

Dear Church Member or Friend,

January 2012

Itemized below are the eight adopted goals by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw, SC. These will be worked on over the next five years (2012 through the end of 2016).

Adopted Goals (showing who is responsible)

Goal 1 – Board of Deacons

To increase our active and **participating membership** because *God loves* each person

a. increase worship attendance by 10% per annum for five years – 161 in 2016

b. increase active membership by 5% per annum for five years – 316 in 2016

Strategy A. (1 yr) Direct member contact

Strategy B. (1 yr.) Better publicity and advertizing

Strategy C. (3 yr) Fellowship opportunities of “value” to young adults and families

Strategy D. (1 yr.) Possible free meal program on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 for 40

Wednesdays for our church members (who can also invite guests and friends).

Strategy E. (1 yr.) Info packets for potential members and new members

Goal 2 - Administrative Committee

To optimize our **physical plant** (buildings and grounds) by modernizing and integrating activities within a master plan because we are good stewards of what we have been entrusted with and we want it to work well for God’s mission.

Strategy A. (3 yr) 10 year master plan to expand building and grounds’ upkeep and maintenance

Strategy B. (1 yr.) Acoustical issues in Fellowship Building and Sanctuary

Strategy C. (1 yr) Changing facilities to support Session goals better

Goal 3 – Mary Jane Evans - chair, Robert Angle (vice-chair), Christie McLeod (recorder), and Mac McCall

To develop and support a strategic plan to improve the quality of our **Christian Education** Programs because we care about educating and nurturing God’s people

Strategy A. (1 yr) Curriculum Revision for 5th -12th grades in Sunday School

Strategy B. (1 yr.) Adequate resources and plan to prepare Christians for a modern world.

Goal 4 - Dan Tillman – chair, Malloy Evans (vice-chair), and Betty Davis (recorder)

To evaluate and to refine current **worship format** because vibrant worship is vital for communal life.

Strategy A. (1 year) Exploring a supplemental worship service with contemporary music

Strategy B (1 year) Maintaining current variety for worship music

Strategy C (1 year) Refining worship service for length concerns and better vibrancy

Strategy D Changing the children's sermon age group to include children to 5th grade.

Goal 5 – Session

To organize ourselves by changing Church Structure so that committees and their meetings are reduced in number and follow-up is improved, and committee/team chairs are trained and empowered.

Strategy A. Better documentation to help transitions of committee leadership

Strategy B. Descriptions of each church volunteer to be written

Strategy C. Every committee and team to have a recorder who is different from the chair

Goal 6 – David Nagel– chair, Buddy Brooks (vice-chair), and David Brabham (recorder)
To be a **missional community** both locally and internationally because Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves

Strategy A. (3 yr) To increase support for McArn Community Ministry, sharing our generated ideas and promoting that ministry to expand its programs to address the concerns of poverty. (using educational resources like the Ruby Payne Series)
- To work in cooperation with the McArn Ministry Board to explore avenues to expand assistance and resources to those in need.
- To be more in tune with town officials to address community concerns.
- To have a phased-in line item goal of \$ 5,000 within 3 years to be contributed to the McArn Ministry Board.

Strategy B. (1 yr) To help Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center
- To maintain a liaison with the Camp
- To have periodic work days to help with the Camp
- To promote Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center programs
- To provide annual financial support for Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center

Strategy C. (1 yr) To promote more volunteers in the community
- To encourage people to pledge volunteer hours per month or week
- To focus on the needs of community schools
- To support Chesterfield County Habitat for Humanity

Strategy D. (3 yr) To encourage New Harmony Presbytery to promote international mission trips and promote and support our members to participate.

Goal 7 – John Joyce – chair, Beth Witherspoon (vice-chair) and Teresa Adams (recorder)
To improve our **stewardship** (financial and spiritual) to include not only the power of the church but also the power of the individual, recognizing that we have many widows and others who can't give 10% and that giving to God is to be done cheerfully because we have been given so much

Strategy A. (3 yr) Educate the congregation on stewardship to better understand and appreciate the Christian management of our resources and our mission efforts

Strategy B. (3 yr) Lower by half the number of households who give nothing to the church over a 3-year period.

Strategy C. (1 yr) Provide transparency of the church funds, including an updated balance sheet, and annual update of all money distributed by fund to what causes.

Strategy D. (1 yr) Publicize a list of all of the scholarship opportunities available on the web.

Strategy E. (3 yr) Tithe to Presbytery from the budget, working to reach this goal incrementally over three years (2012-2015)

Goal 8 - Robert Angle – chair, Marion Anderson, and Rev. Kyle Henderson
To promote **reconciliation** among church members and throughout the community because God has given us the ministry of reconciliation

Strategy A (1 yr) Periodic sermons on reconciliation resourced by sermon formation group

Strategy B. (1 yr) Promotion of Bible Studies on “reconciliation”

Strategy C. (3 yr.) Special Prayer / Healing services designed by a volunteer group with ongoing exploration for reconciliation