

Pastor Daniel opened the meeting in prayer. He commented about the inspiring Baptism service held today and how he was grateful for Gracepoint's family.

### **New Members**

He instructed about the ballot to be completed about deacons who have to re-elected another 3 year term. Some have been serving for several consecutive terms and the church is blessed for their service. He also commented the 30 members names included in the ballot are currently serving somewhere in the church and some even got baptized today.

### **Budget 2019/2020 Report**

Pastor Daniel spoke briefly about the budget and called Anthony Cipollone who keeps track of the numbers to the podium to explain the report.

Anthony explained the members should be familiar with the format. There are 3 columns: first, the Actual Fiscal year July 31<sup>st</sup>, second the Proposed 2019 Budget, and the third a comparison between both of the previous columns. The following budget lines were discussed:

1. The missions, benevolence and giving campaign funds
2. Expense Line 38 was under budget due to savings on worship leader salary.
3. Net Cash line 40 of \$150,000. Anthony commented one of Gracepoint's biggest priorities is Missions and whatever extra income is available will cover Missions funding.
4. Line 42 we came one half below income.
5. Line 45 and 46 covers renovations made this year to rental properties and a new roof for the old chapel and LED lighting upgrades
6. Line 52 and 57 refer to the Loan summary.
7. The Parking lot re-sealing was cover with Reserve Funds.
8. The budget committee still researching Solar Panels and asked for prayer.

Questions during the presentation included the following:

1. \$100,000 restricted in 2019 budget but not in 2020? Answer: Anthony explained that yes it is in the 2020 budget and is for Pastor Carl future house.
2. The utilities budget line was lower in 2020 than 2019. Answer: the upgraded lighting to LED panels will save on electrical billing.

Pastor Dan thanked Anthony and the rest of the committee for the work done. He added that we have quorum and their vote counts today. He also apologize for not having the minutes for the last meeting because they were taken by Carmen Cordova who went to be with the Lord and she was doing it for a long time. He thanked Gloria Calo for taking the minutes today. He reminded members about a commitment to tithe and to be faithful. He commented about the most recent sermon series of the Blessed Life and gave a testimony example of how the Lord provides when you trust him. He encouraged members by saying "God knows your needs and He will continue to provide". He added we are coming to the end of the Outlive Your Life campaign and asked to be faithful on commitments made. He announced there will be another giving campaign in November and December.

Pastor Daniel said his vision is to get rid of debt and not leave a negative legacy to our next generation of leaders.

### **Ministry Reports**

Pastor Daniel reminded members that all of the ministry reports are online and can be downloaded and read. He asked the Pastoral Staff to briefly share with the members, and at the end he will speak about his vision for 2020. He said we are blessed to be here and be a part of what God is doing here. Our mission here is to make fully devoted Christians to serve. He added priorities this year included: Discipleship growing in your walk with God. He said God is bringing people who are growing in the Lord who are un-churched. We are encountering God on Saturday nights. He added “we are never more like Christ than when we serve, and as we serve we are serving the world.” He stated that in the next season, more emphasis will be made to community groups. He commented that as we get larger we need to get smaller and connect. Pastor Daniel thanked his wife Sadie for her support of his ministry. He mentioned they are both approachable and to feel free to bring any concerns or suggestions.

Pastor Daniel introduced Pastor Carl who announced that the budget count was 145 yes and 1 no and the comment for the no was due to a difference of opinion about church priorities. He was thankful for the comments.

### **Pastor Carl Johnson**

Pastor Carl said the members have his report. He said he loves this church. Today he was introduced to a new visitor who told him he had been invited 3 times and finally he woke up on time. He added we are continuing a time of transition which for other churches would have been difficult. He gives God the glory he has less pressure and for the leadership of his son Daniel and what the Lord is doing.

### **Pastor Floyd Nicholson**

Pastor Floyd stated the church is growing a lot. During his leadership of the Welcoming Center he met a woman who brought her daughter and said she had been driving by this church for years and never expected what she experienced that day. He added that when you invite someone to church the welcome ministry does a lot to communicate with visitors. The process usually takes up to 6 weeks and after we lose track of them. He explained a new program called “Plan a Visit” will take off via a website to plan tentative visitors and the team will be ready to welcome that visitor. He said the Lord is opening people’s hearts and we have a larger ushers team and will revamping some changes as a result of more hands to help. He also thanked everyone for benevolence giving and encouraged everyone saying you are a blessing when you do it.

### **Pastor Sal Aragona**

He thanked Pastor Floyd for the Security Team. He thanked Pastor Daniel and Sadie for their leadership. He mentioned in his report about changes on services for the Chosen Youth Ministry to include community groups happening at local Panera Bread, Taco Bell, etc. He stated Kenya Dosantos oversees the Young Adult group. He said their largest group are Freshmen and Sophomore in college. They are getting stronger and some don’t even attend Gracepoint. He announced an upcoming drama October 16<sup>th</sup> called “Labels” and another called “Fathers”. Gracepoint will be hosting War Week again next summer. The ministry was able to hire 2 interns and they are getting hands-on experience. This Winter we will be sending a young person to Bowery Park missions. He encouraged members by saying it takes a whole church to keep young people involved and asked to continue to pray.

### Pastor Jose Cintron

Pastor Jose said he was blessed by the Spanish congregation under his leadership. He said someone asked him why he had a large budget and he didn't use it all. He explained the church contributes a great deal for what is needed when needed and that is the kind of brethren he is blessed with. Today they had 5 candidates to get baptized. He added they are united and have a heart for service. The church is very involved in missions. Two ladies recently came back from a missions' trip to Guatemala. The Costa Rica Punto de Gracia needs a lot of help and they are growing. He will be going there in March. They tried bringing 2 youth and were denied and asked for prayers for favor on the next trip. He encouraged members to volunteer to go. He announced October 20<sup>th</sup> a guest evangelist will be speaking. They currently have 2 home groups. Today's church attendance was 69. He explained he imitates the sermon series from Gracepoint and they too have been studying the Book Whisper in Spanish and someone donated the books. He thanked everyone for prayers for him and his wife Maddie.

### Pastor Stephanie Mould

Pastor Stephanie sated today we baptized 3 young ladies. She encouraged everyone to read her report, but she highlighted the following:

- Welcoming Margaret Hymns as assistant, and thanked the church for hiring her. Because of her she has been able to see our children's ministry grow,
- For about 2 years we haven't had a family ministry. Our children and their families also need to get connected. God answered prayer in that Danielle has volunteered to take on this ministry and has a full year planned of family events.
- She also thanked Chris who during VBS volunteered to drive a van to pick-up children whose parents couldn't register them. As a result, others have volunteered to do the same and bring them to church and take them back. She encouraged members saying there are parents who got a lot of issues at home, some are coming to church broken. We are the church and we can impact people's lives. She is praying to see what the Lord will do as they come to know Jesus as their Savior.

### James Koan III

James stated it has been a blessing becoming the worship leader at Gracepoint. He said this church is unified even during a hard season. He has seen the worship team grow. He lost regular players like the Nicholsons, but other people have step up as leaders. He wants to raise leaders and volunteers teaching and passing the responsibility this and next year. He explained that the tech changes including the use of more professional software program this year was to push for excellence. He also made adjustments to social media and use more sites to expand outreach. He will announce auditions at the end of November. He concluded stating he feels blessed to be here.

Pastor Daniel invited other ministries to share including Cornerstone and Sonshine.

Dr. Sherry Johnson came to the podium and stated this might be her last year reporting as she is also looking to transitioned and asked for prayers. She added this year makes 40 years of ministry. She said when parents know their child is loved they feel blessed. She recognized the team of teachers who work with her and said 5 of them pray for the kids. She needs volunteers when she goes on vacation. She thanked God for the budget is always met with provision.

Pastor Daniel mentioned other ministries like Upward who is entering the 13<sup>th</sup> season, and asked to continue to pray for these ministries.

He announced that next year will be Gracepoint's 50 Anniversary and we will take time to celebrate. A committee will be formed at the beginning of the year. Also, the church will be seeking God's guidance with what the Lord will have Gracepoint do with the 43 acres of land He gave us. He anticipates the start of the new year with a new sermon series called "Circle" focusing on prayer. Lastly, we will be seeking guidance regarding the children's ministry to reach more families.

Pastor Daniel asked everyone to stand and closed in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.