

## GAP Future Directions Task Force

### GAP Mission Statement:

*The mission is to support and facilitate the efforts of congregations in Gaston County in their work to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our hope in doing so is that we transform churches so that their members may find new life and new energy to respond to God's call and others will be attracted to them and their work.*

At the June meeting there was a discussion of what ways GAP could further and expand the mission for which the group assembled. This was felt to be needed so that the outreach into the community would be expanded without any loss to the various missions already undertaken. It was decided that a task force would be convened of five members to consider the topic and to hopefully bring back some concrete proposals by the August meeting for the group to consider. The task force was then formed to consist of:

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### GAP Task Force Meeting Agenda July 12, 2017

1. Does the mission statement as originally formulated still remain an accurate statement of GAP's reality and goal? (Is the current mission both service to others and self-service, i.e.: attracting others?)
2. Does GAP need to formulate a more definite organizational structure? Perhaps a governing council or chairperson to provide better continuity between meetings as constantly having a different moderator who may/may not have been present at previous/ recent meetings may be an impediment to moving forward with too much time spent rehashing/updating previous events.
3. What ideas can we generate which involves more accurately our mission; which can involve create activities in which a larger portion of the various congregation can and will participate so that there is more opportunity for service jointly and for those with physical limitations?

## Meeting Report

Members attending: James Holeman, Libby Sigmon, Beth Bolin, Bill Glover, Gayla Woody & Dan Oedy.

### Topic 1. Discussion of current mission statement

Current statement too long and too difficult to remember; does not present clear picture of mission.

Suggestions for new mission statement: (First statement preferred by Task Force).

- a. The mission of GAP is to worship, fellowship and serve together in order to transform members into thriving members of the body of Christ.
- b. The mission of GAP is to create opportunity for worship, fellowship and service together to unite and transform the body of Christ.
- c. The mission of GAP is to together transform and unite our congregations through worship, service and fellowship.
- d. The mission of GAP is to worship, fellowship and serve together: helping Gap churches transform into thriving members of the body of Christ. (Suggestion e-mailed by Rev. Holeman after meeting.)

### Topic 2: Organizational Changes

Suggest taking the three items from the new mission statement (worship, service, fellowship) and create a Task Force assigned to each one to develop, organize and execute two projects for each mission focus. One project designed to present ways to involve and include those congregational members with some physical limitation.

Meeting under this format would occur on alternate months with all gathering for prayer, devotion and update reports from the various Task Forces at the beginning; then the Task Forces separating to work on their particular project. During updates, recruiting for aid in execution of projects would take place.

Topic 3: Some brainstorming thoughts on possible projects for the 3 Task Forces but selection to be made by those who join a particular Task Force. Since projects about which one has a personal interest motivates commitment, hopefully there will be a focus which will draw all who are committed to the concept of GAP.

Service/Mission Task Force---Habitat House & one other.

Worship to create and plan a joint GAP worship service; continue placement of Christmas/Easter ads;

Fellowship—Create and plan a joint fellowship gathering; perhaps organize card fellowship ministry to include hospitalized, homebound, students graduating high school, college—major life events.