

The Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith, Pastor

1. Hold a **Special Church Conference on June 21, 2016, at 7 pm in the sanctuary** to discuss and ratify our Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Plan of Action.
2. In the fall of 2016, **move our first, contemporary service from 8:30 to 9:15** start time – hold children’s Sunday School at the same time, after an opening children’s time at the beginning of the worship service. We will also shorten this 75-minute service to one hour.
 - a. A later service start time will help families with younger children attend
 - b. Closer worship services will encourage members who attend wither service to visit with each other in a between-services fellowship time from 10:30-10:55
3. **Create a Facility Task Force** to prioritize facilities renovations in a way that matches our ministry priorities (inside and on our grounds). This Task Force will report and recommend an Action Plan at our fall, 2016 Church Conference.
4. **Adopt a Communications strategy** that leverages social media connections more intentionally with the goal of informing both the congregation and the wider community/neighborhood.
 - a. Open our Facebook Group and include daily/weekly church office information/links
 - b. Shift to blog-oriented website that maximizes social media use/connections
 - c. Shift to weekly e-mail newsletter that drives traffic to our website
5. **Hold Leadership Training/Visioning Team meetings as part of our Administrative Board** meeting in order to spiritually prepare leaders at Whatcoat for the challenge of leadership and to align all leaders with our overall mission and vision. This training will begin with a Leadership Retreat in August, 2016, **after which we will meet monthly**, except in December and July.
6. **Invite all pastors and lay leaders of Camden/Wyoming area churches to ministry partnership** (building on past partnerships), and **schedule a panel discussion** with community politicians, law enforcement personnel, and educators to determine most important ministry/outreach needs in our community – in the fall of 2016.
 - a. As a result of this summit – schedule semi-annual or quarterly community events in 2017 (like a blessing of the animals or a skate park day) that address the needs identified at the summit.
7. **Create monthly (or quarterly, in the first year) worship/conversation opportunities** for the following, beginning 2017:
 - a. **Millennials and our Elders**
 - b. **Healing Services** – inviting those in recovery ministries
 - c. **Special Children’s/Young Family events** in conjunction with our Preschool and Scouts
8. **Explore hiring a Christian Education Director** who would also liaison with the Preschool and Scouts, to begin the summer of 2017.