



## Q&A FROM TOWN HALL MEETINGS June 2014

### ATTENDANCE

What are the real numbers of actual members?

*Current membership is 1,800*

Apple Tree and Broomfield High School appear to have impacted growth. Have we analyzed the number of families of Apple Tree and Broomfield High School that have become part of BUMC?

*This is certainly something we could look into in the future.*

Have we grown the number of attendees at services?

*Sunday service attendance has held steady the past four years at 800 or more. Outside of Sundays, the Church hosts 4,000 people each week for groups, meetings, and activities.*

How many young people are coming?

*8% of attendees are between 20 and 35*

### FINANCE

Does BUMC have an endowment of any kind?

*The Church does have an existing endowment, the Huddart Fund. Currently it provides a little over \$20,000 to the general fund each year.*

Has the revenue increased in comparison to the 9% growth?

*Since 2010 the revenue has increased at an average of 9.6% each year.*

Is there a study of the annual giving?

*Yes. Please visit "The Metrics of Growth and Change" webinar presented on June 12. <http://broomfieldumc.org/webinar>*

What is the current debt load of the Church?

*As of May 31, 2014, the mortgage on the facility is \$979,258. There are times when the Church accesses a line of credit which also contributes to the debt load.*

### GROWTH

What can we do to get butts in seats (services) and not go into debt?

*BUMC is currently increasing attendance at a rate of 9% each year. We are seeing a steady growth in Sunday service attendance, small group participation, and family ministry attendance.*

How do we project the number of new growth that will be Methodist?

*The growth projected for the areas surrounding BUMC is tremendous. There really is no way of knowing what level of growth the Church will experience based on those projections.*

What size facility (targets) sanctuary are we looking at expanding to?

*If members vote to form the study group on June 26, much more time and effort will be put into determining what size facility will meet the future needs of BUMC.*

Growth figures didn't include Erie. Is the committee taking into consideration Erie's growth as well?

*Erie's growth should be factored into the grown projections of areas surrounding BUMC. If future research is approved this will be included.*

Do churches max out?

*A church can max out its growth potential if there is not a commitment to increasing membership and maintaining existing membership.*

What is the max number required to be considered inviting and welcoming church?

*We don't believe it is about a max number to be considered an inviting and welcoming church. It is about creating a church environment that allows for God's plan for our faith community.*

What # of people would you need to make a larger church work?

*An increase in square footage does not necessarily correlate to an increase in staffing needs. Based on the initial stats from research of current church attendance and the facility use, the Exploratory Committee believes further research into options is warranted.*

What demographic shows the most growth?

*Participation in our Small Groups has increased over 300% since 2003. Children's Ministries average weekly participation has increased 466% since 2007. There are 1,491 households participating in activities at BUMC from zip codes throughout the Denver Metro area and beyond. (Please see the pin spot map in the webinar presented on June 12 at <http://broomfieldumc.org/webinar>)*

Could we increase High Schooler interest by building a "really cool" space?

*Mission Hills Church and Flatirons Community Church experienced increased participation in their youth program after redoing their space.*

How do we gauge youth participation in the future?

*We track youth participation based on the students that are involved in our day to day activities, not Jesus Pizza.*

## TIMELINE

Timeline beyond June-is it determined?

*A timeline beyond the Church Conference on June 26 has not been determined.*

How will the decision be made?

*The decision to form a study group to explore future options for BUMC will be made by members in a Church Conference on Thursday, June 26.*

## USE OF CURRENT SPACE

Is there a way to use Broomfield High School classrooms for some of our needs?

*This question could be explored if members vote to form a study group on June 26.*

Is a subcommittee going to decide what to do with this facility?

*Since no decision has been made, nothing has been discussed on what to do with our current facility if we were to relocate.*

Does the committee feel the current site will not meet our needs for the next 50 years?

*The Exploratory Committee was charged by the Ministry Council to explore the possibility of BUMC relocating to another site for our primary campus. Based on initial findings that were presented in "The Metrics of Growth and Change" webinar on June 12, there are concerns about the current facility's ability to maintain and continue to expand the level of use it sees on a weekly basis.*

Is the education wing the only portion of current facility with the load to pop the top?

*The education wing is the only wing that is currently built to take additional load.*

What will happen to our current property?

*More time and research will be put into exploring options for our current facility if members vote to form the study group on June 26.*

Do we know how much the current facility is worth?

*The assessed value of the church and land: Land - \$700,000; Building - \$4,714,500 (including furniture, fixtures and equipment)*

## RESEARCH

Have we considered any joint ventures with other churches?

Have we looked at urban churches that have thrived in their current location?

Have we studied churches that expanded, but failed?

Have we done a demographic study?

Has the committee documented limitations and implications?

Has there been any research looking into what would happen to this community if BUMC relocated?

*These questions would be explored if members vote to form a study group on June 26.*

## LOCATION

Are all sites in 2-5 mile radius being considered, even those in Westminster? It could lead to a more expansive or inclusive name.

*The location of a new site would not likely be limited to Broomfield, due to zoning and availability.*

Is there consideration of the size of a new building?

*More time and research will be put into determining the size of a new facility if members vote to form the study group on June 26.*

## OPTIONS

Have we considered a satellite?

*More time and research will be put into exploring the satellite option if members vote to form the study group on June 26.*

What plans do we have if we stay in current location?

*More time and research will be put into exploring what our current facility is capable of if members vote to form the study group on June 26.*

## CURRENT PROGRAMS

Where would all the kids go for Jesus Pizza and The Connection if BUMC was not located where we currently are?

*Jesus Pizza and The Connection are not BUMC programs. We agreed to host these activities because of our size and location next to Broomfield High School. If the Church were to move, options for these activities would be discussed with their coordinators.*

It is too much to ask the pastors to do 5 services every Sunday?

*Many churches have a 3 service approach on Sundays. Five services is a lot to ask of our pastors, but keep in mind that it isn't just Ken and Thomas. We're asking the staff as well – childcare, hospitality, music, etc. We want to retain our staff by ensuring they continue to feel valued.*

What needs do we see that we are not able to meet with current facilities?

*We see the need to be an inviting and welcoming church for all that choose to walk through the doors at BUMC. We are not able to expand our Student Ministries due to current space limitations. We are not able to compete with other Christian Schools because of the overall state of our facility. We are not able to efficiently and effectively transition from one service to another due to the space limitations in the Sanctuary Narthex. We are not able to house our staff in professional environments. We are not able to grow our attendance much more without future parking limitations.*

APPLE TREE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

How do we make sure we consider "Apple Tree"?

*As part of the outreach process during the past few months, the Apple Tree board of directors met with Pastor Ken Brown and Bruce Donaldson to share their thoughts about the school's future needs. Parents of the children were also invited to participate in Town Hall meetings.*

How would the Apple Tree School be impacted?

*Apple Tree is a part of BUMC. The impact of any plans for the future would be made taking the school into consideration.*

Will Apple Tree always be part of the church where ever it is located?

*Future plans of BUMC would include the school.*

How many students attend Apple Tree?

*106-108 each school year*