

## **Bible Study**

We read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-1, then discussed what verses, words, and phrases each person thought was important. All discussed how this information applied to Zion Church and School as a whole.

When reading this we discussed how the Transition Team has a positive outlook and ready to move forward, whereas, some of the congregation members are still having issues and can't go forward. Those members need to work through their feelings so all of us can move forward with a positive outlook. We need to learn from the past to make a new future. Other things that were discussed:

- Members shouldn't be hasty to leave Zion because of the present issues.
- New members feel very welcomed.
- Everyone misses the young people at church, they energize us!

We went through sections of the booklet we are studying from:

### ***Coming to Terms with History***

*Though we are not bound by the past, we are profoundly shaped by it. The past can hinder the future or fuel a new future.*

We need to learn from the past, put into place policies and procedures so this doesn't happen again.

### ***Start-up***

*The early months of a new pastorate are absolutely critical for the quality of the entire pastorate, whether it is to last for three or four years or for two or three decades. The patterns that get established in the first 12 to 18 months are likely to rule the pastor and congregation as long as that pastor is there.*

### ***Negotiation and Divine Call***

*We had discussion if the negotiation was part of the Call process. The congregation would issue a Call to person that is chosen by the Voter's Assembly. This pastor already has a Devine Call to the congregation he is serving and will need to determine prayerfully which call takes priority. Consultation with the congregation he is serving as well as the calling congregation is essential. Negotiation refers to coming to an understanding of the nature of the work the pastor is expected to do, the relationship between the pastor and congregation, living arrangements and the financial package that would be offered to the Pastor. Sometimes they are connected; when the Called Pastor comes to visit he might have questions regarding housing, etc. Each Pastor is different.*

We discussed the current Mission and Vision Statement of the Church and School. When was this written? The School's Mission and Vision statements were last updated in 2015.

- Do these statements still represent Zion?
- Have we lost sight of what our Mission and Vision Statements and/or do they need to be changed and brought up to date to fit in today's society?
- Are we Stewards of All God's gifts?
- Maybe we need a stronger statement regarding the school?

We need to think and make a list about everything that Zion is doing?