

EIBCC Monthly Meeting

Swisher, Iowa

November 17, 2016

Present:

Buffalo Prairie: Marc Shefelton

Grace: Jason Blackley, Aimee Marino

Maranatha: Thad Joyce

Stonebridge: Trisha Young, Elaine Brown

I Welcome and Prayer

II Introductions and Updates

III Upcoming Events

- a. *Morning With the Pastors* is January 19th 2017!
 - i. Invite any ministry leaders who you think would find this time beneficial
- b. Biblical Counseling Training Conference in Lafayette, IN is Feb 12th -17th, offering Tracks 1-6.
 - i. Register at faithlafayette.org

IV Discussion: Topics from the Biblical Counseling Conference

- a. At this weekend's conference, we will be discussing Domestic Abuse
 - i. This is happening in every church, and the worst thing we can do is not talk about it.
 - ii. Pastor Chris Moles will be speaking from his 10+ years of experience working within the correctional system of West Virginia to rehabilitate convicted abusers back into society
- b. What have we been learning and implementing in our counseling?
 - i. The idea of approaching a difficult situation with "What do they really need?" and "How can we (the church) help?"
 - ii. The book Habits of Grace by David Mathis
 1. The first chapter outlines how spiritual disciplines pave the way for us to experience God more fully
 - iii. Applying grace to ourselves and others
 - iv. Importance of community in counseling, and seeing God use His people to sharpen each other
 - v. Much relational conflict is tied to the way we are misunderstanding or not believing who God is
 - vi. Future topic: Benevolence and Soul Care: how do we be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves," and care well for the physical and spiritual needs of people who walk into our churches?

V Closing Prayer