

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist Church

Ministry Report

Date: March 16, 2017

Committee/Ministry Name: Christian Education Board

Quarterly or Annual Report (Please circle)

Approved Budget Amount: _____ Year to Date Expenditure: None

Purpose

(Why does Ministry exist)

The purpose of the Christian Board is to aid our church in teaching and understanding the truth about God and discipleship. It endeavors to equip members to grow, develop, and mature in faith and in reaching people for Jesus Christ by providing educational programs, resources, learning opportunities, and overseeing the functions outlined in the Church Constitution. It is responsible for developing, implementing, and overseeing the educational needs of the church and coordinating their outreach.

Past Events/Programs – Results & Feedback

Our main activity for this quarter:

Seek Clarity of the Christian Education Board mission: We have gotten questions from CEB members about what is our purpose, what are our goals, the expectations for a CEB. Another question is do our current activities line up with the guidelines and expectations outlined in the Church Constitution and Bylaws? Still other questions included:

Are we serving the church in way a CEB should? Are we spending too much time in one area and not enough in another? Are there new areas we should include/exclude? Is the congregation satisfied with our efforts? Unlock the reason that we are not using the library? Is the placement of the library an issue? I know it is the only place now...but does the placement indicate how important it is? Are we satisfied with what we do now as a Board?

In order to move forward, we need to clarify for ourselves and our church family what the expectations and goals for the CEB are and how well they are aligned with guidelines expressed in the Church Bylaws.

We have started to gather input and information from church leaders and all auxiliaries: Our discussion resulted in the formation of a committee that will work together within a very short timeframe to come up with questions for other auxiliaries and church leaders that would ask for input on the purpose, tasks, and responsibilities of the CEB. For example - In light of the guidelines outlined in the Church Constitution and Bylaws what do you see as the purpose and responsibilities of the Christian Education Board?

Upcoming Events/Announcements

Our goals for the coming weeks/months include the following:

Clarify/Define/Outline the work, purpose, goals, and official duties of the CEB. Get input for all auxiliaries about their expectations for an effective CEB.

Church Library – Update computer technology and programs. Provide a relevant reference section of bibles and bible study materials for in-house use and for checkout.

Provide a monthly “books to pursue” list to the Vine. The list would contain one to several titles for suggested reading and/or study. We would ask our pastoral staff for monthly recommendations that provide brief comments on why the title was suggested.

Abuse Training: Contact Eleanor Northington who asked about ongoing Abuse Training for members, specifically those who work with our youth. The goal is to contact those who put the process in place that we’ve used in the past and get the information we need to proceed.

Communicate about the educational resources, scholarships, and other learning opportunities for MLK members and others in our community.

What Help is needed? (Be specific, use back if necessary)

We need all auxiliaries to respond to the CEB members who contact them. Their expectations of their CEB will help set the goals and objectives of the CEB during the rest of the year.

We need volunteers to help man the Church Library on to-be-designated times/dates. This would be a great opportunity for youth to help us build and maintain the Church Library.

Jackie George

President/Chairperson