

# **White Bluff/Gateway Transition Team**

**»» Town Hall Meeting  
October 23, 2016**

# What are we doing?

- ▶ Allow the use of WBUMC facilities for Gateway Pooler UMC's development of Southside Savannah campus.

## WHY?

1. Make Disciples for Jesus Christ
2. Impact our neighborhood (Southside Savannah)

# Who is involved?

## White Bluff UMC Team Members

Tony Battle

Lyn Larkin

Bob Wisener

Ronn Alford

Doug Cobb

Ray Oldland

Susan Young

Ken Copi

Daisy Gantt

Gina Ortiz

Greg Smith

John Haney

Michael Lariscy

Patty Whitmarsh

Shawn Summers

Debbie Hudgins

## Gateway Pooler UMC Team Members

Matt Hearn

Sam Martin

Damon Hubert

David Steed

Matt Hearn

# Phase I (June 2016 – September 2016)

- ▶ Priority: Understand the needs and changes required to provide adequate facilities for the new southside Gateway campus.
- ▶ Outcome: 4 Documents developed
  - Agreement for Use of Facilities
  - Memorandum of Agreement
  - Communication Plan
  - Dispute Resolution Plan

## Phase I Completed

Documents Unanimously Approved by  
WB Church Council September 15, 2016

# Document Descriptions

## Document 1 – Agreement for Use of WB Facilities

- 5 year initial term with 1 year auto renewals; 90 day termination period
- \$0 rent
- Approximately \$54,000 to WBUMC for replacing WB gym A/C and heat
- Shared parking lot on Sunday morning
- Use of Educational Wing that faces A-WB Connector by Gateway
- Use of gym for Gateway worship services
- Use of other facilities with scheduling
- Joint Operating Committee/Team
- Signed by White Bluff UMC and Gateway Pooler UMC

## Document 2 – Memorandum of Agreement


- 5 year initial term with 1 year auto renewals; 90 day termination period
- Creation of Joint Operating Committee (JOC)
- Required timing for Implementation Plan (by 03/31/2017)
- Required timing for repair of A/C unit (by 06/30/2017)
- Miscellaneous legalities – commercial insurance, how to amend Agreement, termination of Agreement
- Signed by           White Bluff UMC,
- Gateway Pooler UMC,
- Congregational Development Team (S. Ga Annual Conf),  
                              Coastal District Missions Board (S. Ga Annual Conf)

## Document 3 – Communication Plan

How we will communicate within the two congregations (White Bluff and Gateway Pooler UMC – Will be managed by JOC (Joint Operating Committee))

## Document 4 – Dispute Resolution Process

How the Joint Operating Committee will manage any disputes or disagreements (should they arise) between the two congregations utilizing the facilities.





# Campus Use and Parking

Sundays 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM





# **Phase 2 (October – December 2016)**

## **Decision Making and Planning**

- **Adult SS Classes continue discussion: repairs/funds required/room assignments/requirements for relocation (Team meetings underway & Led by Ken Copi)**
- **Note: Open Meeting focused on this will be Scheduled in November**
- **Trustees begin work on Air Condition repair/replacement for Gym**
- **Transition Team Plans Training and Implementation in several Areas:**
  - **Plan Parking/Communication/Volunteer Training to allow each congregation adequate parking at peak times (Sunday Mornings)**
  - **Decide/Plan/Schedule SS Classroom Repairs/Transition by Summer 2017**
  - **Plan and Schedule Elementary Sunday School Discussion Meeting with any White Bluff Parents who might wish their children to participate in Gateway Southside Elementary Sunday School program (Grades pre-K thru 5 only)**
  - **Other Plans, Training, Group Meetings as needed.**

# **Phase 3 (January 2017 – July 2017)**

## **Implementing Decisions & Plans**

**Other Items – Information & Trainings anticipated:**

- **Training for Room Scheduling arrangements (Spring 2017)**
- **Training for Parking Volunteers from WBUMC (Spring 2017)**
- **Training on new Gym Air Condition System  
(Trustees decide who will get the training)**
- **Training for Welcoming New Church (All Members WBUMC)**
- **Training for Managing Change and Transition**

# Questions?



# **Transition Team November Schedule**

**Impact Savannah's Southside  
for Christ**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016**

**Next Report to WB Church Council:  
November 14, 2016**

