

Elder Board Report
2023 Annual Meeting
Rick Vallery, Chairman

But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. 1 Cor.8:3

In 2019, the Community Bible Church Elder Board held a facilitated retreat to seek God's will and a vision for this Church. The 2019 Elder retreat produced a great mission statement and began laying the foundation for a transition to an Elder decision making/Pastor implementation administrative process.

Fast forward to the current year and a Community Bible Church Elder Board retreat, using the same facilitator; the Elders are beginning to see signs of progress. Administrative handbooks or written guidelines for different ministries are either complete or in the process of being written. Handbooks for the Youth ministry, Children's ministry, Nursery ministry, Women's ministry, and Worship ministry all have written frameworks. Handbooks for AWANA, and employees are currently being worked on or upgraded. Handbooks for missions and possibly curriculum need to be started.

The mission or vision statement for Community Bible Church is: **To know Him and to make Him known.**

One of the ways to make Him known is church planting, or using a newer concept called pastor "planting." The new concept of planting pastors is interesting from the standpoint of bringing an individual to Community Bible Church, who is studying to be a pastor, and provide this individual the "hands on" experience or training of actual day to day situations. After a year or so the individual would move to either further his studies or be placed in a church somewhere depending on their circumstances. Interesting concept.

Reconciliation is ongoing within Community Bible Church, and in my opinion is improving. I would like to encourage all attendees of Community Bible Church to pray for the fruits of the spirit to be provided by the Holy Spirit to the Elder Board. Prayer for good leadership is essential for a growing church.

I would like to thank the search committee for their hard work in finding our new Associate Pastor. Welcome Pastor Phil and Pam.

I would also like to thank Pastor Chance and the staff for their hard work in the day to day activities and situations that are a part of being a church and sharing the Gospel.

In closing, Community Bible Church is a church still in transition. Like Chairman Hofer from last year, the Elders seek your patience and prayers as we as a church move forward.

There are many positive attributes that we as a church possess. As a church we have a strong biblical foundation, as a church we are seeking God's will, as a church we seek to share God's Word with others and as a church we seek to draw closer to the One and Only God whom we serve.

Let us seek God's love, mercy, and grace in our lives and in the lives of others.

Rick Vallery

Elder Chairman