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Dear Church Members and Friends,

The Psalmist long ago echoed these words, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" (100:1-2.) In that spirit we worship our Lord each and every Sunday at Sunset Drive. We praise God with music and voice proclaiming His promises of love, peace, and joy in faith.

We have been blessed over the years with choir, praise band, and special music as we have lifted our voices in song together. Brenda Hoover, our Music Coordinator, has rendered our church loyal and sincere ministry in the area of our music. For all her hours and labor of love we give thanks for her faithful volunteerism in leading us in her position. After some research, survey, and prayerful planning the Transition Team, Worship Committee, Staff-Parish Committee, and the Administrative Council, in its future planning, have decided to go the direction of hiring a part time paid Music Director. This is part of developing a three to five year Plan which includes other areas of our ministry. These areas include evangelism/outreach, Christian education/spiritual growth, missions and media.

We welcome, as an Interim Director, James Kiser known to us all as J.D. He has been sharing his gifts in music with Sunset Drive over many months. As the Worship Committee continues its planning it will be seeking and interviewing a Director on a permanent basis. Let us give our thanks to Brenda for her service and welcome James as he seeks to serve the Lord and our people in his interim position.

Please take time to review the following pages of our survey and the responses from our people.

Leon Miller

Barry Davis

Tom Murphy

Lay Leader

Chair, Council

Pastor

The Transition Team was formed September 2016 after Pastor Tom Murphy became our Interim Pastor. The team is composed of leaders from within the church and represents all segments of our congregation from youth to our most senior members. Pastor Tom has shepherded Transition Teams at several other churches and our primary goal is to discover and define a congregational vision for our church over the next 3 to 5 years. During this time, the Transition Team has met nearly every month to study the Book of Acts, the formation of the early Christian Church, and additional study materials from Michael W Foss while also praying for guidance and wisdom.

The team has been gathering verbal and written information directly from our church members as to our current ministries and future needs. In September 2017 and the first part of October 2017 Worship Services, it was announced the Transition Team would present our findings after one year of work. In lieu of a Sermon during the October 15, 2017 service, the Transition Team presented our work on Sunset Drive's History, Present, and Future needs so that we can continue to fulfill our mission, ministry, and strengthening community life as disciples of Jesus Christ. This material can be found on our website. After the presentation, a survey was handed out and ample time was given for members to complete the survey with prayerful consideration. We collected around 80 responses, with many comments on what our church does well and where we can improve.

Based on the written survey feedback, verbal input from members of the congregation, as well as committee input, the Transition Team identified three areas to focus on, as we prayerfully discern our Vision for Sunset Drive for the next 3 to 5 years.

- Evangelism/Outreach
- Worship - Praise/Contemporary Music and Choir, Lay Participation
- Christian Education/Spiritual Growth

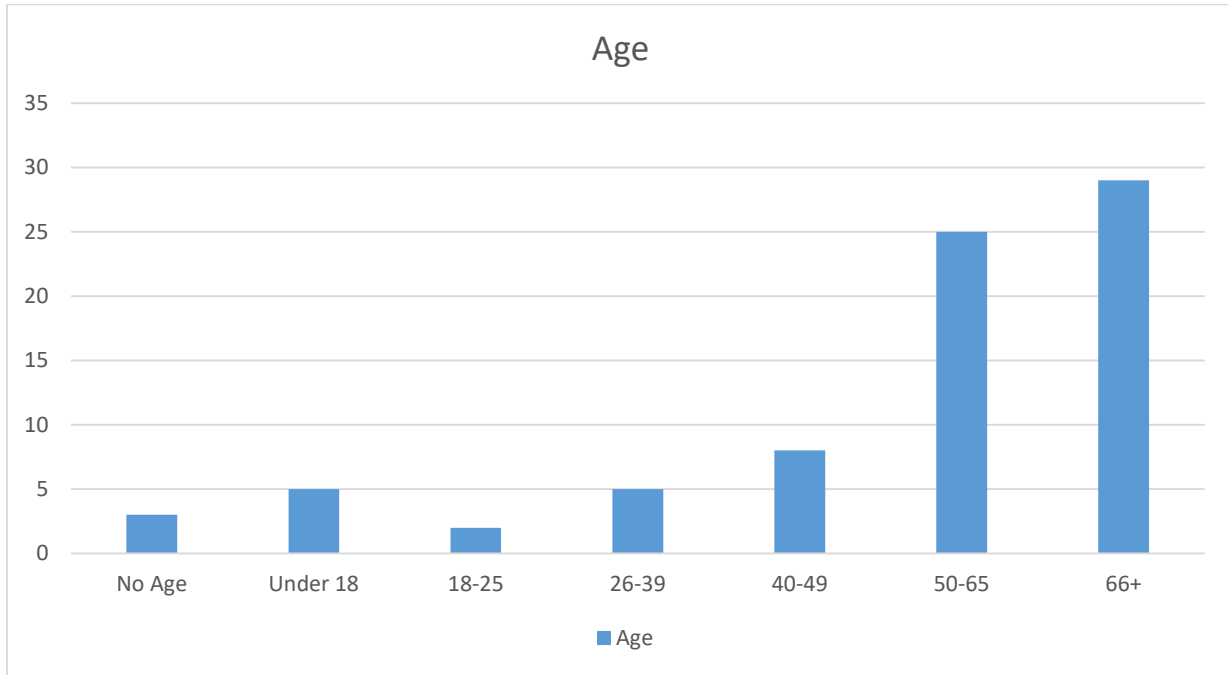
The following recommendations were provided to the Administrative Council from the Transition Team:

- Evangelism/Outreach
 - Adopt the 24 to Double Discipleship Program sponsored by the District.
 - Our team has viewed three of the video segments and will continue to learn more from this series, and incorporate our learning into our 3 to 5 year Vision.
- Worship - Praise/Contemporary Music and Choir, Lay Participation
 - Invite laity to participate in worship service, which we have been expanding.
 - Install audio visual equipment in Sanctuary, which was approved by the Administrative Council, and is being implemented by the Trustees before the end of 2018.
 - Transition to a Music Director position (from a volunteer Music Coordinator position). This recommendation was given to the Worship Committee and Staff Parish Committee.
- Christian Education/Spiritual Growth
 - A new multi-generational Sunday School class was formed in 2018, and meets in our Fellowship Hall at 9am.
 - Pastor Tom continues to offer weekly Bible Studies.

Even though the Transition Team has been meeting and learning for more than a year, there is more work to be done based on continued feedback. We will continue to meet monthly and in May 2018, the team will have a one day planning retreat to continue working on the 3 to 5 year Vision for Sunset Drive. We welcome and value your comments and Thank You for your prayers as we continue our discipleship journey together.

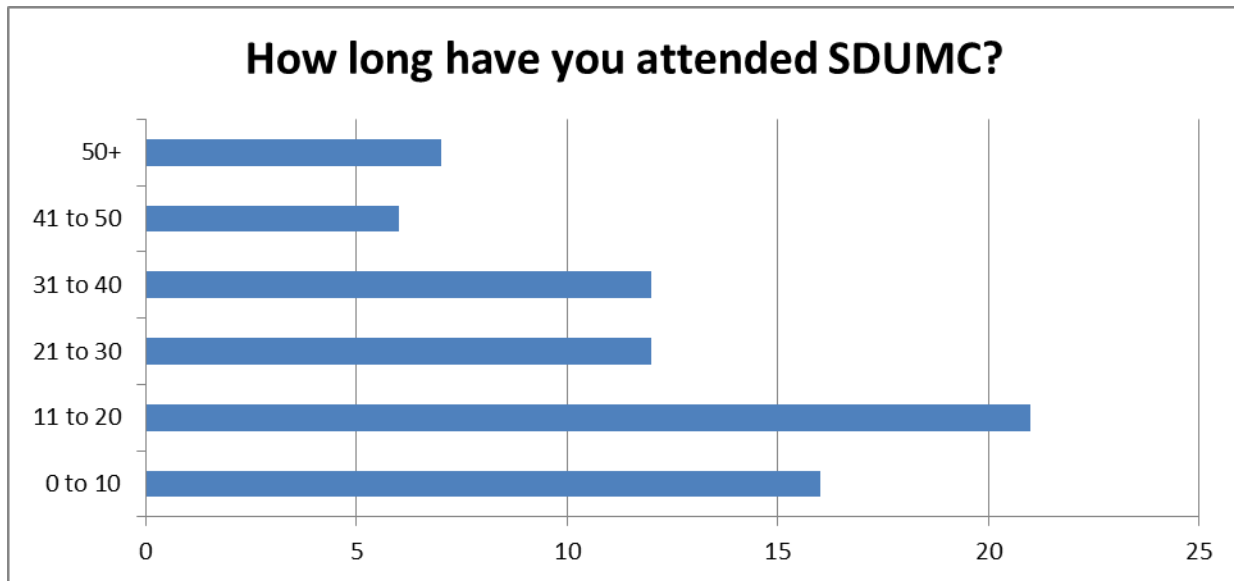
Congregation Survey Summary from October 2017

Survey Response Age Brackets



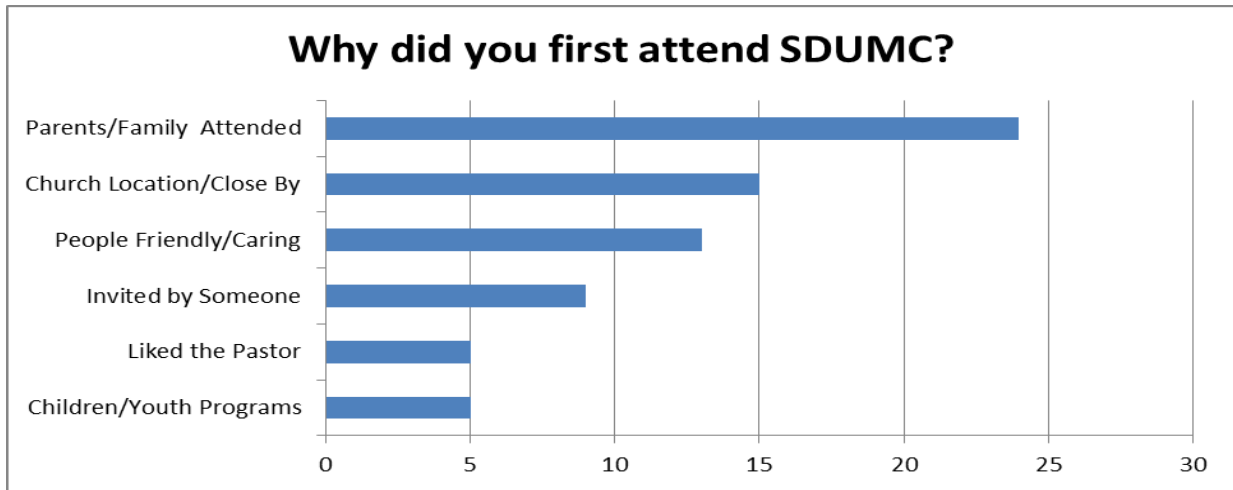
Note: 70% of responses from age 50+

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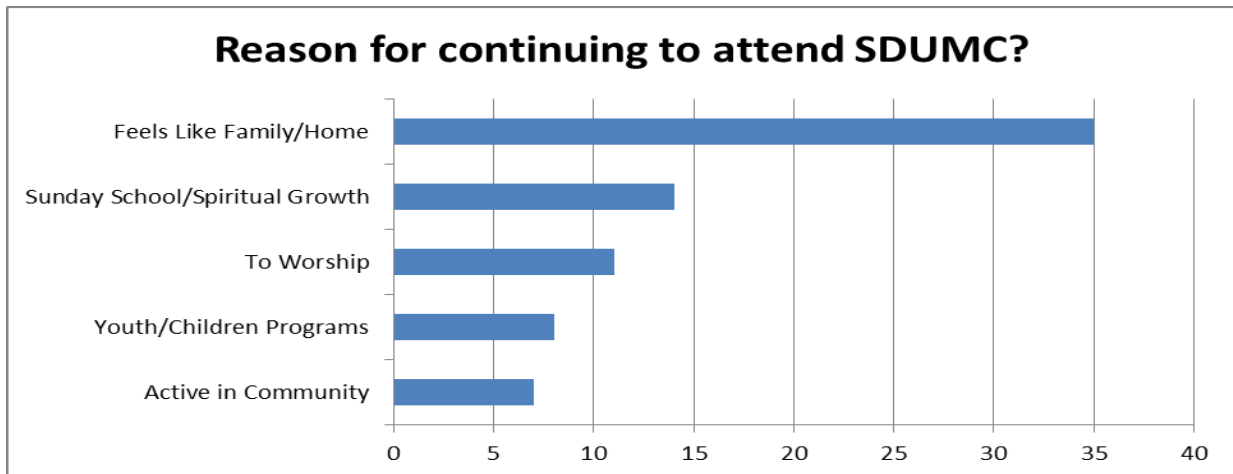


Note: 80% have attended more than 10 years

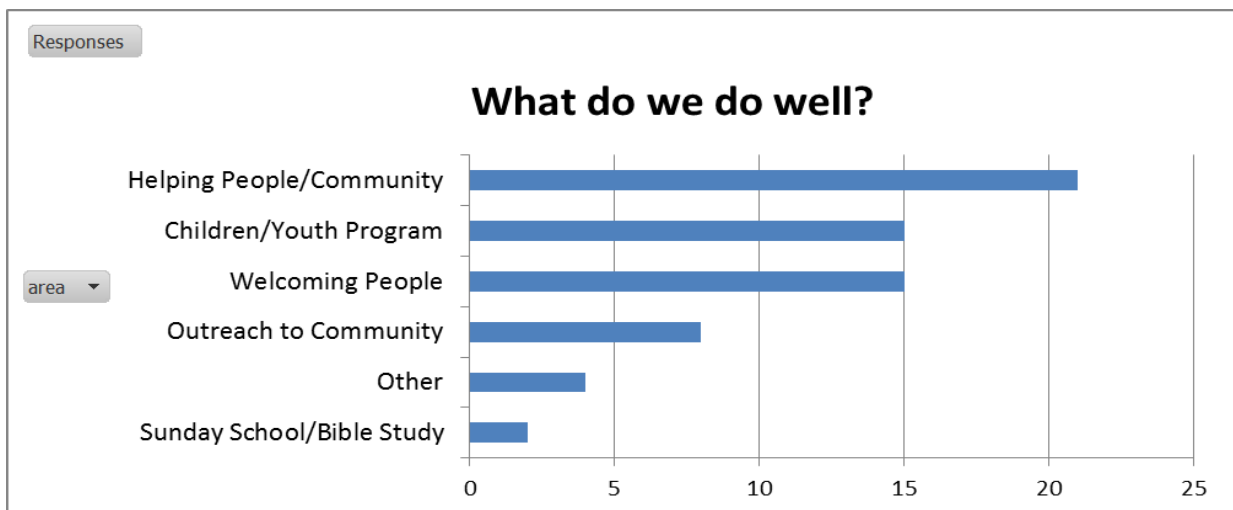
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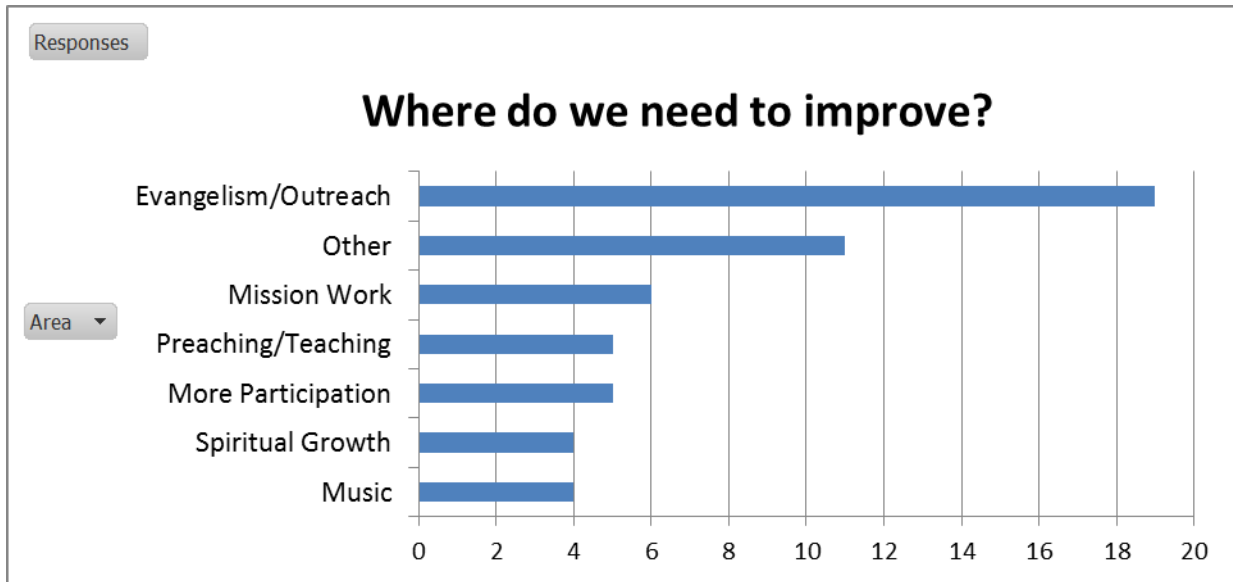
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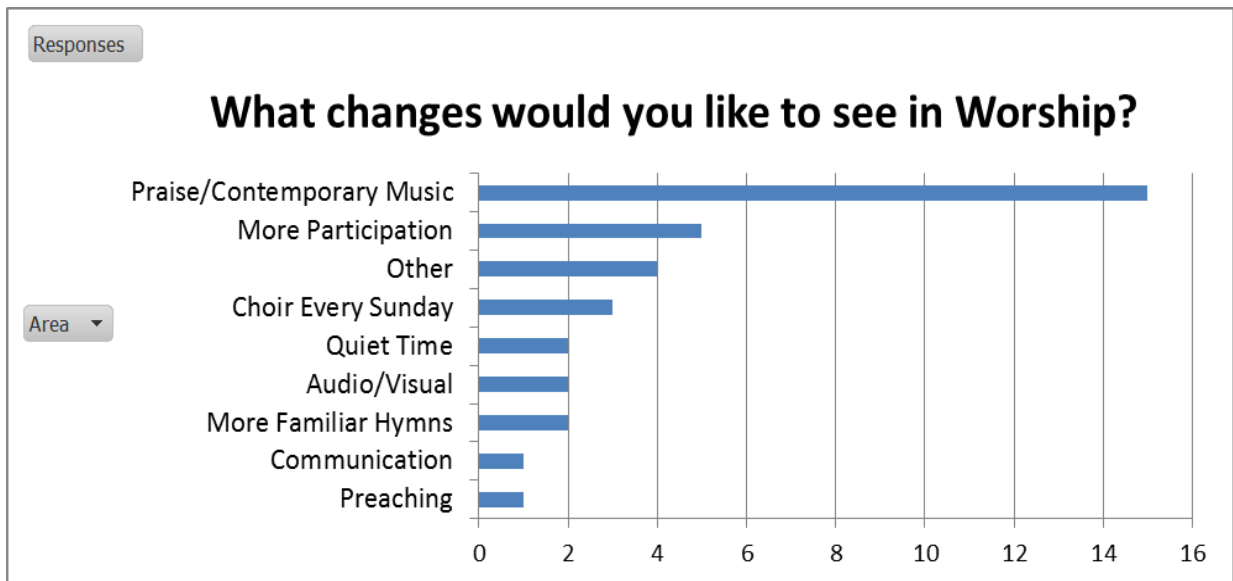
Question 3a:



Question 3b:



Question 3c:



Question 4 – "Do you attend Sunday School YES – 64%