

UMM Minutes – April 2, 2011

Men gathered between 6 and 6:30 a.m. to help Noah's Ark staffers put items out for a yard sale: John Christian, president; Chuck Taylor, treasurer; Terry Cobb; Harold Tarpley; Dan Ertle; Jim Edgar, Steve Davis, Ronny Roberts, Michael Willey; Bob Chrzanowski, Jim Dye, & Michael Bishop. Present for the 8 a.m. meeting included several of the foregoing plus Warren Aldrich and grandsons Michael, Devon, Jess, and Paul, whom we were delighted to have with us, along with Jesse Saint and Howard Schaeffer. (I apologize if I've left anyone out. Please let me know.)

Bob opened our final lesson in the booklet *Following Christ* by reading Acts 1:6-12, and John led us in the morning's study. Men read paragraphs from the booklet in succession, with stress on the meaning of discipleship and the necessity of developing an intentional plan for following Christ in our daily lives. A helpful, directed discussion followed these readings.

Treasurer's report: Chuck noted that we made \$1,169 at our March chili cook-off. He cut two checks that morning, one to re-charter our men's group and one for the bulletin board on display in the FLC. Current balance: \$909.02. We will donate \$252 to the Youth Missions Committee, who made a fine breakfast for us; that sum will come from our treasury, from cash contributions to our breakfast basket, and one \$100 gift from Bob C., whose generosity is often manifest among us. We thank him for his heartfelt commitment to us and to others.

John notes that our next men's breakfast will take place on Sat., May 7, 2011, and that Dean and Amy Mabry will make it for us. Also, we may have a special guest speaker.

Terry Cobb notes that we will have a church workday on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Jim Dye will spearhead this activity, which includes cleaning up the annex porch, getting rid of material on and under it, and replacing the steps. "I'll take care of hauling all that stuff off," Jim said. "I have no emotional attachment to any of it." John, Bob, Harold, and Chuck will all be present on that day, but we hope for a church-wide turnout. Harold reports that we want to try to place carpet from the back porch down in the choir loft. Makeup Day is April 23, should it rain on the 16th.

In new business, Chuck suggests that we return a tithe from any of our money-making projects to the church, most of which we intend to benefit the church in any case. So we will give \$120 to the church from our chili cook-off proceeds. Bob notes that usually we have the chili cook-off before the Sweetheart Dinner, and that it provides money to support that dinner. He offers to see what it would cost to have local restaurants cater next year's Sweetheart Dinner.

John mentions members of our church community with special needs, including Bill and Glenda Darley and Jay Turner, an out-of-work electrician, and his fiancée April. We also note the infant Bailey Downs, still struggling in the hospital after a difficult birth. John prays for courage for Bill and indeed for a miracle; that God will comfort both Bill and Glenda and work His perfect will in Bill's life. Harold closes our meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bishop, Secretary