

## MORNING STAR FAMILY MEETING // October 10, 2021

### AGENDA

- Icebreaker
- Worship
- Elder Update
- Executive Pastor Update / Finances and Attendance
- Sharing from New Members: Jack and Savannah Hinman
- Salem Angels
- Communication Update
- Senior Pastor Update
- The Lights at Morning Star

### ELDER UPDATE / Todd Tallan

#### Meet the Elder Board (in order of tenure)

- Pastor Scott, Bob Trump, Josh Gordon, Tyler Winters, Terry Shike, Todd Tallan, Bill Schutz

#### Role and Responsibilities

- *Accountability:* We are accountable to each other as Elders; this includes Pastor Scott.
- *Self-Selecting:* The Elders nominate, vet, prayerfully consider, and select new Elders (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1). We will be in the process of choosing a new Elder in the next couple months.
- *Broad Church Oversight and Direction.* Our primary focus is the spiritual welfare of the church and defense of sound doctrine (Titus 1:9). Morning Star is pastor led and staff operated. Elders do not directly oversee the day-to-day operation of the church.
- *Financial Review and Oversight.* The Board receives a monthly report on church finances from Pastor John and Candy, reviews and approves the annual budget prepared by Pastor John, and other responsibilities. Typically we meet twice monthly; once for official business, and once for more of a roundtable discussion and prayer.

#### A Couple of Current Projects (examples of what we're working on)

- Church Bylaw Revisions
- Property Development

#### Contact Us!

- We are glad to answer questions and listen to concerns. Email us any time: [elders@mstar.church](mailto:elders@mstar.church).

### EXECUTIVE PASTOR UPDATE: FINANCES AND ATTENDANCE / John Jaskilka

#### Budget

##### 2021 Overall Budget

- 2020 actual giving: 1,971,862
- 2021 budget projections: 1,930,000
- Difference: -\$41,862.00 (-2.14%)

##### 2021 YTD Budget

- 2021 YTD Budget (through September): \$1,345,000
- 2021 YTD Actual Giving (through September): \$1,268,096
- Difference: -\$76,904.00 (-5.88%)

*Comparison from 2020 Giving (through September)*

- 2020 \$1,416,740
- 2021 \$1,268,096
- Difference: -\$148,644 (-11.07%)

*Expenses through September 2021*

- 2021 YTD Budgeted Expenses: \$1,421,433.98
- 2021 YTD Actual Expenses: \$1,357,234.14
- Difference: \$64,198.84 (4.62%) Under Budget

*Emergency Savings: Current Bank Balances*

- Short-Term Balance: \$36,137
- Medium-Term Balance: \$122,296
- Secured Long-Term Balance: \$140,071

**Attendance**

*2019 Average Sunday Attendance*

- Adults: 712
- Kids: 239
- Total: 951

*2021 Average Sunday Attendance*

- Adults in person: 378
- Online: 260
- Kids in person: 69
- Total: 707

*September 2021 Average Sunday Attendance*

- Adult In Person: 441
- Online: 151
- Kids in person: 96
- Total: 688

**Giving Idea: Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**

- If you are 72 or over
- We recommend that you discuss this with your financial advisor
- Questions? Contact Candy Escalante (candy@mstar.church)

**SALEM ANGELS / Jen Tompkins**

- *Focus.* Salem Angels is a local nonprofit that exists to wrap community around children, youth and families experiencing foster care.
- *Involvement Update.* Three local foster families have been matched with groups from Morning Star! The groups are providing a monthly Love Box, giving practical support and encouragement.
- *Interested?* If you are interested in being part of a Morning Star Salem Angels group, contact Jen Tompkins: [jen@mstar.church](mailto:jen@mstar.church) or visit [saalemangels.org](http://saalemangels.org).

### **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE / Jim Smith**

- *New website coming soon!* Focus will be more on communicating who we are, what we're about, and how you can get connected here rather than on events.
- *Morning Star App.* What it's for and how to get it.
- *Easiest Way to Sign Up for Events, Give, Get Info.* Use the app! You can still use the website, but you'll find the app is quicker and easier to use for those purposes. If you don't yet have the app, visit [www.mstar.church/app](http://www.mstar.church/app).
- *Clear Communication.* Along with in-person services and studies, we regularly post on facebook and instagram, send a weekly all-church email, and even occasionally text you. If you want to make sure we've got your current info, you can do that from within the app or fill out the info update card on [www.mstar.church/card](http://www.mstar.church/card).

### **THE LIGHTS AT MORNING STAR / Cooper Anderson, Jared Boltman, Katrina Kennedy**

#### **Event Dates and Time**

- December 3-5, 10-12, and 17-23
- 6-9 pm

#### **Volunteers Needed**

- Workdays: November 6-7
- Set-Up Days: November 20-21 and 27-28
- Event Dates: December 3-5, 10-12, and 17-23
- **Sign up on the Church Center App under events!**