

## Beyond Regathering Summary

### Week One:

#### Who Are We?

##### Experiences that illustrate who we are

Accepting of people	Transformation	Church uses facilities for
Inclusive	Village	community
Women in ministry	Daily Bread	Global Missions
Candler school	Childcare	Starnes Grogan Circle
work	Day Stay	Children's Service
Community	RITI	Passing down to generations
Connection	Serving Community	Virtual worship
Pastoral Change	Welcoming all	Longevity & grounded
Process	Prayer list	pastorates
	Helping individuals	

##### Do "Mission and Core Values." still describe who we are/who we want to be?

Yes, Still Relevant, Still Striving, Source of pride, What we do at our best  
Even more true now than when written

#### Where Are We Now?

##### a. What is something that has surprised you since we regathered?

Flexibility	
Seamless transition back	
Good financial support	new members
Those who still watch online	mindset matches our values
Members who didn't return	realized impact of all of us on each other
Smooth change in leadership	

##### b. Describe a change in our church life that concerns you

Some folks haven't returned	Finding families that are not in
Attendance down	church elsewhere to invite here
Lack of children and youth	Numbers in choir
Accelerated what was happening	Absence of 18-25 year olds
Wednesday Night meals	Look at root causes and how we
Decline in volunteers	might see/approach things
Shoebox ministry	differently

**c. Describe a change in our church life that you see as healthy and good**

Co- Pastors  
 Combined Adult classes  
 Increase in activity Senior Adults  
 Wednesday AM Bible Study  
 Pastors at both exits  
 High level of commitment  
 Addition of Kevin

Embracing of technology  
 Creative scheduling of activities  
 Different ways to gather  
 Women’s gatherings  
 Innovative ways to worship  
 Flexibility of staff/pastors

**Week Two**

**What’s Essential? (Things we need to Do/Provide in order to fulfill our Mission & Values)**

Be a Loving and Safe People and Place for All  
 Reach Out Into the Community with Ministry  
 Gather for Worship & Prayer  
 Provide opportunities to learn God’s Word and grow spiritually together  
 Provide Encouragement, Care and Support

**Our Imagined Future**

Still doing what we’re doing  
 Finding new ways to do it

		<b>Small Enough to be Family &amp; Big Enough to Include Everyone!</b>	<b>Closer to Heaven</b>
Unity	Change the way people see us as church	still together	All Walks of Life have voice
Agree to Disagree	Don't want to miss it	still provides childcare	People aren't shunned
Learning to Listen	growing	place for all people	All Ages
Welcomes Everyone	Beyond Sundays	still feeding people	More Member involvement
Wins 50 people by showing Christ's Love		still open to community using facilities	Opportunities?
Welcomes Everyone			
Went into the community and invited everyone in			

## Week Three

### How Can We Get There?

#### 1. What are 3-5 things that need to happen to support each essential?

##### Loving Safe Space:

- Get word out to members how to help without Judgement
- Everyone is Welcome (Discuss what it means to welcome everyone)
- How do we get more people to feel welcome?
- How do we encourage folks to invite people?
- Learn from other churches

##### Community Ministry:

- Volunteers
- Passion for Ministry
- Resources
- Contact Persons

##### Worship & Prayer:

- Authenticity Matters
- Presence of People
- Flexibility/Variety
- Involvement of youth, children, and young adults
- Using Ideas

##### Grow Spiritually:

- Bible Study for all ages together
- Small group fellowship activities
- Bible Book Study

##### Care and Support:

- Be present, willing and available
- Cultivate caring attitude
- Leadership
- Groups/Safe place and structure
- Training- boundaries, self-care, life skills and experience

#### 2. What is our Next Step?

- Loving Safe Space: Conversations about what it means to welcome everyone
- Community Ministry: Communicate about opportunities and needs
- Worship & Prayer: Involve children, youth, and young adults
- Grow Spiritually: Offer Intergenerational Bible Study
- Care and Support: Host "Mental Health First Aid" training for community

#### 3. How can we tell the story of who we are as Hominy?

- See what other churches are doing well
- Tell our personal stories of Hominy
- Encourage each other to personally invite people we know
- Offer training that meets a need
- Use all the media at hand to let community know