

ELDER COMMUNICATION

SUMMER 2009

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT UPDATE

The elders along with the G6 (the group the congregation selected last fall consisting of Butch Cox, Faye Valdiviez, John Marquis, Evonne Harden, Ron Moorhead, and Marci Kinzer) have been vigorously working on amending our current Constitution and By-laws.

The following process has been taking place over the past eight months:

1. Mike Potter, Jesse Harden, Peter Briggs, and George Knipprath meet to draft proposed amendments of the constitution one section at a time.
2. These amended sections are then presented to the

rest of the elders for revision and approval.

3. The revised amended section is then presented to the G6 for review and suggested revisions.
4. The elders then meet to consider the suggestions of the G6. Another revision to the section is then made and approved by the elders.
5. The process then starts again with Mike, Peter, Jesse, and George with another section of the constitution and/or by-laws.
6. Once each section has gone through this process, the elders will review the entire document one final time, ask the G6 to review it one final time, have a

legal review done to it, and then prepare the document for presentation to the congregation.

7. The presentation process will include explanation and teaching from the pulpit, opportunity for the congregation to offer written feedback, a special congregational meeting for further explanation, and finally a membership vote to adopt the amended constitution and by-laws.

As you can see, this is an involved process. The elders and the G6 are currently involved in step 6 in the process and will begin step 7 soon. Please pray as we all walk through this important spiritual exercise together as a church family.

Here's what the elders are praying about this summer:

- ◆ Clear direction from the Lord on how to be more *missional* as a church on a local level.
- ◆ That the church would hunger and thirst to know God's Word and do what He says in it.
- ◆ That God will continue to provide work and financial resources for our people during these tough economic times.
- ◆ That God would protect and grow the marriages and families in our church.
- ◆ That Charles and Judy would be refreshed and renewed during their time in the States.
- ◆ That God would protect and mightily use our missionaries to further His Kingdom.
- ◆ That God would protect, guide, and mightily use the Morocco team.

please join them in praying!

SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The elders encourage you to continue your discipleship involvement at the church over the summer. Don't let the summer become a time of spiritual laziness! Here's what's being offered this summer at The Foothills.

LEVEL 1 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

(These consist of a minimal amount of outside work.)

Sermon & Engage Class

After the sermon, Pastor Mike will lead a discussion about it during the Sunday School hour.

Intergenerational Class

Pastor Jesse leads children and parents in a study of the Ten Commandments.

LEVEL 2 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

(These consist of a medium amount of outside work.)

Tools for Memorizing Scripture

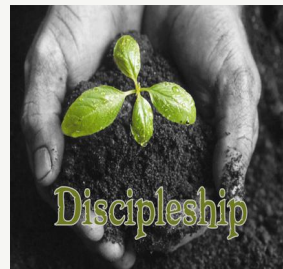
Darienne Dumas will teach students effective methods for memorizing Scripture.

Titus Precept Study

A 4-week inductive study for women led by Michelle Potter and Kerry Smith.

Models for Leadership:

John Kinzer will uncover leadership applications for us from Paul's two letters to his apprentice, Timothy.



FOOTHILLS ELDERS



**Peter Briggs,
Pastor of
Adult
Education**



**Daniel Hachez,
Instrument
Maker**



**Jesse Harden,
Associate
Pastor,
Youth**



**John Kinzer,
Educator**



**George Knipprath,
Business
Owner**

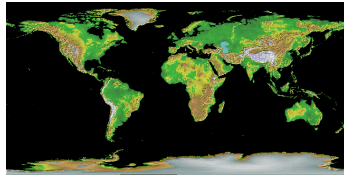


**Mike Potter,
Lead Pastor**



**Chuck Thompson,
Engineer**

YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS AT WORK



The elders wish to thank you for your continued financial support of the work and ministry of The Foothills. Because you faithfully give each Sunday, they are able to funnel much of that money to the Lord's work locally and around the world. Here's where a large portion of your faithful gifts are going:

\$550/month to Rod and Andrea Pauls as they impact hundreds of students in New Mexico and

Texas through Intervarsity.

\$50/month to Austin Holler as he impacts students through a hiking ministry in Wyoming.

\$200/month to Matt McKinley for his work with Justice for All in Wichita, Kansas.

\$400/month to Jed Holler for his work in Northern Iraq.

\$500/student for their trip to Morocco this summer.

\$800 one time gift to Ben Abeyta for his medical mission trip to Honduras.

\$1150/month to Kevin Higgins for his leadership training efforts

among the new church in South Asia.

\$1200/month to Leon and Sheryl Hill for their church development work in Japan.

\$1500/month for the Wolf family working in North Africa.

\$1500/month for Laura Marquis as she works with them in North Africa.

All of this amounts to over \$7000 per month on top of what it takes to support our ministries here in Albuquerque. Please continue to faithfully give so that all of this vital Kingdom work can continue.

CURRENT ELDER SITUATION

At the January *Pursuing the Vision* meeting, the elders announced that they were freezing the elder board until the amended constitution is in place. This meant that the elders who were scheduled to cycle off last December (Paul Droege and Chuck Thompson) would stay on and help with the amendment process. This also meant that no new elders would be added at that time. In March, however, Paul

Droege went on sabbatical for the rest of his term, and July 5th will be Daniel Hachez's last Sunday as he and Jacquelyn are moving to Washington. At that time, the elder board will consist of three vocational elders (Foothills staff) and three avocational elders (Chuck Thompson, John Kinzer, and George Knipprath). As soon as the amended constitution goes into effect, Chuck Thompson will cycle off. Please

know that the elders are *now* praying through and beginning the vetting process for potential elder candidates so that when the amended constitution goes into effect, new elders will be brought onto the board in short order. Please pray that God would raise up men who are biblically qualified and called by Him to serve as shepherds who will lead our congregation well in the coming years.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING THROUGH MAY

YTD Need:	\$206,492	YTD Offering:	\$183,815	YTD (+/-):	-\$22,677
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As you can see, the church is running a budget deficit of \$22,677 through the first five months of 2009. The good news is that the elders are working hard to make sure the church is spending only what is coming in. The bad news is that if this deficit continues, important ministries that were budgeted for at the beginning of the year will have to be cut. Our ability to maintain current church ministries and explore new local ministries will be sorely limited as will our ability to continue to fully support our global missions efforts. The elders encourage you to please consider how you might help reduce the deficit this summer so that we can move into the fall fully funded.

Keep current by regularly visiting the church web site at:
www.thefoothills.us