

***THIRD QUARTER BUSINESS MEETING***

***ADVANCE REPORT***

***October 28, 2023***

***"You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord." (Ephesians 2:19-21)***

The November 5 meeting will be unlike any prior Business Meeting. Information is being made available before the meeting, a brief “highlights” presentation will be made to start the meeting. The heart of the meeting will be the interaction that takes place among the attendees and TBC ministry leaders.

**What will be different - we want to hear from you, not talk to you.**

This report is being provided in advance of the November 5 Quarterly Business Meeting to give the congregation a summary of what has been Accomplished thus far in 2023 and to put forth the Goals for the remainder of 2023 and into 2024. In outlining the work of Trinity’s (TBC) ministries we are touching on the highlights and not endeavoring to cover everything that has and is anticipated to take place.

The purpose of this report is to not only inform but more importantly to enable attendees to come to the meeting prepared to ask questions, offer comments and provide suggestions regarding how TBC works for the Lord.

On the pages that follow is a list of Accomplishments and Goals for many of the ministries that compose TBC. Everything is not covered there will be additions and changes as we move through subsequent quarterly meetings.

***PASTOR MITCHELL’S REPORT***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Free Flea Market Event in June.
* Wonderful Fellowship Luncheons throughout the year.
* Successful Vacation Bible School with twice as many kids in attendance and many adult helpers. Much improved overall VBS effort of last year.
* Successful first Fall Festival with about 150 in total attendance, many from outside our church, overall good, planned effort. We look forward to planning for next year.
* Successful Men’s and Women’s Retreats this fall.
* Relaunched our Refuge Youth Ministry following the end of the Severna Park Youth Collective.
* TBC Attendance and Membership has slowly gone up this year.

GOALS

* Finish 2023 strong as a Church
* Thanksgiving at TBC Luncheon on November 19
* Holiday Plans for TBC
* Discipleship & Outreach Growth, particularly for 2024
* Add to our Deacon Leadership

***DEACON/DEACONESSES BOARD, Pastor Mitchell***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Despite a difficult year for the health of our Deacon Board members, they are all still with us! That is in itself an accomplishment!
* Our Deacon Board has gotten better during the last few months at keeping in touch with our membership.
* Our Deacon Board has continued despite a challenging year to provide consulting support for Pastor with issues we have had to address.
* Our TBC Assistance Fund has provided financial support to meet the needs of our congregation and outsiders.

GOALS

* For our current deacons and deaconesses to completely heal in their health challenges so that they can fully resume being involved in their role.
* To add new deacons and deaconesses to our board, prayerfully that have a mature faith, gifting and calling to this essential role for TBC.

***BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Ed Thomas, Chairman***

***FINANCES***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* *January 1, 2023, checking account $117,406 and investments $97,892 which totaled $215,298*
* *September 30, 2023, checking account $105,562 and investments $102,177 which totals $207.738*
* *For the 9 months of 2023 TBC’s income was $220,552 and expenses were $233,810 creating a deficit of $13,258*

*GOALS*

* Continued stewarding the resources that the Lord blesses TBC
* Preparation and management of a 2024 budget

***FACILITIES***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Careful management, maintenance, upkeep of the church building, parsonage, and grounds
* Replaced the sidewalk

GOALS

* Continued care and maintenance of the facilities and grounds
* Build the wall to separate the sanctuary from the foyer
* Upgrade parts of the interior of the church
* Build a deck at the parsonage

***CHILDRENS’S MINISTRIES, Holly Gue, Director***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Our Sunday School group is growing! We are serving an average of 11 kids each week.
* Successful VBS thanks to Petra Roche & her team of volunteers.
* Separated the kids into two different groups based on age to better tailor the Bible lessons to match the capability and maturity of the kids.
* New Sunday School Teachers - Peggy Wolfe and Nicola Simpson.
* Ms. Peggy leads the younger kids and has done a great job of organizing and preparing the classroom.
* We celebrate each child's birthday to make the birthday child feel special and important.
* The children helped with two service projects this year. The older kids made dog-toys for the dogs at the shelter. We also sent Valentine's letters to our church friends.
* Gracious & sincere thank you to our teachers: Peggy Wolfe, Nicola Simpson, Mardy Williams and Sarah Koontz for their continued time, effort, love and energy spent with the kids. Thanks also to our wonderful nursery workers.

GOALS

* One community or service minded project for the children to participate.
* Three-four social events for the children to attend with a focus on outreach.
* Summer VBS program.
* Obtain another Teacher Volunteer.
* Continued improvements in the classrooms. We plan to add a TV to enhance the lessons with videos.

***YOUTH MINISTRY, Pastor Mitchell***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* The implosion of the Severna Park Youth Collective this past August caused us to have to prayerfully go about the process of rebooting and rebuilding our Youth ministry.
* Refuge 2.0 has several adult leaders within our church and a couple from Bay Life Church along with over a dozen teenagers thus far who have attended our recent Refuge gatherings.
* Our New Refuge Adult Volunteer Team is constantly meeting to collaborate and strategize how we are going about this new chapter in our Youth

ministry. Currently, Refuge typically meets two Wednesdays a month and two Sundays a month.

GOALS

* To facilitate an effective Youth ministry that provides an atmosphere of safety and love while presenting and equipping teens with God’s Word to help in their walk with Jesus Christ.
* Having a Winter and Summer Retreat for the Youth group this coming year, and hope to continue adding volunteers and especially teachers who can help us bring God’s Word to the teens.

***SENIOR MINISTRY, Dale and Lee Lewis***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Visiting three facilities every other Sunday: Living Well, Mountain Road; Living Well, Millersville; Complete Care.
* Blessed to have Nicola Simpson, Jillian Williams, Betty and Bernie Domowski participating.
* Minister to residents and staff, attendance varies from 4 to 10.

GOALS

* Increase in facilities and attendance
* More TBC involvement

***MISSIONS, Barbara Meek, Chairperson***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Supported 32 Local, National & Global Missions
* Gave over $50,000 in 2021 and 2022 and we are on track to do the same in 2023.
* Went to two local missions, sent a team to Baltimore Rescue Mission presented them with funds toward a new van and 75 pounds of Northern Navy Beans. Traveled to Marydel, MD for a one day mission’s trip to assist Happy Helpers for the Homeless.
* Contributed 140 boxes of kleenex along with 60 pencil boxes AT Marydel. Our team manned the various stations to distribute the food, clothing, school supplies and laundry detergent to some 300 families.
* Featured a different Mission each month with Bulletin Inserts, Displays, Videos, Handouts, and Mission Representatives.

GOALS

* Work with Local Missions seeking opportunities to go out into the community with hands-on support.
* Continue to inform TBC about all supported Missions.
* Continue to review and maintain accountability for all supported Missions.
* Provide at least same level of Financial Support.

***WORSHIP TEAM, Zach Joines, Director***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Volunteer rotation working well
* HymnSings in both Spring and Fall resumed
* Contemporary worship nights resumed

GOALS

* Considering biannual events
* Always welcoming and looking for new members
* Dane's departure will lead us to need a bass player

***CREATIVE TEAM, Rich Gue***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Significant Improvements in Streaming Quality
* PC Upgrades
* YouTube Channel Created
* Live Streaming now on Facebook, Website, and YouTube
* Improvements to Past Stream/Recording Listings on Website

GOALS

* Continue improving stream, recording, in-house sound quality, and in-house lyric/media delivery
* Widening of sound booth
* Clean up wiring and relocate cameras

***SOCIAL MEDIA, Zach Joines***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Most active around events: VBS, Fall Fest, etc.
* RSVP's have worked well to direct traffic to our website

GOALS

* Adding Pastoral Videos for engagement and outreach
* Pursue a promotional/invitational video
* Increase visitors

***WOMEN’S MINISTRIES***

***Tuesday Evening Bible Study, Anne Thomas***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Dr. Jeremiah’s *SLAYING THE GIANTS IN OUR LIVES*  -  study with CD’s
* Short study on The Man Who Walked With God - *ENOCH*
* Short study on the importance of *ROSH HASHANA, YOM KIPPUR, and THE SHOFAR* (Trumpet)
* *Who is HOLY SPIRIT*?
* *BASIC CHRISTIAN BIBLICAL BELIEFS*
* Average attendance 15

GOALS

* Study on *GENESIS*
* To be determined

***Co-Ed Bible Study, Janie Sousa***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Acts 1 – 12
* Current Study Acts 13 - 28
* Average attendance 8

GOALS

* Continue to study inductively
* New Study to be determined
* Meeting every two weeks until January

***Women’s Retreat, Melissa Gomez***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS S

* 15 women attended
* All participated in group discussions, devotionals and scripture meditation
* Fellowship, camaraderie and fun were had by all!
* All women received a retreat t-shirt and a reflection journal

GOALS:

* Secure a location for next year's retreat
* Increase attendance for next year's retreat

***MEN’S MINISTRY, Pastor Mitchell and Ed Thomas***

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

* Men of Courage Every Wednesday Evening 10-15 attending
* Men’s Breakfast Monthly 10-14 attending
* Men’s ignite Impact Weekend, Virtual 12 attended
* Men’s Annual Retreat, 21 attended

GOALS

* Increased attendance
* Additional events, activities
* Joint meetings with other men’s groups

***USHERING AND ATTENDANCE, Joe Sousa, Ushers Chairman***

***NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 28, 2024***

 **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTIONS**