

# **Elder Announcement**

Jan. 28, 2022

Church family,

As mentioned in the elder announcement this past Sunday, Jan. 23, we have several items we want to share with you.

## **Our Ukraine missionaries**

Please pray for our missionary, Sergei Budagovski, and his family in the Ukraine. There is a lot of turmoil that is happening within the country, and circumstances for them are stressful. As our prayer podcast is focused on I Thess. 5:17, please pray continually for them: for their safety, for their mental well-being, and for them to feel God's protection and strength.

## **Exploring God's Mission**

As we prayerfully go through the exploratory process of whether to join with The Hills, we would like to ensure that you have access to the most current information. As we stated before, there are many moving pieces to this complex question.

To help keep you informed, members can now access a Web page through this link:

## https://skillmanchurch.org/exploring-gods-mission/

Once you click the link, you'll see that the information is divided into various sections. Be aware that we are still working on some of the functionality of the page, so you may see changes in the coming days. However, initially you can scroll down the page and click on links in each section.

As we gather information and more becomes known, we will provide the new information in the appropriate section, so you'll also see dates of when each section has last been updated.

If you have trouble accessing the site or the information contained in the links, please call the church office, 214-823-2179. Our staff will assist you. Additionally, we will keep the members apprised with announcements at service. And members may also ask questions by emailing <u>elders@skillmanchurch.org</u>.

Feb. 6 offers an opportunity for the family to ask questions in person. We will send you more information about this Q and A forum in the near future.

#### Advisory Committee

We are still in the process of forming an independent Advisory Committee. When those volunteers have confirmed their desire to serve, we will announce the members, and their names will also be listed on the Web page. We're thankful for these members' willingness to serve our church family.

Church, we understand there are many opinions about whether Skillman should join with The Hills. We ask that each of you be in prayer about this and also that you have patience: 1) With us as your elders. We won't always "get it right," but we have committed to lead faithfully to the best of our abilities; 2) With the Advisory Committee while members complete their work. These members are also faithfully serving to the best of their abilities.

#### Feb. 3 Worship Service

Plan to attend the Feb. 3 worship service that will be held in our main auditorium at 7 p.m.! It will be hosted by The Hills worship team, and we are hopeful that each one of you will invite one person or family to also attend. Our mission is to reach those in our community who desperately need to hear the saving news of Jesus.

Finally, we ask you to listen and pray. God is on the move. Ask to be challenged and convicted by God's leading. Ask for the opportunity to be a bearer of the life-giving message of Jesus. We are convinced that God has exciting plans for His children.

Faithfully resting in God,

Shane Calvin, Craig Gray, and David Williams