

2019 Church Retreat Report
Part 2
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As I wrote last week, each of the five Boards and Ministry Areas met, clarified their mission and made suggestions for 2019.

The Mission Board is responsible for helping the congregation engage in local, state, national and international mission opportunities. We do this by giving financially to these missions and by getting directly involved in their work. As you may know, we give 20% of our budget to such missions, plus what we give in special offerings.

At the retreat the Mission Board and those interested in this ministry area expressed the desire for more “hands—on” mission work in addition to our work with such ministries as Fifth Street. In 2019 we will be involved in a great intergenerational hunger event called “Rise Up Against Hunger.” We did this last year, and it was a wonderful time of all age groups assembling packages of food.

Also, the Baptist Peace Fellowship has invited us to join them in Columbia South America for the annual Peace Camp. We will join with a large International Peace Conference there. There will be more details to come. It is July 15-20. We hope some of our people can go.

Then this summer during Season of Grace (June- August) we will emphasize the ministry of “I-Care”, Statesville.

In addition the group talked about more ways our building can benefit the community. Currently two groups are meeting in our church, Narcotics Anonymous and a Trans-sexual Support Group. How else could our building be used for the community?

If you have any questions or interest in this area of ministry call Gay Shaver, the chair of the Mission Board.

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