

**Annual Report** 

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#### **Colfax Christian Church Leaders and Staff**

Lead Minister:

Family Life Minister: Sabrina Gossett
Administrative Assistant: Samantha Guilliams
Worship Leaders: Hannah Doke & Zoe Morehouse
Custodian: Jillian Dunbar

Online Administrator: Angelina Freestone

#### **Elders:**

Dan Lloyd Devin Bell Mike Hawthorne

**Deacons:** Matt Harris (Lead Deacon), Todd Blair, Aaron Doke, Noah Freestone, John Gable, and Andy Johnson, \*Adam Neyhart (awaiting confirmation as an Elder)

**Trustees:** Brad Stevens (Lead Trustee), Marty Stevens, Ron Beaver, Steve Howard, and Woody Nichols

#### **Colfax Christian Church Vision Statement:**

Disciple: Be One, Make One Go, Make, Baptize, & Teach

#### **Core Values:**

Biblical - God's Word is our final authority. It is God's Word, not God's Word and...

Compassionate - We want to be caring, loving, and Christ-like while being connected to others and helping to meet their needs (physical and spiritual).

Welcoming - We want to be friendly, personal, inclusive, and nonjudgmental to those seeking or exploring a relationship with God.

Servants - We want to help people in and outside of the church family. We want to be available and prepared to serve and give an answer for our hope.

Authentic - We want to take off the "masks" and be real with one another. We want to be vulnerable and transparent in our community.

Three Year Strategy: Cultivate

Nurture Families, Enrich Facilities, Grow Participation

# **Annual Meeting Minutes**

January 21, 2024

Dan Lloyd opened the meeting with the review of the annual meeting minutes. Janet Lloyd motioned to approve the minutes, Jim Sigler seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Devin Bell presented the 2024 financial budget.

I would like to applaud you and God because the 2023 budget and giving was remarkable. We were able to meet the weekly need and accomplish everything we needed to in 2023. You can find the weekly need and offering numbers each week in the bulletin. If everyone will please turn to the 2024 budget numbers you will see the 2024 budget has a 6% increase. We have not seen that low of an increase since 2018. We are trying to be more responsible with our financial needs and budgets and I thank the ministry teams for that. Our weekly need for the upcoming year will be \$5,130.26 to fund the 2024 budget and not deplete the saving and checking account. We pray that you will consider helping us meet this weekly need each week with your giving. If you have any question about giving, tithing or stepping out in faith in regards to giving please see me or one of the Finance Team members. You can give your weekly or monthly tithe by dropping it in the black boxes at either exit or online through our Givelify app. I strongly believe that the way we handle our money and finances reflects our faith. It is an outward measure we can use to gauge our spiritual lives. The obedience to give comes from God through the Holy Spirit and not just our own ability or knowledge. Giving is a measurable testimony of our faith and tithing is the first principle found in the Bible. The common measurement of tithing is 10% of one's income. As this is a suggested amount, but is certainly not a limit, this leaves us with 90% to live on. God is not concerned on how you spend the 90%, but he is most concerned about the manor in which we give, certainly not the amount, or percentage. So if you are giving with a loving heart, freely, openly and don't feel like you're being forced to give, that's where God wants you to be. But in order to give obediently, freely and sometime sacrificially, we must adhere to basic principles that insure our ability to give. These are simple: Give to God first. Create a budget. Try your best to stay out of debit. I say all of this to encourage us. If I were to give my personal testimony it, is simply that giving back to God has filled my life with more blessings than I could ever imagine, and I think the same could be said for you. God always steps in at the right time. He knows our needs and wants to bless us all. So in closing, please consider how you might prayerfully be able to give and help with this year's budget needs.

Dan Lloyd presented the information regarding the enriched facilities shown in the back of the annual report provided by the Enrichment Team.

Please put ballots in the black offering boxes. They will be counted and reported on next Sunday.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Dan Lloyd.

# **Colfax Christian Church Budget**

# **Budgets For Ministry Teams**

	2023	2024	2025
Administration	\$9,700.00	\$11,885.00	\$10,785.00
Christian Ed	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00	\$14,250.00
Deacon	\$600.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
Elders	\$6,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$9,750.00
Finance	\$144,570.72	\$152,143.56	\$143,982.88
<u>Hospitality</u>	\$3,800.00	\$5,050.00	\$5,950.00
Missions	\$26,650.00	\$26,450.00	\$30,700.00
Outreach	\$1,460.00	\$1,350.00	\$2,150.00
Prayer	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Safety	\$2,000.00	\$3,285.00	\$1,450.00
St. Marriage	\$3,250.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,500.00
Tech Team	\$2,730.00	\$3,630.00	\$5,725.00
Trustee	\$29,283.00	\$35,280.00	\$39,830.00
Worship	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00
<u>Youth</u>	\$6,600.00	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00

Total \$251,893.72 \$26	<b>6,773.56 \$276</b>	,022.88
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#### **Account Balances**

General Checking \$61,535.56 Trustee Savings \$14,355.80 Restore His House: \$5,474.27

Totals as of 1/1/2025

Budget for 2025 **\$276,022.88** 

Weekly needs to fund this budget \$5,308.13 (52 Sundays)

Average Weekly Offering in 2024: \$4,755.31 (weekly need \$5,130.26)

Average attendance: 183

# **Elders Team Update**

Team Members: Dan Lloyd, Devin Bell, Mike Hawthorne

I have written a lot of Elders Reports over the years. Some have been short and some longer. I will usually cover things like new hires, members who have moved or passed away, program successes, and favorable remarks about our Lead Minister. We have had families move this year and members pass away. And, that will happen in the coming year as well.

We have paid staff members here at Colfax who do their very best to provide a meaningful worship service, quality children's and youth programs, a clean facility, up to date technology, and administrative services. Please do not take for granted the service these people provide, or anyone who serves on a Ministry Team. This Church would not be what it is if it wasn't for the servant attitude of those who devote their time and talents to serving the Lord here. Serving is what Christians do. Colfax Christian Church has been around since 1852 because people have shared the Gospel and loved their neighbors, and I believe it will be here when the Lord returns.

We were truly blessed by the outpouring of support from other Churches and preachers this summer as Paul went through his trial. It was amazing to see the people who came from all over to visit him in his last days. Who will ever forget seeing him baptize people when he could barely stand himself. I am not sure anyone knew the reach and influence Paul had until he was gone. I certainly did not. What an example for everyone he touched and a legacy for his family. I don't want to put him up on a pedestal but clearly acknowledge that he simply followed Christ and loved people the way Christ would have us all do. I think it's safe to say, if you knew Paul Del Valley, you will never forget him. But...

We all know time keeps moving on, with or without us. I look at life like a car sitting on top of a hill. When you are born that car starts to move down the slope of that hill. Life starts out slow. Almost creeps along. It seems like the days pass so slowly. But as you grow up and responsibility starts to guide your life, time starts moving faster. The longer you live the shorter each year seems to last. Hopefully you get the picture. All of the sudden, 12 months is a very short time. But somewhere along that road you realize that car is moving fast and there is no slowing it down. You can't go back up the hill and start again. You understand that the end is closer than the beginning. But when that car runs out of road, it isn't the end of life, it is just us passing through that narrow gate into Eternity. (You want to avoid the wide gate.)

We can't go back, but we certainly will go on. Colfax will find a new Lead Minister and we will continue to seek the lost and love our neighbors. It is important for all of us to remain hopeful and confident that God will provide. We have seen how He carried this Body through the toughest time I've gone through as a Leader this summer. How he has provided for Kayla and the kids. Remember, Christianity is a marathon and not a sprint. This is a way of life and not an identity, a label, or a fade. It is a commitment.

Dan Lloyd Lead Elder **Family Life Minister** 

One year with wheels on the ground. I am excited to continue to cultivate lasting relationships with the entire church family. I will be working closely with the Christian Education Team and

419 Team to grow the Ministries. We are currently working to obtain more volunteers and to increase family involvement. We have retreats, summer camps, youth conventions and events

on the schedule for 2025.

Some highlights from 2024 were taking groups to CIY, SuperStart and Mix. We are already

seeing an increase in these numbers for 2025. We egged our town, hosted date nights,

implemented new curriculum and hosted our first Jingle Jam.

We will add some new events this year and will look to grow our teams for all ages. When I

study Luke, I am always brought back to Luke 10:2 NLT, These were his instructions to them:

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the

harvest; ask him to send more workers to the fields."

I would ask you for flexibility, a spirit of cooperation, and love for the youth and their families.

It is a new year, so let's make the most of it. Every minute counts when we are looking at the

eternity of our youth.

Sabrina Gossett

Family Life Director

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#### **IHS Team Meeting Minutes**

#### IHS Meeting Notes January 8th, 2024

**Present:** Erin Parsons, Michael Parsons, Paul Del Valley, Matt Harris, Todd Blair, Lora Woodard, Sabrina Gossett, Maria Vinard, Mike Hawthorne, Dan Lloyd, Devin Bell, Zoe Morehouse, and Jillian Dunbar

**Admin (Paul):** Take a look at the ministry team moment schedule for 2024. Each team will be up for two weeks. Please turn in the team info form by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The home communion, communion meditation and communion prep schedule will be handed out this Sunday. Annual reports will be handed out this week and a QR code will also be available for those who don't want to have a paper copy. Woody Nichols is the trustee candidate.

**Christian Ed (Lora):** BLAST is resuming Wednesday. On January 28<sup>th</sup> the teachers will be meeting with Sabrina after church. Christian Ed is looking for nursery volunteers. Most of this year's teachers have been lined up but they still have a few openings for children's church.

**Deacons (Matt):** The last men's breakfast was held in December. Andy gave the message. The deacons are still working on setting a time to plan out 2024. All the breakfasts have been scheduled but they are still planning a message for each one. They continue to work on this year's Serve Sunday and having more men's night out events.

**Dorcas (Lora):** There currently isn't much going on. They've had several funeral dinners. The next women's breakfast is this Saturday and Samantha will be speaking about Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. A pancake bar will be served. The ladies' overnight retreat at Hanging Rock will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the annual Dorcas auction will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Elders (Dan):** Look at your financial statement to see where you may have exceeded your budget so that you can make adjustments for next year.

**Finance (Devin):** The Finance Team has been looking over budgets. Nothing has been cut but there have been increases between 5% to 6%. Everything should be wrapped up by the annual meeting.

**Hospitality (Maria):** The Hospitality Team prepared Christmas gifts for families and had extra greeters on hand to pass them out on Christmas Eve. The team does not currently have anything planned for February.

Missions (Megan): Not present.

**Outreach (Erin):** The Outreach Team did not have a December meeting but should have some new members starting in January. Their next meeting will be on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Prayer (Todd):** The Prayer Team hasn't met in a few months but they will be meeting on January 28th. They will be planning a spring date for a prayer walk through town.

**Safety (Alex):** Zoe reporting- The next team meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday this month. They are now using wristbands to seal the medical bag so if it gets torn open then they know that they need to recount supplies. They would like to plan a training session soon.

Stronger Marriage (Gena): Not present.

**Tech (Jillian):** We are now using a new computer for worship, along with finally upgrading to ProPresenter 7.

**Trustee (Brad):** The sale of the lot should be finalized at the beginning of the year. The funds received will be used to replenish the money that was spent to put a down payment on Linda's house.

**Worship (Zoe):** We had a great candlelight service with a record attendance. The Worship Team's next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of this month. Sarah is leading worship this month and Hannah will be back to lead in February.

**Youth (Adam):** Sabrina reporting- Jr. and Sr. High will be split for youth group. The Youth Team purchased a new tv for the Jr. church room.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Not present.

# IHS Meeting Notes February 12th, 2024

**Present:** Todd Blair, Lora Woodard, Brenda Bennett, Gena Swank, Maria Vinard, Dan Lloyd, Alex Morehouse, Andrew Johnson, Brad Stevens, Hannah Doke, Megan Schafer, and Jillian Dunbar

Admin (Paul): Not present.

**Christian Ed (Lora):** On April 10<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Baer from Hanging Rock will be here to talk to the kids. Graduation Sunday is set for May 19<sup>th</sup>. We have four high school students and two college students this year.

**Deacons (Matt):** Andrew reporting- Adam led the devotion for the men's breakfast in January. Their next breakfast is this coming Saturday, and they are continuing to plan this year's remaining breakfasts. The deacons are also working on adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> men's outing.

**Dorcas (Lora):** There were about eight women from our church that attended the Ladies Overnight event at Hanging Rock. The ladies' breakfast in January had about 20 women in attendance and Samantha came and talked about Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. The next annual Dorcas auction will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and the next ladies' breakfast will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Elders (Dan): Nothing to report.

Finance (Devin): Not present.

**Hospitality (Maria):** The team met this past Sunday and discussed upcoming events. They set a Pool Party date for June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Spring Brunch in March. Paul asked them to host the reception for the upcoming vow renewal that will take place during service on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Hospitality Team will be featured in the Ministry Moment in March.

**Missions (Megan):** In January Isaac shared about an impact project he's working on for school. Megan is working on a design for a new mission's wall. She is hoping to have it completed in the next one to two months.

Outreach (Erin): Not present.

**Prayer (Todd):** The team was not able to meet in January however they will be meeting in February to discuss setting a date for the town prayer walk.

**Safety (Alex):** The team will be setting a date for emergency drill training. They would like to encourage all team leaders, elders, and deacons to attend.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The team hasn't met in a few months but they will be meeting this coming Sunday to plan out this year's events. They would like to start a marriage Bible study group or class sometime this year.

**Tech (Jillian):** The last team meeting was on January 14<sup>th</sup>. They are still discussing how to fund a new tech booth. Jillian will be attending a ProPresenter 7 training class in KY on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Zoe and Jillian are working together to come up with ideas for the Worship and Tech Team's combined Ministry Moment display.

**Trustee (Brad):** Marty and Ron fixed the electrical problem in the parsonage. Next month Randy will be purchasing the church owned lot across from his store. He plans to leave it the way it is for the community to have continued use of it. The trustees will be working on the bathroom floor in Linda Doke's house.

Worship (Zoe): Hannah reporting- nothing to report.

Youth (Adam): Not present.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Not present.

## IHS Meeting Notes March 11th, 2024

**Present:** Maria Vinard, Brenda Bennett, Samantha Guilliams, Erin Parsons, Michael Parsons, Jenna Parsons, Devin Bell, Zoe Morehouse, Ed Gable, Gena Swank, Matt Harris, Dan Lloyd, and Jillian Dunbar

Admin (Paul): Not present.

Christian Ed (Lora): Not present.

**Deacons (Matt):** The deacons had 18 men at the men's breakfast in February. This coming Saturday will be the next breakfast. In April they plan to watch The Blind as their next men's outing. They may use donations raised from the breakfasts to give to Isaac's Neyhart's mission. They are still working on plans for the next Serve Sunday in October.

**Dorcas (Lora):** Maria reporting- The Dorcas Auction went very well and raised around \$3,300. Which is the biggest total they've ever had. The next women's breakfast will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Elders (Dan): Paul is currently attending a preaching summit.

**Finance (Devin):** Giving has been sufficient. Last Sunday we had a very nice offering. There have been no problems so far, but he would like to remind everyone that expenditures of \$250 or more need to be approved prior to purchasing. Make sure to keep receipts as well because it helps Samantha to track appropriately.

**Hospitality (Maria):** The Hospitality team hosted the reception for the vow renewal last Sunday. They had cupcakes and punch. Their last meeting was this past Sunday. The Mother's Day breakfast will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Father's Day breakfast will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and the next Pool Day will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The team did not have any new sign ups during the ministry fair.

**Missions (Megan):** Gena reporting- Megan is still working on putting together the new mission's wall.

**Outreach (Erin):** The Outreach Team just had their first meeting of 2024. They have 3 new youth members but lost a couple of adults. They will not do the 5K this year but are planning

on doing something that will help draw people to the booth. They have received the Ole Hickory Day vendor application.

Prayer (Todd): Not present.

**Safety (Alex):** Zoe reporting- There is nothing currently planned at this time, however they did have two new members sign up during the ministry fair.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The bowling event is this coming Sunday following service. During the second quarter they may do another Turkey Run outing. They are also considering doing a marriage Bible study or class during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and are planning on doing a Christmas dinner again this year.

**Tech (Jillian):** Jillian attended ProPresenter 7 training that was hosted by Paul Alan Clifford in KY last month. They have started using some vocal effects through the soundboard to help enhance the vocals in house and on livestream and it seems to be working well. The ministry fair was very successful for the tech team. They had four new members sign up which included Sophia Tegarden, Anna Del Valley, Brinleigh Dunbar, and Ashley Johnson.

**Trustee (Brad):** Samantha reporting- Marty and Ron did electrical work on the parsonage. They should be closing on the sale of the lot by the end of the month.

**Worship (Zoe):** The team has been planning for the upcoming Easter service. They had a couple of new team members sign up during the ministry fair, which included Abby Michaels for vocals and Logan Shutters for drums. The piano has been tuned and starting this month Shirley Lenehan will play once a month during communion. Zoe is going to put together a schedule for the drummers and is planning an extra practice for Easter sometime this month.

Youth (Adam): Not present.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Nothing to report.

# IHS Meeting Notes April 8th, 2024

**Present:** Paul Del Valley, Erin Parsons, Megan Schafer, Dan Lloyd, Gena Swank, Matt Harris, Zoe Morehouse, Devin Bell, and Jillian Dunbar

**Admin (Paul):** We had several people back after Easter, and many are closer to making decisions. Kayla will be taking over the Prayer Team. Todd will stay on the team and they may relaunch it this fall. Sabrina is leading both the Christian Ed and Youth Teams.

Christian Ed (Sabrina): Not present.

**Deacons (Matt):** The men's breakfast in March had 16 men in attendance. They raised \$125 for Isaac's food pantry project. April 20<sup>th</sup> is the next men's night out. They plan on watching the movie "The Blind". Pizza and drinks will be provided for that event. The deacons continue to work on planning the next Serve Sunday on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dorcas (Lora): Not present.

**Elders (Dan):** The elders are meeting tonight to discuss the Best Sermon Ever Conference.

**Finance (Devin):** The team met yesterday and everything is about the same.

Hospitality (Maria): Not present.

**Missions (Megan):** The Mission Team has been figuring out ways to help Isaac with his project, which may include helping the homeless. They are looking into a possible mission trip in 2025 and doing the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Frankfort.

**Outreach (Erin):** Submitted the Ole Hickory Day vendor application. This coming Sunday will be their next meeting. They placed an advertisement in the WeBo yearbook. The team also needs to discuss upcoming movie nights.

**Safety (Alex):** Zoe reporting- the team has one new member (Mark Swank). There is nothing new coming up at this time.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The team had a good turnout for the bowling outing in March with nine couples in attendance. Several people indicated that they would like to do it again. Their next event is an outing to Turkey Run on June 1st. There will be a set time for couples to sit and fellowship together, but people can come any time that day to hike canoe, etc.

**Tech (Jillian):** The team has been working on training new members. So far Anna, Brinleigh and Ashley Johnson have had the opportunity to run the worship computer and she plans to get them scheduled in the upcoming months.

Trustee (Brad): Not present.

**Worship (Zoe):** The Worship Team has three new vocalists: Anna and Gini Del Valley, and Abby Michaels. Hannah is leading worship in April and Zoe will lead in May. Zoe is hoping to introduce some new music, including some she has written. Their next meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Youth (Sabrina): Not present.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Not present.

## IHS Meeting Notes May 13th, 2024

**Present:** Sabrina Gossett, Zoe Morehouse, Matt Harris, Megan Schafer, Gena Swank, Mark Swank, Brenda Bennett, Maria Vinard, Erin Parsons, Dan Lloyd, Paul Del Valley, and Jillian Dunbar

Admin (Paul): Nothing to report.

**Christian Ed (Sabrina):** The team is working on moving towards new curriculum which will officially launch in the fall. Currently they are doing a soft launch of the new curriculum on Sunday mornings. Sabrina set out packets of projects for people to help work on for VBS and all were taken this past Sunday.

**Deacons (Matt):** The last men's night out even on April 20<sup>th</sup> had about 15 men in attendance. The next men's breakfast is May 18<sup>th</sup>. The deacons are still working on projects for Serve Sunday in October. They are also working on future lesson ideas for upcoming breakfasts.

Dorcas (Lora): Not present.

**Elders (Dan):** The preaching calendar has been filled up until the end of summer.

Finance (Devin): Not present.

**Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett):** The Hospitality Team hosted the Mother's Day Breakfast this past Sunday and passed out gifts. The Father's Day Breakfast will be on June 16<sup>th</sup> and they will pass out gifts that day as well. The Pool Party is coming up on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. The event is open to all church families and they are still working out the details for providing snacks. They thought the banner they hung up for people to take pictures with on Mother's Day went well and they may continue to do that.

**Missions (Megan):** The Missions Team is donating at least 15 to 24 cases of pop for Celebrate Good Times at Hanging Rock. The team continues to pray about and look for locations for a possible 2025 mission trip.

**Outreach (Erin):** Last month the Outreach Team purchased a full-page ad in the Western Boone yearbook. The next movie night will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Blessing Day is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> with a possible time of 9am to noon, with item drop off the night before. The team plans to have a float in the Festival of the Turning Leaves parade which will be in September. They will finalize their movie night plans during their next meeting and will post the dates.

**Safety (Alex):** Zoe reporting- The Safety Team ordered a few more smoke detectors. Their next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of this month.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The next team meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Turkey Run outing is set for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tech (Jillian):** The HDMI cable for the rear projector has broken. We will have to rent a lift to replace it. May plan to price out projector bulbs and see if there's anything else the lift would be useful for in the building before renting one.

Trustee (Brad): Not present.

**Worship (Zoe):** Zoe finalized the drummer schedule. The Worship Team's next meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. She would like to start up Friday night practices again and has also talked to Sabrina about having the youth be more involved in 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship.

**Youth (Sabrina):** Sabrina is currently working on getting kids signed up to go to CIY on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Not present.

# IHS Meeting Notes June 10th, 2024

**Present:** Hannah Doke, Sabrina Gossett, Maria Vinard, Gena Swank, Matt Harris, Erin Parsons, Dan Lloyd, Ed Gable, and Jillian Dunbar

Christian Ed/Youth (Sabrina): Sabrina is currently working with the team to get things ready for VBS. She has switched the curriculum for grade school and will be switching preschool curriculum soon. Christian Ed is looking for volunteers for the nursery and for BLAST in the fall. She will be attending Hanging Rock for 4 weeks with students. CIY is going well and they had an anonymous donor cover all the expenses for the trip. The VBS team will not be emptying the whole building this year.

**Deacons (Matt):** The men's breakfast in May had 24 men present. The deacons had an impromptu meeting at the pool party. For the next men's night out they are planning on attending a Lafayette Aviators Game on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Matt will need a final head count for those interested in attending by this Wednesday. They continue to work on finalizing projects for this year's Serve Sunday. Mark Dunbar is now a deacon in training. The deacons would like to start putting out 6 communion trays each Sunday due to the increase in attendance.

**Dorcas (Lora):** Maria reporting- Their next meeting is this coming Thursday at 7:30pm. They gave out 320 hamburgers during Celebrate Good Times. The Ole Hickory Day Breakfast will

be from 7:30am to 10am. The next women's breakfast will be on July 13th at 9am. They will be going to Anderson's Flower Farm.

Elders (Dan): Nothing to report.

Finance (Devin): Not present.

**Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett):** There were 111 people in attendance at yesterday's pool party. The Hospitality Team gave a funeral gift to Christina Crow. The Father's Day Breakfast is this coming Sunday from 8:30am to 9:30am. The team is also working on back-to-school gift bags and new welcome center gifts.

**Missions (Megan):** Gena reporting- The team's next meeting will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>. They donated soda to Hanging Rock. They are also looking for different ideas for a 2025 mission trip and would like to have a decision made within the next two months. They would also like to talk to the Youth Team to see what kind of mission trip they might be interested in.

**Outreach (Erin):** The Outreach Team will be showing the Chronicles of Narnia- the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe during the next Family Movie Night on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. They would like to offer prayers at the church booth during Ole Hickory Days this year. Melissa Wilkinson had a lot of success with a similar project she did through Love, Inc. They are working on getting a list of volunteers together for the booth and working on creating handout materials.

**Safety (Alex):** Jillian reporting- Since the thunderstorm several weeks ago several of the cameras have been down. They are contacting Zosi for a solution.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** Their next meeting will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Turkey Run outing did not have a great turnout, but it was rainy and a very busy weekend for many people. They are looking into starting a small group study in September or October called Vertical Marriage.

**Tech (Jillian):** The HDMI cable for the rear projector is still broken. The tech team will get it fixed before VBS.

**Trustee (Brad):** Dan reporting- The trustees finally got the purchase agreement for the property uptown and Randy will be signing it soon.

**Worship (Zoe):** Hannah reporting- They decided to change the vocalist schedule since they have so many younger girls currently signed up to sing. They will now have them sing together every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Sarah is going to work on coaching people. Isaiah Jones leads a recovery group in Lebanon and Hannah was able to lead worship for them last time and plans to continue to do so. If any other teams are interested in contributing to this let her know.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Not present.

# IHS Meeting Notes July 8th, 2024

**Present:** Erin Parsons, Matt Harris, Lora Woodard, Maria Vinard, Dan Lloyd, Devin Bell, Samantha Guilliams, Sabrina Gossett (speakerphone), Hannah Doke, and Jillian Dunbar

Christian Ed/Youth (Sabrina): Nothing reported.

**Deacons (Matt):** The Men's Night Out had 20 men in attendance. The game was canceled early due to the weather so they will be receiving free tickets for a game in the future. Mark Dunbar is a deacon in training. We were given communion trays and supplies from Indian Creek Church. The deacons are planning on reintroducing passing the plate during

communion. They would like to make the change by August. So far they have seven projects planned for Serve Sunday in October.

**Dorcas (Lora):** Dorcas donated \$750 to VBS. The meal train for the Del Valleys is currently set up through the end of July. The next women's breakfast is this coming Saturday at Anderson's Flowers. The Ole Hickory Days breakfast is coming up the first weekend in August. Dorcas will be purchasing the cake for the VBS closing program.

**Elders (Dan):** The elders are meeting with staff this evening. Adam Neyhart is going to be stepping up into eldership.

**Finance (Devin):** Church giving has been holding steady. The church has been compensating the extra speakers.

**Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett):** The Hospitality team held the Father's Day breakfast in June. Their next meeting is this coming Sunday. They are currently working on back-to-school supplies for schools along with creating bookmarks that can be handed out too that have church info on them. They are also coming up with ideas for new welcome gifts.

Missions (Megan): Not present.

**Outreach (Erin):** The Family Movie Night had 26 people in attendance. Outreach is currently looking for volunteers to help with the church booth during Ole Hickory Days. They plan to hand out water, information and offer prayers to anyone that would like them. Their next meeting is July 21st.

Safety (Alex): Not present.

Stronger Marriage (Gena): Not present.

**Tech (Jillian):** Tech Team is still working on trying to repair the rear projector in time for VBS.

Trustee (Brad): Not present.

**Worship (Zoe):** Hannah reporting – Logan will be out for the next couple of months. VBS Sunday Worship will look a little different. Zoe and Hannah will continue to lead worship together this month.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Nothing to report.

#### IHS Meeting Notes August 12th, 2024

**Present:** Dan Lloyd, Devin Bell, Brenda Bennett, Maria Vinard, Lora Woodard, Gena Swank, Sabrina Gossett, Samantha Guilliams, Adam Neyhart, Hannah Doke, Brad Stevens, Matt Harris, Mike Hawthorne, and Jillian Dunbar

**Christian Ed/Youth (Sabrina):** The kickoff for BLAST will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Christian Ed had the first of two trainings this past Sunday for volunteers who will be working with the youth. They started a new curriculum for preschool. Sabrina is looking for new small group leaders to help break up classes. The Parking Lot Palooza is coming up on September 8<sup>th</sup>. They are planning on having kickball and water games, along with having the Worship Team play.

**Deacons (Matt):** Serve Sunday is coming up in October. The deacons continue to finalize projects for that event along with working on lessons for the men's breakfasts.

**Dorcas (Lora):** Dorcas raised over \$1,000 during the Ole Hickory Day Breakfast. The next women's breakfast will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>, and they are still looking for a speaker for that

event. This year's women's night out will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Angel Tree will take place from November into December. Cheer plates will be passed out on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Hospitality Team will provide soup and sandwiches. The Dorcas ladies plan to send out thank you notes to all the churches and organizations that helped with the funeral dinner.

**Elders (Dan):** Small groups will start up again in September. We will still plan to have Back to Church Sunday at the park and the elders are looking for a representative from Colfax Christian Church that can communicate with the other community ministers.

Finance (Devin): Nothing to report.

Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett): The Hospitality Team met yesterday and is currently working on putting together back-to-school bags. They plan to hand them out this coming Sunday to all school aged children. Hospitality assisted with the funeral by having extra greeters on hand along with helping with the food. They also plan to help the Outreach Team with Blessing Day. This Sunday they will be providing a potato and salad bar for the Lunch with Leaders event taking place after service. They are also planning on having a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday pitchin lunch on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Missions (Megan):** Gena reporting- The Mission Team will likely have their next meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of this month. There will be two gentlemen here from Johnson on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They plan to have breakfast with the high school that morning. One will be giving the communion meditation that day, and the other will be doing the sermon.

**Outreach (Erin):** The Ole Hickory Day church booth was rained out on Friday but went well on Saturday. The drop off time for Blessing Day will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm. Blessing Day will take place on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon. The Outreach team will be having a meeting this coming Sunday to plan on the float design for the Festival of the Turning Leaves. This year's theme is "red, white, and blue".

**Safety (Alex):** Samantha reporting- The Safety Team's tablet is not compatible with their camera system so they are looking for someone to buy it so they can buy a new one.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The Stronger Marriage Team is planning a one-day Bible study entitled Vertical Marriage. They are planning to have the event on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. Books and lunch will be provided.

**Tech (Jillian):** The team tried to get the rear projector running again, however it was discovered that the projector itself went bad. In the meantime, a new cable networking system was put in place to allow the projectors to receive better signal. The new system also made it easy to send a camera feed signal to the Jr. Church room, which was necessary for the overflow of people during the funeral. David Upchurch is helping Jillian get in touch with Josh Weber at Grace Fishers church for an opportunity to shadow their production team and get ideas or receive training from them.

**Trustee (Brad):** Ron and Marty sprayed the parking lot. Steve Keys gave an estimate of approximately \$7,000 to replace the broken AC unit and handler for the kitchen and rear foyer zone. Brad also reported that Jillian is working on a list of items needing repair in the building, and that the trustees could help with the cost of the projector if needed.

**Worship (Zoe):** Hannah reporting- The team will be helping with worship for the Parking Lot Palooza on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Zoe and Hannah are leading worship together for August.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Nothing to report.

In closing, the elders shared the plans for the Lunch with Leadership event and asked each team if they would have a representative available. In addition to feeding attendees lunch, the elders plan to share some of the church's history and explain what it means to be an

independent church, along with our leadership structure. They will also discuss the expectations of being a church member and will allow time for questions. Each ministry team will have the opportunity to share information about their teams.

The elders also shared that after September, Bruce Willis and Justin Davis will be on a rotating preaching schedule.

## IHS Meeting Notes September 9th, 2024

**Present:** Erin Parsons, Devin Bell, Maria Vinard, Brenda Bennett, Lora Woodard, Samantha Guilliams, Dan Lloyd, Ed Gable, Matt Harris, and Jillian Dunbar

# Christian Ed/Youth (Sabrina): not present

**Deacons (Matt):** The deacons are finalizing plans for Serve Sunday which will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 10 projects in total. The next men's breakfast event will take place on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. December 14<sup>th</sup> is the next men's night out event and they plan to attend a hockey game.

**Dorcas (Lora):** The next women's breakfast is coming up on October 12<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> is the next ladies' night out event. Dorcas plans to make meals for the village during Serve Sunday. This Thursday at 8pm the chairs will be set up for the upcoming wedding this Saturday.

**Elders (Dan):** The elders are still working on finding preachers to fill in. Justin Davis plans to help fill in and Johnson Bible College will have two people here to help on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance (Devin):** In the papers that were passed out this evening, all teams should have received their current budgets along with a new one to fill out for next year. The Finance Team would like to have those turned in by November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will not be a Thanksgiving offering this year due to the gift that was collected on behalf of the Del Valleys, which exceeded the elders' expectations.

**Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett):** The Lunch with Leadership event just took place and went well. The Hospitality Team handed out back-to-school bags to all school-aged children during service. On September 29<sup>th</sup> the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday pitch-in will take place. Hospitality will be providing soup and sandwiches for cheer plates on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Missions (Megan): Not present.

**Outreach (Erin):** Blessing Day took place on August 17<sup>th</sup>. We had an unbelievable amount of donations. The Festival of the Turning Leaves parade will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Samantha made bookmarks with the church's info and they will have candy to pass out along with them. October will be the last meeting of the year and the team plans to possibly have a different layout this year for Trunk or Treat utilizing the new section of parking.

Safety (Alex): Not present.

Stronger Marriage (Gena): Not present.

**Tech (Jillian):** The Parking Lot Palooza event went well. Dan took the old amp in and it was repaired so we now have two working amps. Jillian is still looking at a replacement projector. Expense is a factor but she is currently following a local auction that has several nice ones available. The Back to Church picnic is taking place this Sunday and we will be transporting speakers and a mixer to provide microphones and music.

**Trustee (Brad):** Devin reporting- The new AC unit should be installed in the next 10-14 days.

Worship (Zoe): Dan reporting- The Worship Team helped with the Parking Lot Palooza event. Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Nothing to report.

# IHS Meeting Notes October 14th, 2024

**Present:** Adam Neyhart, Dan Lloyd, Samantha Guilliams, Erin Parsons, Matt Harris, Lora Woodard, Gena Swank, Alex Morehouse, Sabrina Gossett, Maria Vinard, Brenda Bennett, Megan Schafer, and Jillian Dunbar

Christian Ed/Youth (Sabrina): The team had a bonfire event and it went very well. The apple pie sale went well and they sold 78 pies. The youth will be assembling pies this Sunday.

**Deacons (Matt):** Serve Sunday had 11 projects that were completed. One gentleman attended service the following week after receiving one of the distributed meals during that event. On December 14<sup>th</sup> the men will be attending a hockey game. This Saturday is the next men's breakfast and they plan to serve biscuits and gravy.

**Dorcas (Lora):** The women's breakfast was this past Saturday. They had lower than normal attendance but there were several other activities going on including fall break. The women's night out event will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup> at The Gathering Place. Cheer Plates will be distributed on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The Angel Tree will start in November and gifts will need to be returned by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Dorcas will be taking a treat out to Clinton Prairie staff and bus drivers in November. Tami Hair will be here for the next women's breakfast in January.

Elders (Dan): Nothing reported.

Finance (Devin): Not present.

**Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett):** The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday pitch-in lunch took place last month and was well attended. The team plans to provide gifts for teachers and bus drivers at Clinton Prairie in December. Hospitality will be providing soup and sandwiches for the Cheer Plate distribution.

**Missions (Megan):** The team has been praying about the possibility of a mission trip in 2025. They are currently considering going to the Navajo reservation in Arizona. They are making plans to have a missions speaker come in March 2025. They have discussed providing dinner for a women's resource center in Crawfordsville, contacting the Pregnancy Resource Center in Frankfort about the baby bottle fundraiser, and doing Operation Christmas Child.

**Outreach (Erin):** The Festival of the Turning Leaves parade in Thorntown went well. The church placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team handed out almost 1000 suckers tied to church invitations. This Sunday will be their last meeting of the year. They will work on their budget and finalize plans for Trunk or Treat. The team is looking for a new leader and has also considered asking the Hospitality Team to absorb the Outreach Team.

Safety (Alex): The Safety Team responded to a child that fell and contacted 911.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The Stronger Marriage Christmas Dinner will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm.

**Tech (Jillian):** Two replacement projectors have been purchased.

Trustee (Brad): Not present.

**Worship (Zoe):** Alex reporting- Zoe is working on a vocalist schedule for next year and practicing new songs.

**Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant):** Don't forget to work on budgets. They're due on the first of November.

Adam- On November 10<sup>th</sup> two men from Johnson University will be here. One will preach and the other will provide communion meditation. The high school will have a breakfast.

## IHS Meeting Notes November 11th, 2024

**Present:** Janet Lloyd, Maria Vinard, Samantha Guilliams, Lora Woodard, Marie Louviere, Gena Swank, Matt Harris, Dan Lloyd, Megan Shafer, Brad Stevens, and Jillian Dunbar

**Christian Ed/Youth (Sabrina):** Lora reporting- The Christmas program will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> during the service they will have three practices and a celebration after the program.

**Deacons (Matt):** The men's breakfast in October was well attended with 22 men in attendance. They are done with hosting breakfasts until January. 38 men attended the chili cook off so they plan to make that an annual event. The men will be attending a hockey game on December 14<sup>th</sup> and Matt has tickets available.

**Dorcas (Lora):** The Angel Tree is up and tags for 12 families. The ladies' night out event will take place this Friday at the Gathering Place. Cheer plates will be distributed on December 8<sup>th</sup>. On November 20<sup>th</sup> Dorcas will be providing snacks for Clinton Prairie school staff.

Elders (Dan): Nothing reported.

Finance (Devin): Not present.

**Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett):** Hospitality will provide soup and sandwiches for the evening of cheer plate distribution. They are currently working on Christmas gifts for this year and are looking at back drops for family photos.

**Missions (Megan):** The mission trip will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June in Arizona at a Navajo reservation. They would like to have a call out meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The baby bottle fundraiser will be in February for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Frankfort. They would like that to continue annually every February leading up to Valentine's Day.

**Outreach (Erin):** Janet reporting- the team gave out 325 goody bags during Trunk or Treat, along with over 250 hotdogs. It was a well-attended event. Janet and John Gable will be coleaders for Outreach. They are thinking about hosting a soup supper as a free community event, either February 22<sup>nd</sup> or March 1<sup>st</sup>. The team's next meeting is Sunday after church.

Safety (Alex): Marie reporting- The team's next meeting is November 24th.

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The couple's dinner is scheduled to take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Tech (Jillian):** The new rear projector has been installed. The tech team provided music for Trunk or Treat.

**Trustee (Brad):** The new AC unit for the kitchen/rear foyer has been installed. The total cost: \$7,500. A new microwave was purchased for one of the rental properties. The trustees are looking into replacing one or two additional AC units next year. Isaac gave them a quote to clean up the Doke landscape. The trustees are also looking at updating the church kitchen.

**Worship (Zoe):** Dan reporting- Zoe would like to have a hot chocolate bar for Christmas Eve but needs to discuss it with Hospitality and Dorcas.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Nothing reported.

## IHS Meeting Notes December 9th, 2024

**Present:** Devin Bell, Erin Parsons, Lora Woodard, Brenda Bennett, Janet Lloyd, Gena Swank, Sabrina Gossett, Adam Neyhart, Dan Lloyd, and Jillian Dunbar

Christian Ed/Youth (Sabrina): The Christmas program was on Sunday and Jingle Jam will be this Friday. The team is getting the volunteer calendar filled for next year, and Angelina is doing a great job with promoting our volunteer needs on social media. Upcoming events include 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> grade camp in January, Jr. and Sr. High camps along with Super Start in February. The next meeting is this coming Sunday.

**Deacons (Matt):** Lora reporting- This Saturday is the next men's night out event with 20 men planning to go. The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Dorcas (Lora):** The ladies provided snacks for school staff. The women's night out event was very successful with over 60 ladies in attendance. Cheer plates were distributed yesterday. There were around 50 people here to help distribute and around 75 plates were delivered. The Angel Tree provided for 14 families this year. The gifts will be wrapped this week and distributed on Saturday during the Jacob's Ladder Food Pantry monthly distribution. The next women's breakfast will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> with Tami Hair as the guest speaker.

Elders (Dan): Monthly IHS notes will be provided again this year in the annual report.

**Finance (Devin):** The Finance Team is putting the finishing touches on the budget and Devin will be sharing it with the elders this evening. The team is working on coming up with ideas to educate on stewardship.

**Hospitality (Maria and Brenda Bennett):** The team provided soup and sandwiches after cheer plate distribution. The team will also be providing snacks to Clinton Prairie staff in December. On December 22<sup>nd</sup> they plan to hand out a small gift to each family and will also provide cookies for the last BLAST for the kids to decorate. Next meeting will be January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Missions (Megan):** Gena reporting- there are still spots available for the upcoming mission trip on June 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.. The deadline to make a deposit on the trip is this coming Sunday.

**Outreach (Erin):** The team met last month. The team is planning to discuss the upcoming community soup supper that will hopefully take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This event would be a free event that the community would be invited to. The next meeting will be on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Safety (Alex): Not present

**Stronger Marriage (Gena):** The team recently had their Christmas dinner and it went well with several new people in attendance. They would like to have a Vertical Marriage all day seminar in February. That event would be open to 15 couples.

**Tech (Jillian):** New upgraded vocal microphones were purchased for the worship team along with a replacement pastor microphone. The tech team will likely make changes to the church's internet set up and access at the beginning of the year to prevent unintended online traffic from interfering with the live stream broadcast.

**Trustee (Brad):** Devin reporting- the trustees plan to discuss a possible kitchen remodel, along with utilizing the space in the back foyer for a new storage closet. They are also purchasing new blinds for room one and room two.

**Worship (Zoe):** Dan reporting- Zoe has schedules out for vocalists, drummers, and bassists.

Samantha (Treasurer/Admin Assistant): Not present.

## 2025 Ballot

## **Trustee**

A trustee's term is for three years. They are responsible for being the caretakers of all church property, as well as, being the legal representatives for Colfax Christian Church.

Marty Stevens Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Brad Stevens Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

#### 2025 Budget

This budget of \$276,022.88 was prepared by our Finance Team and reviewed by the Eldership. Do you approve this budget?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you feel a passion to serve as an Elder, Deacon, Ministry Team Leader, Trustee, or on the Finance Team, please come see Dan Lloyd, Mike Hawthorne, or Devin Bell.