

Breakdown from the Board– July 14, 2020

- Pastor Jesse explained in his devotional that the Hebrew people regarded the raging seas as chaos; however, in Revelation 4:6, God gave John a glimpse of the peace He brings to the chaos. The way the peace of God comes is through the church partnering with God in the chaotic world. We partner knowing God has brought peace to the chaos and so we go into a chaotic world to bring peace.
Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. – *Revelation 4:6a NIV*
- The Board members shared their “outreach temperature” and prayer requests.
“Evangelism is not a sprint; it’s a marathon. It’s not a fad; it’s the fabric of a healthy church. It’s not a system or a program; it’s the natural fruit of a church that loves God.” – Kevin G. Harney, *Organic Outreach for Churches*
- The City of Austin remains under Stage 4 restrictions with very restricted gathering guidelines. AISD schools will not meet in person until September, at the earliest. The COVID numbers in Travis County and these restrictions are part of the consideration your leadership team is reviewing as they continue to seek a future date to re-open for services.
- Staff is recommending that the re-open focus be shifted to gathering in our small groups using the recommended safety precautions, such as social distancing, masks, limits on numbers, and sanitizers. This will allow connection and community in-person with less risk than a worship service. Please use your creativity to come up with options for gathering in large homes, patios (home or business), parks, etc. We completely understand and support those who are not comfortable with meeting in-person and will continue to offer online Bible study options on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Of course, Sunday worship will continue online at 10am (bilingual) and 11am (English). If your small group needs cleaning supplies or masks, the church will provide them. If you have space for more to join, reach out and invite others specifically. Please email yourchurchoffice@gmail.com to let us know your plans and needs.
- Staff continues to meet with Dr. Matt Price, the South Texas District Church Planting Missionary, and his wife, Lynda Ann Price to prayerfully pursue a cohesive vision to strengthen and propel the church as we go forward. Your prayers and input are very much appreciated. The Board and the Wednesday small groups were asked the six questions below as part of this process. We would love to have your responses! Please email yourchurchoffice@gmail.com to contribute.

Goal with these questions: To identify community needs. To identify our congregation's strengths.

- ❖ How do you define community?
 - ❖ What specific thing do you think South Austin Church is best at doing? Can you give an example?
 - ❖ What is one sustainable need South Austin Church should be meeting? (aside from the spiritual needs)
 - ❖ What do you love most about living where you do?
 - ❖ What do you think the biggest impact our church can leave on the South Austin area community is?
 - ❖ What is an area you think you can make the most significant contribution to?
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- The Flores family expressed much appreciation and gratitude for the church’s heart and generosity. They expect to close on a new home within weeks.
 - Pastor Ryan submitted his resignation to the Board in response to God’s call to something new. He and Makayla will be moving to Alberta, Canada, as he has accepted a position at Calgary Church of the Nazarene. Their last Sunday will be August 9. Current and new sponsors and pastoral staff will assume the responsibilities for the Youth Ministry until a decision is made about new leadership. Pastor Abba, as a part-time Associate Pastor, was offered the Barge parsonage.