

Splinters from the Board....



A Brief Report from the General Board meeting of First Christian Church, November 25, 2013

Celebrations Shared!

Six folks having come forward in the last few weeks to re-affirm their faith and their desire to be part of the FCC community!

Received reports from ministerial and program staff on all the exciting initiatives underway and accomplished.

Capital Campaign Committee hard at work to do the "pre-planning" for a Campaign to be announced in 2014 to strengthen our mission by renovations to our beloved - but challenging! - building (which will allow more of our "regular" giving to go more directly to mission and ministry!)

The Board had initial discussion on the need for a "Safe Church" policy that would be an asset to our ministry with children & youth and more closely model "best practices" recommended by insurers, denominational leaders, etc.

Senior Pastor Chuck Blaisdell noted that December 2 marks the 11th anniversary of Diana Serna's becoming FCC's Bookkeeper and Wedding Coordinator.

Actions Taken

The Board approved the largest annual budget in FCC's history for 2014 – \$537,000. With **very conservative** estimation for pledges received and giving expected, the budget is 96% funded.

This budget includes some modest cost-of-living and other adjustments for staff, and some new program initiatives, as well as monies for a long-overdue and badly needed upgrade to the church's database - this will allow staff to function much more efficiently and be a real aid to our ministry.

The October 31 Financial Reports were received and approved – they show the church's 2013 annual budget to be over \$33,000 "in the black"! **WOW!** Thanks be to God for FCC'ers generosity.

Questions? Please feel free to
contact Moderator Don Metz and
Senior Pastor Chuck Blaisdell

