

Hopes and Dreams – A Process

81 Total responses – 15 youth, 61 in-person, 5 online

1. What are some strengths of this congregation?
What do you especially appreciate about this congregation? List at least three things.

- Close-knit, family, fellowship, community feel
- Welcoming, accepting, nice people
- Care for each other/ Help in times of need
- Youth and young families
- Traditions/ Roots/Rural
- Volunteerism, generous, giving
- Engaging worship/music/singing
- Teamwork
- Global missions
- Sermons, teaching, educational
- Celebrations, have fun
- Facilities/tech
- All ages
- Financially stable/money
- Leaders/leadership
- Open to change/growth
- God is Present
- Listening
- Grace
- Educational

2. What are your hopes and dreams for the congregation's ministry? What would you like to see happen in the next one to five years?

- Youth and young family emphasis and attendance
- Grow – increase interest/ attendance/new and current members
- Outreach beyond church - both global and local
- Call a good new pastor
- Be more open with each other- change and conflict
- Youth/Assistant Pastor
- More activities
- Build on worship/music/singing
- More diversity/ welcoming others
- Come up with/ embrace new ideas
- Status quo
- Empower members
- Transition of generations
- Small group ministry
- No politics

3. What are the primary changes or challenges in our congregation that you believe God is leading us to address?

- **Grow the church/attendance, bring back young families**
- **Emphasis on youth and young families**
- **Get along/ deal with differences/change/conflict**
- **Increase activities/teamwork**
- **Welcoming/ increase diversity**
- **True to core Bible beliefs**
- **Changing church role in society/lifestyle changes**
- **Uncertainty about future/ aging congregation**
- **Listening to each other**
- **Outreach –community, local**
- **Keeping going**
- **Politics in church**
- **Leadership, direction for church**
- **New pastor/change**
- **Generational turnover**
- **Listen to God**
- **Global issues**
- **Maintain history/ identity**

