

ADULT DIVISION DIRECTOR MEETING

11-2-11

1. Attendance review: SS attendance is stable. We continue to add members, for which we are all thankful.
2. Outreach emphasis on October 23: thank you for participating. This was a trial effort that will be repeated in January. It is important to have everyone aware of our guests and be willing to make contact with them.
3. Christmas and New Year's Day schedule: Christmas: 10:00 a.m. worship with no Bible study. New Year's Day: Regular Sunday a.m. schedule but no services at night.
4. Announcements and communication: we are trying to find a way to help with the congestion of announcement requests that come to the departments for promotion. I know the Tallowood Today, Tallowood Times, web site and worship guide are filled with announcements, many of them duplicated. But you still have people at your door wanting to make announcements. The Bible study hour is important and we need to preserve it. I will make an effort to send to you each Friday the 2-3 items that have the most immediate impact on the church. If you cover those, that should suffice. My ambition is to reduce announcements and give more time for teaching, prayer and departmental emphases.
5. Evaluation of Devoted: Did your people attend and if so, how can we improve? This emphasis will change for 2012 with the development of a resource area in the narthex and the implementation of emphases for the home rather than hosting speakers on Sunday a.m. The first emphasis will launch on January 29th and will focus on prayer in personal and home life.
6. Leader training: morning of January 28th: topic is "Making impressions, making contact and making friends at church" The 2.5 hour session will focus on ways to improve our personal ministry to members and guests.
7. Rolling calendar for December
8. Christmas offering: Begins December 4th.
9. Christmas announcements from our last meeting:
Christmas Store at the missions centers: need cash and gifts. List attached.
10. Step Up To Service: The anniversary committee has asked the church to participate in serving our community. The Step Up To Service work day gives an opportunity for members to sign up to help in one of three service projects to our community. Sign up locations are in the Narthex and in each SS department.
11. Time Change Weekend: this Saturday night advance your clock one hour. We are going back to Central Standard Time.
12. Please encourage members to ride the shuttles. We are anticipating a rise in attendance for the Christmas season and will need additional parking on campus.
13. Please contact Carolyn with the date/time/location of your department Christmas parties (including off-campus parties).