

Misc. Information Regarding Proposed Move To Sioux Falls Seminary

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m.: Traditional Worship Service

9:30 - 10:10 a.m.: Coffee & Conversation

10:10 a.m.: Nursery Offered

10:15 a.m.: Contemporary Worship Service

10:45 - 11:15 a.m.: Kids' Worship (Kids dismissed during worship service)

Advantages of new location:

- We are able to store some equipment at Sioux Falls Seminary whereas we are currently hauling all equipment every week to Sioux Falls Christian.
- There will be less setup and teardown before and after the services at Sioux Falls Seminary.
- Access into the facility is easier for seniors or anyone with mobility issues.
- There is access to a kitchen at Sioux Falls Seminary for making coffee on Sunday mornings
- It is possible that we could also use this location for our Wednesday night programming so we could have all congregational events in one location (however, we would have to lease another space for offices). Our lease at the Sycamore Center is up on June 1, 2014. If we have not found a facility to meet our long-term needs by then we could have all our worship and programming at Sioux Falls Seminary.
- Individuals helping with Kids' Worship and in the nursery would not have to miss a worship service as they would have the opportunity to attend the earlier service.

Challenges of new location:

- The music leaders of the second service will not be able to practice on Sunday mornings before the service, but rather only do a sound test due to having an earlier service. Therefore, the praise team will need to practice during the week at some point.
- We will need to make an effort to maintain unity and relationships among the groups that attend the two different worship services.
- There will be a need for more volunteers on a Sunday morning to handle duties such as greeting, ushering and helping with communion.
- In order to have a more contemporary service, there will need to be additional resources at some point in order to have a full band leading worship regularly.

- There will not be meals or potlucks for the whole congregation after worship on Sundays at Sioux Falls Seminary.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What will the new worship service be like?

This service will feel more structured and have a known routine each week. Each week there will be items such as confession of sin, prayer of the day, scripture readings, responsive readings and profession of faith. The music will be mostly hymns led primarily by a piano.

How will the current worship service be changed?

The leaders will seek to increase the energy of the service. The service will be reverent and joyful in a less formal setting. A full band is desired for leading worship and efforts will be made to have one consistently when the resources are available. There will also be an effort to increase the use of audio/visual resources to enhance the attendee's experience and use of different means to communicate.

How does this move change the long term facility plans as presented in the "All In For Him" campaign?

At this time it has no impact on our long term facility plans. We will still proceed with our search for a long term facility solution in January, 2014. Using Sioux Falls Seminary will give the leadership team a better and broader understanding of the type of facility that could meet our long term needs.

What will be done to advertise the new location and services?

At this time our focus will be on communicating this change to our current members through the web site, e-mails, regular mail and announcements. For the next few weeks, we will also have someone wait until 10:15 a.m. at Sioux Falls Christian to make sure someone doesn't show up there. We will keep the focus on personal invitation as our primary vehicle for growth. Other avenues of advertising (i.e. newspaper, radio, etc.) will be explored after all details are finalized regarding the worship services.

How will we determine if two services will continue or if we should move back to one?

The main factor will be the number of people attending worship and the impact on growth. If we have sufficient attendance at each service, we will continue with two services. If we don't have sufficient interest in the traditional worship format the Leadership Team will have to look at other options.

Are there classrooms available at Sioux Falls Seminary for possible Sunday morning education?

Yes, there are 5-7 classrooms available that could be used for Sunday morning education.