked to serve as the sunshine coordinator and accepted. However, she suffers from migraines and was no longer able to continue the tasks involved with being the sunshine coordinator.

I tried to stay up-to-date on birthdays, anniversaries, and illness/hospitalizations, but was not able to cater to all sunshine coordinator responsibilities.

Emily Laws

### **2017 WORSHIP TEAM REPORT**

This has been another great year here at Colerain. Our worship team is always looking for new music and arrangements that are proper for our worship services. I would like to thank all of our team members for their dedication to the Lord's work. It takes many hours each week to prepare for our service and all of our team members joyfully arrive by 8:30-9:00 am every Sunday morning. We always put our Lord and Savior first, as we look to lead the Church into deeper worship of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Richard A, Schleh

### **2017 H<sub>2</sub>O REPORT**

H<sub>2</sub>O, our middle and high school ministry has been through a lot in the past year. We have moved the time from 6PM to 2-3PM ever Sunday and usually have a lesson/ do some sort of activity. Like each year, we went to the Impact Youth Conference in Harrisburg which was fun and a great experience for everyone who came. We've had a few teens who haven't been to youth group in a while, but we have one new teen who has been coming to church and youth group pretty regularly since VBS.

Austin and I are going through a lot of life experiences such as getting married, having a house, graduating from college, and working full time and part time jobs; and unfortunately haven't had

the time we would've liked to, to work with the teens some more. However, we all did go out to eat a few times and to Skyzone this year.

We will keep praying to learn more about God's word and to continue working on our relationships with the Lord as a team of God's children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily & Austin Laws

### **2017 NURSERY REPORT**

There were almost no infants/toddlers this year in the Nursery. However, we could always use volunteers in case a need arises. If anyone is interested in being a nursery volunteer please see the Nursery Coordinator.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Laws

### **2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The adult Sunday School class led by Lew Shoemaker met regularly with three to seven in attendance. The teen class led by Andrew Humble met at irregular time with three to six in attendance.

G. Victor Brinton  
Sunday School Superintendent

### **2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

“Maker Fun Factory VBS-Created by God Built for a Purpose” was held from Sunday July 23 through Thursday July 27 – 6pm to 8:15pm. The program was offered to children K through Adults with a Bible Class led by Vic Brinton for anyone over High School age.

The VBS program was advertised free of charge by Press Releases published in the Chronicle and Advertiser Newspapers. Posters were also posted at Kreiders Market, Jims Bait Shop at Octorara Lake, Meadowbrook Farm Market, Oma's Campground, JP Auto, Findley Motorcycle Shop, Bartville Store and Caruso's Pizza Restaurant. An announcement with information was also given to the Bart-Colerain Elementary Released Time Students on their last day of that class. An announcement was also posted at Maplehofes Dairy Store and the produce stand along Rt. 222, below Center Rd.

There was a small, committed group of volunteers who met and prayed seeking God's blessing from the beginning of the planning process. It was agreed we would gather for prayer before each evening program.

This VBS program cost under \$300 for Music, Lesson Instructions, and Crafts, with some additional donated administrative supplies, and a very generous donation of snacks to be offered for up to 48 children. My unofficial record was the VBS offering totaled \$104.

Unfortunately, we were unable to practice prior to VBS with all volunteers present with sound tech, but the first evening of VBS brought not one child, so it was a good "dress rehearsal" for the rest of the week.

Those who were prepared to work with the elementary children listened to the lesson and went along with the program with the 3 Teens who attended Day 1. The Holy Spirit was evident in the joy and commitment to share in that time together. Three teens also attended Day 2 in the same spirit. Day 3 finally brought 5 elementary age children who were invited by the only elementary child we had attending Colerain Baptist Church at that time. Since we had no game leader, all ages played kickball for game time and that was truly a big hit with the kids. Day 4 had 4 elementary children and 4 teens, and Day 5 had 3 elementary children and teens had moved on to their own group for VBS.

The children crafted a good number of artificial flowers to be given to shut-ins.

Total of five children actually attended the VBS, and an average of 4-6 Adults and teens each night.

In hindsight, it is evident that outreach efforts from this small church congregation require all generations to work together. There was a blessing in that spirit, as we have seen faithful attendance from one teen and one young man since VBS. The committed, serving hearts of all those involved gave glory to God.

It is also obvious that guests come from being personally invited. It was the one young family with a child who brought their friends to VBS and one teen who was inviting other teens. Also noted, there was some distraction prior to the start of VBS the first couple nights. I would not recommend attempting another outreach like VBS unless you have enough participants within the congregation to start with.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Kershner

### **2017 LIBRARY REPORT**

The library has grown to include many fine books. Supplies were bought and are ready for use as soon as I recover enough to spend time in the library. Due to the generosity of our congregation, books and supplies were donated so no money was spent from the budget account.

Thank you,

Karen Flowers

