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Second Edition of the Spring Run Journal

This is the second edition of the Spring Run Journal. Yes, I had hoped to send these out monthly. So far it is looking more like bi-monthly. In any case, I want to keep open lines of communication with the congregation about the life of Spring Run Presbyterian Church.

You should have received a letter in March updating you about the congregational meeting in which we presented the need for an assistant pastor and the subsequent need to increase our financial giving in order to make budget after hiring an assistant.

Let me use this opportunity to update you on the assistant pastor search. I have been receiving applications, checking references, and conducting screening interviews. The search committee has been formed and has just begun their work. It is still in the early stages of the search process. We will keep you informed as it continues.

The other side of the coin in hiring an assistant pastor is paying an assistant pastor. I will give you a brief recap of the March letter. We have enough money now to hire someone for a year to a year and a half. After that time (2009) is when the budget would get tight. So, we are asking the eventual assistant pastor to raise \$50,000 over a 2 year period. Even so, we still projected (using very conservative growth numbers in both attendance and giving) a deficit of \$50,000 by the summer of 2009. We put this need before you and asked you to give to the need. It appears, based on the very short giving history of our church, that the projected deficit is shrinking and will continue to do so if we as a congregation continue to give generously.

Praise God for his goodness to us and guidance in leading us as it appears that he continues to open the doors to hire an assistant pastor. Please continue to pray for the search committee and the mission of our church.

Speaking of prayer, I want to remind you of "Andrew's Edict." I wrote about this in the last edition of the Spring Run Journal and spoke about it in a sermon in February. Since I tend to forget quickly I'm guessing many of you do too. Please don't forget to pray. My edict stated, "I want all of you to pick 5 people that don't go to church that you will pray for. And, all ministry team leaders and volunteers must stop what they are doing at 9:10 each Sunday morning and pray." Pray that God's name would be made known and his will be done in our midst and our community."

I have been encouraged as I have come into the hallway or cafeteria on Sunday morning and seen groups of you gathered to pray. Don't stop and don't be afraid to stop me on Sunday morning and remind me to pray!

Your Pastor,

Andrew Conrad

Upcoming Events:

May

1st—New Member

Interviews

- MCM Meeting

8th—Ladies Monthly

Prayer Group

18th—Pastor's Dessert

June

4th—Ladies Sweet Social

5th—New Member

Interviews

12th—Ladies Monthly

Prayer Group

- MCM Meeting

15th—Pastor's Dessert

Special Prayer

Concerns:

- Hiring of assistant pastor for Spring Run
- Missionaries to Prague—Mark and Joanna Stewart
- Spring Run Community Groups to multiply
- Pray for Chris James' continued recovery and his family
- Pray for Young Life to continue to raise up qualified leaders to reach out to kids.