

# Bethel Elder Board Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday May 9th, 2026

**Members**

Eric Vande Zande

Matt McCartney

John Anderson

Tim Franklin

Absent Aaron Will

Micheal Simmerman

***Meeting Agenda:***

| Topic           | Discussion   | Action Items |
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| Prayer          | Prayer   |              |
| Acts discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarity on the Gospel message-</li> <li>- Aaron- Notes: Revisit Resurrection: why does the resurrection matter? (Acts 1) How you approach the book of Acts? Prescriptive- descriptive. Clarifiers for interpretation. Indictive vs the Imperative. PBI (principles of Biblical Interpretation)</li> <li>- God's providence and sovereignty/ God's purpose in Christ's death and fulfilling prophecy. Exclusivity of Christ/ No other name by which we must be saved Acts 4:12. Submission to authority. We ought to obey God rather than men. Socialism/ generosity/ communal living / vs. having all things in common. Old testament significance, huge drawing on the OT to establish the message. Simon buying the power of the spirit- What does God's judgement look like today? Ananias and Sapphira, demon possession and spiritual oppression. Transforming power of God- from Saul's conversion. Looking at what God did in Saul. No Lost cause.</li> <li>- Matt- What's your mission?</li> <li>- Tim- Pentecost- celebrated by the New Testament church. Modern day Christianity has been de-spiritualized- listening to the spirit, How much of our church invites the spirit into their day.</li> <li>- John- Jewish outreach first- mission multiplied, not starting from Scratch- heritage faith- Christians in Owatonna.</li> <li>- Themes vs. exegetical preaching style</li> <li>- Theology of Suffering- Paul remained faithful to the mission. The cost of discipleship- suffering/ Joy in the midst trials. Our mission is to avoid pain vs. the uncomfortable pain of following Jesus' mission. Persecution-</li> <li>- Prayer initiatives- persecuted Church-</li> <li>- Church membership-message around partners in the gospel.</li> <li>- Apologetics and doubt- Resurrection- Book groups</li> <li>- How do you explain-cojourning-<br/>List the top things: See agenda<br/>Prescription/ Description- #1/ redux #2<br/>Mission of Jesus/ For us/ Through us</li> <li>- Pause for a what is the church series after chapter 4.</li> </ul> |              |

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| Retreat debrief                          | Feedback: do the retreat again, more alone time, early van and late van, time to pray. Structure- more prayer times/ booklet was good- devotionals/ More members at large- table of contents/singing/ |                        |
| Lead with Prayer<br>Prayer plan check in | Discussed take-aways from the book.<br>Prayer plan sharing  |                        |
| Kids Min check in                        | JA- Updates board on candidate interview tomorrow night.<br>Explained summer plans- family Sundays/   |                        |
| Elder Search Team                        | Eric and Tim are nominated as elders for the Search team .  | EST- starts in August  |
| Intercessor Check                        | Clean up- keep updated  |                        |
| MPOE                                     | Master plan of evangelism read intro and chapter 1 by next meeting  |                        |
| Missions                                 | Tim brought up tithing on giving instead of budget.   | Discuss for next time  |
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| Remaining balance of \$150,000 gift      | 36,000+ 72,000= 108,000 (van and sanctuary)<br>\$150,000-108,000= \$42,000 remaining<br>Possible support for future missionaries- July 14 <sup>th</sup> finance meeting Allard                        | Discuss for next time. |