

# Maywood Community Church

May 2024

## Leadership Retreat at Tall Oaks Camp

April 26 and 27 marked the church's Leadership Retreat which gave our elders and deacons a chance to get away, study God's Word together, pray, and plan.

The weekend started with dinner and then an evening of study and group work. Studying "The Leader's Focus" out of 1 Timothy 4:12-15, we looked at Paul's encouragement to Timothy regarding his character, serious study of God's Word, and spiritual progress (growth).

Our group time consisted of looking at something different: Deacon Areas of Oversight. We talked about effective communication with regard to our deacon's lists, and then we identified specific areas that we needed specifically to concentrate on for the upcoming year. Those areas included how we want to greet, usher, and man our welcome desk once the church remodel occurs. Strategies were discussed to determine how we can better get to know our own people and meet new visitors providing a better fellowship opportunity on Sunday mornings. We talked about the need to create and update a new pictorial directory and even how to become more effective in contacting our families. With several new events coming up in the summer, we stressed the need to register families so that we can follow-up to invite them to church and other Bible studies. We also talked about what we wanted to do to highlight a missionary every third Sunday of each month.

We spent time studying the importance of leadership starting at home. This became a study out of Ephesians chapter 5 as we examined a number of passages which led us to the conclusion that obedience comes from a heart of love based on an investment in a relationship. And that relationship is not based on performance, but love. And our position and walk with Christ gives us an intimate relationship that overflows and allows us to serve others well and encourages our people to grow spiritually.

We wrapped up our time in the book of Joshua examining the great leader's final message, and we learned three things that Joshua stressed in his last address to the nation (Joshua 24). **First**, he refused to become complacent. He wanted to continue to marvel and appreciate what God was doing in his life as well as in the life of the nation. As an example, Joshua took an inheritance that was insignificant compared to what he could have had (Joshua 19:49-50). He only wanted to be with God; to walk with Him and know Him more, and the nature of his inheritance showed the people that he was unwilling to take for granted what God provided. **Second**, Joshua gave the people a choice on who they were to serve. If they chose God, then they were to pursue Him. And in their pursuit of God, God would show them the work that they were to go after with all of their heart. **Third**, a memorial stone was placed to remind them of the covenant promise of God and their decision to serve only Him. In future years, when seeing the memorial stone, a little boy might ask his daddy, "What does this stone represent?" And the father would tell the story again and the story was the lesson of what God did, and the stone helped the generations to follow so that they would not forget the works of God. Joshua never led for the purpose of personal gain and he left a strong reminder of where they had been and what they had to do moving forward.

In our immediate future, much of our energies are going to be placed on the repairs and remodel of our church. In the midst of all of the work, many other projects and programs will be on-going to help our church progress spiritually and (hopefully) grow. Please know that your elders and deacons are praying for you and working hard to move the ministry forward.

Please look at the upcoming dates in our newsletter and mark them down on your calendars so that you will not miss the many opportunities available to you and your family.

And please, continue to pray for our church and families...

God bless.

Pastor Alan



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### May Events:

**May 6th: Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
8 a.m.

**May 16th: Ladies Council Meeting 10 am**

**May 30th: Helping Hands of Faith 6:30-8:00 pm**

**May 31st: Table Set Up and Food Prep for Ladies Tea**

### **Every Tuesday:**

**Ladies Bible Study 10 am**

**Ladies Quilting 1 pm**

### **Every Wednesday:**

**Prayer Meeting 6 pm**

### **Every Sunday Night:**

**Bible Study 5:00 pm**

**Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm**

### **Future Events:**

**June 1st Ladies Tea**

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**June 5th At Home Bible Study**

# MISSIONS

The Kansas City Rescue Mission was founded by Jarrette Aycock in 1950. He was a man who knew the heartache and shame of Alcoholism and homelessness. His life was transformed when he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior.

Now known as Shelter KC, it is a Christ-centered organization offering help to homeless men and women by providing hope for the future through the belief that the love of Jesus Christ can change lives.

Services include relief and addiction recovery to both men and women.



## SHELTER KC GAVE ME A SECOND CHANCE

"This place gives you a second chance if you really want to do it and get back on your feet." - Jess

These include short term emergency shelter, classroom instruction, and educational skills. Also offered are pastoral counseling, work therapy, and case management to help transition into a healthy and sustainable Christian life.

Maywood Community Church has partnered with the Rescue Mission for over 20 years to help provide biblical responsibility and dignity to the individuals in the their program.

To find out more about the Rescue Mission you can go to , [shelterkc.org](http://shelterkc.org).

Please pray for the Shelter KC staff, volunteers, and participants.

## Greetings Everyone,

The first game night of the year was a great time. Many church members learned the rules of Pickleball courtesy of the Larry Wood family and even if a few shots were missed, it was a fun. Attendees played board games as well as bean bag toss. The snacks were delicious, and it was fun to fellowship with everyone. Another game night will be scheduled for later this year.

## Building Updates

The following was approved by the church members in the last business meeting:

**A dark composite shingle was approved for the roof.**

**White Hardy board siding and trim were approved.** This is a very durable material and will hold up much better to hail and wind and will not require paint.

**Also, a black drip rail under the roof was approved.**

**The interior wall paint chosen is a light grey.** The ceiling will be replaced or repaired, made smooth, and then painted a bright white to help reflect the light.

Below is the current building plan for May. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to help with the building project. We will be asking for volunteers, so please be in prayer on what you can do to assist.

**May 12** - (Mother's Day) will be our last Sunday in the current sanctuary.

**May 19** - Sunday service will be held in the gym until the repairs are completed in the sanctuary.

**May 20 – May 31** - Demo work begins in the sanctuary.

**Mid-May** - Work to begin on the exterior of the building.

As you can see May will be a very busy month as repairs begin on the Church. Please be flexible as we go through this process. We will make sure to provide information every Sunday during announcements as well as using the Call Em All and the Church text to keep everyone updated.

Parking will change because of building materials and storage containers being onsite. We will make sure to announce where you should park and provide a way for you to be shuttled to the door if you have difficulty walking. Do not skip Church, we will make sure everyone who needs assistance will receive help. More updates will be provided on parking and how we will assist those in need.

## Upcoming Events

**Home Bible Fellowship** – This summer on Wednesday evenings a Home Bible Fellowship will be started. Additional information will be coming out but please look to sign up to be a guest home and part of this exciting opportunity. The study will start on June 5 with the last meeting occurring on August 7. Look for the signup sheet at the welcome desk in the back of the sanctuary.

Please continue to pray for Maywood and the congregation that we stay in the Lords will as we begin the restoration of the Church building.

In Christ's Love,

The Elders



## April Financial

### Corner:

**We were over budget on Expenses for April.**

**We were under budget on Giving for April.**

## Youth Group

**We met 3 of the 4 week-ends in April. Over those weeks, we had games, snacks, and lessons.**

**We are currently studying Genesis. We decided to go back to "In the beginning..." and cover what happened. We read the Bible verses and then we talk about them. Any questions they have, we go over. We will continue in Genesis in May. We will not meet Mother's Day.**

