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SESSION UPDATE:

Since my last “Monthly” Session update, two months have passed, and your Session has had three meetings! I will try to do better in the future. In February, we received an update on the ministry of Celebrate Recovery that meets here every Friday night. It seems the Lord is blessing this ministry greatly. We also met with three of the several women of the church (Michelle Thomas, Kathy Henricks, and Nancy Romero) who participate in the Christian Jail Ministry. Michelle has asked the Session’s help in acquiring a letter of endorsement from the Chaplain ministry of the Mission to North America (MNA). MNA is an arm of our denomination, the PCA. The letter of endorsement from this agency will hopefully provide opportunities not otherwise available for the ministry.

The Session also approved the requests to grant elder Roland Bounds, Elder Emeritus status, as well Deacon Emeritus Status to deacons Bill Armiger, Dick Lantz, and Roger Rew.

We subsequently began to discuss our Sunday morning schedule, now with two distinct worship services, and adult Christian education. We ultimately decided to call a separate meeting in early March to more fully discuss the issue. At that meeting, the discussion raised many issues, brought by the elders, including many ideas from their oversight families, staff, and visitors. The outcome of the meeting was the establishment of an Adult Christian Education ad hoc committee made up of a diverse group of people representative of a cross section of Chapelgate. Their task was to continue the study and to make recommendations regarding the direction of adult Christian education at Chapelgate in support of our vision, and report back to Session within 60 days.

Our March meeting was a so called “Shepherding” meeting where our focus is primarily issues of how the elders can better shepherd the flock. Two of the elders brought situations from five unnamed families that they have had the privilege of coming alongside. Their insights and experiences were beneficial to the men as we wrestled with questions that arose from those situations. It was a good time to hash out among ourselves what we as elders believe and how best to relate to our current culture.

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