

## TEN MILE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### DEACON REPORT

#### Annual Congregational Meeting April 13, 2015

It has been another great year of blessing at Ten Mile Community Church! As always, it is our annual time to report on those events. The deacons are blessed to be serving the Lord and TMCC in this capacity. Thank you for your confidence in us.

We are pleased to have welcomed **10** new members this year and we conducted **12** baptisms this last year.

TMCC is blessed to have pastors committed to sharing the Gospel at every opportunity and we have been encouraged by the continued commitment to spiritual growth in our preaching, teaching, and ministry programs and the fruit it has produced. This has been a busy year as we see God continue to bless TMCC evidenced by the growth we have seen.

The Deacons met with some of our ministry leaders to conduct evaluations of the respective ministries. This gave us the opportunity to find out what is going right with the ministry, what are the ministry challenges, how can we help the ministry, understand what resources the ministry may require and, last but not least, how can we pray for the ministry.

Our focus this year was expanding outreach into the community and missions.

- ✓ Pastor Nathan gave us a report of his and Emily's trip to **Cambodia** with a vision to assemble a returning short term mission's trip with members from TMCC in 2016.
- ✓ Pastor Larry started the **Senior's Ministry** and, with the help of many members, the response to that need is robust.
- ✓ The **Men's Ministry**, led by Mike Locknane, had a very successful Men's retreat and as a result, TMCC will bring the speaker, Jim Grassi back to TMCC to conduct a fishing seminar in April.
- ✓ The **Missions Committee**, led by Dwight Berreth, sent another missionary from TMCC. Roxanne Berheim went to work for Youth Ministry International.
- ✓ The **Deaconesses**, led by Cheri Goers, are in the process of developing a kitchen coordinator position to maximize the use of the new kitchen that God has blessed us with.

We continue to be blessed by the outpouring of financial support this body gives to help those in need. We collected **\$7,850.00** and distributed **\$7,888.00** of our Benevolent Fund to assist several separate families this year.

The **Scholarship Fund** was started from a Church Trust Fund Account designed to assist children of members in attending Christian higher education institutions in pursuit of a degree in Christian ministries. This last year we were able to bless a student with \$500 from this fund.

**TMCC is a very giving local body** and continues to meet needs directly such as food cards and gas cards for pastors to distribute as needed. The cards supplement the existing food pantry and add an additional layer of flexibility to meet the physical needs of our church family. In addition, to the internal avenues of meeting the physical needs, we have continued our partnership with some Para-Church organizations like Love INC. and the Salvation Army to meet the physical needs of the larger community.

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Each year the Deacons oversee the **nomination process** to create a list of qualified people to be elected by the members into several leadership positions at TMCC. Strong leadership and Godly teaching remain our priority. We are praising Him that we have a Godly group of individuals willing to step up and serve the body by being on boards and other elected positions. Please pray for these selected and additionally support them by serving in areas where God has blessed you.

Thank you! We look forward to what God has planned for Ten Mile this next year and appreciate your continued prayers for all those chosen to do and oversee God's work in our church.

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Chairman TMCC Deacon Board