

Information on New Church for White Bluff Premises

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Why Are We Here?

New Church Task Group Sharing

- ▶ Review Plan for 2nd Church Using White Bluff's strategic location in Savannah
- ▶ Task Group Shares :
 - Purpose
 - Plan
 - Picture and Path
 - Part to Play by
White Bluff UMC



Purpose of a New Church

1. **Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.**
2. **Engage Southside Community to Embrace a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ**
3. **Utilize strategic location/facilities of White Bluff UMC to Impact the 40,000 people within 8-10 minutes of this location**
4. **Create congregation of 100-300 men, women, youth and children with growth potential of 1,000 + in average attendance in 7-10 years**



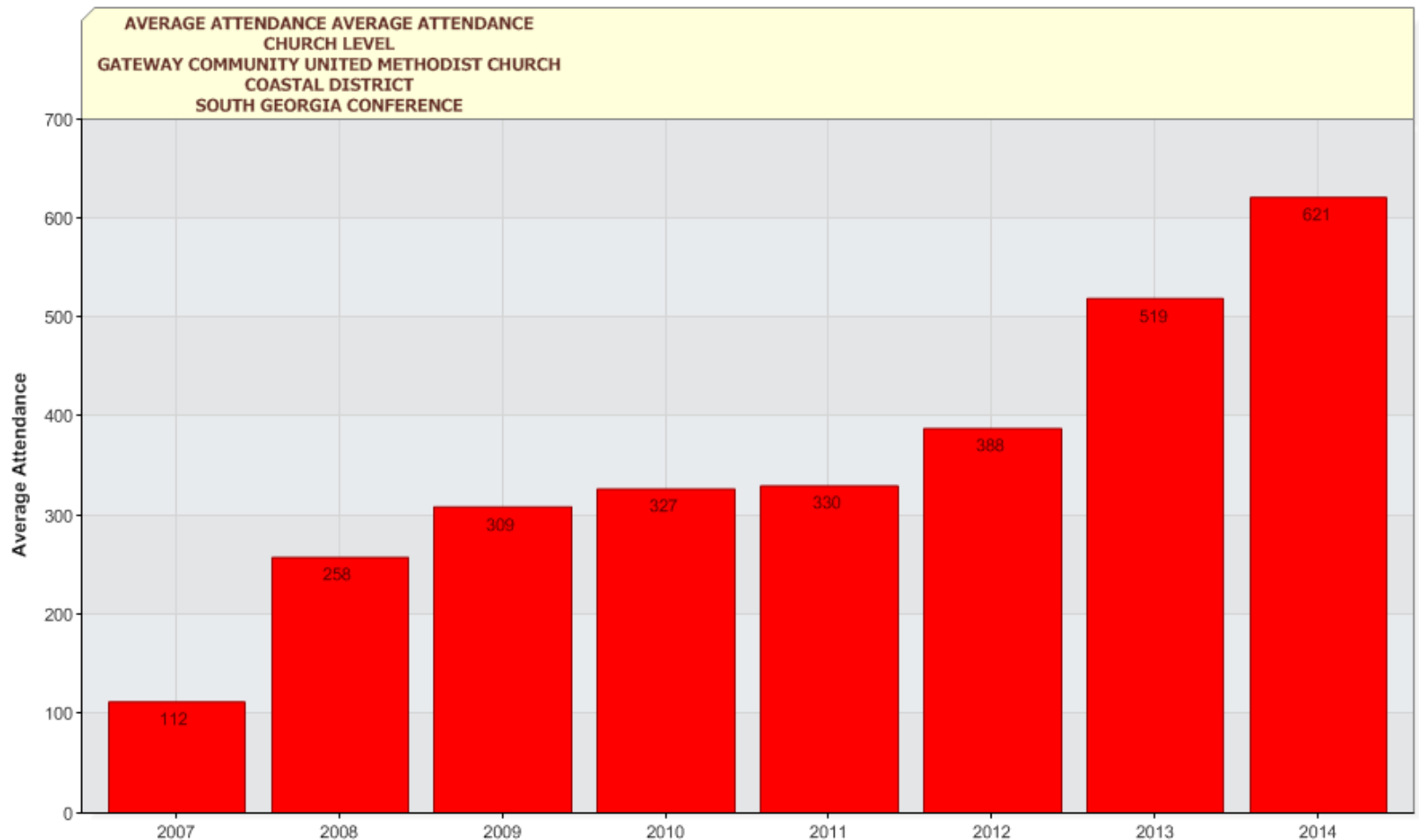
Plan for a New Church

- ▶ Use New and Revitalized Congregational Development (NRCDD) process and leadership methods in South Georgia to develop and grow the new church
- ▶ Target Unchurched and De-churched community surrounding White Bluff.
- ▶ New Congregation will have its own Identity, Leadership and Staff, separate and distinct from the existing White Bluff UMC Congregation, Leadership and Staff.
- ▶ Office space will not be required until Services begin for New Church. (June 2017 earliest)



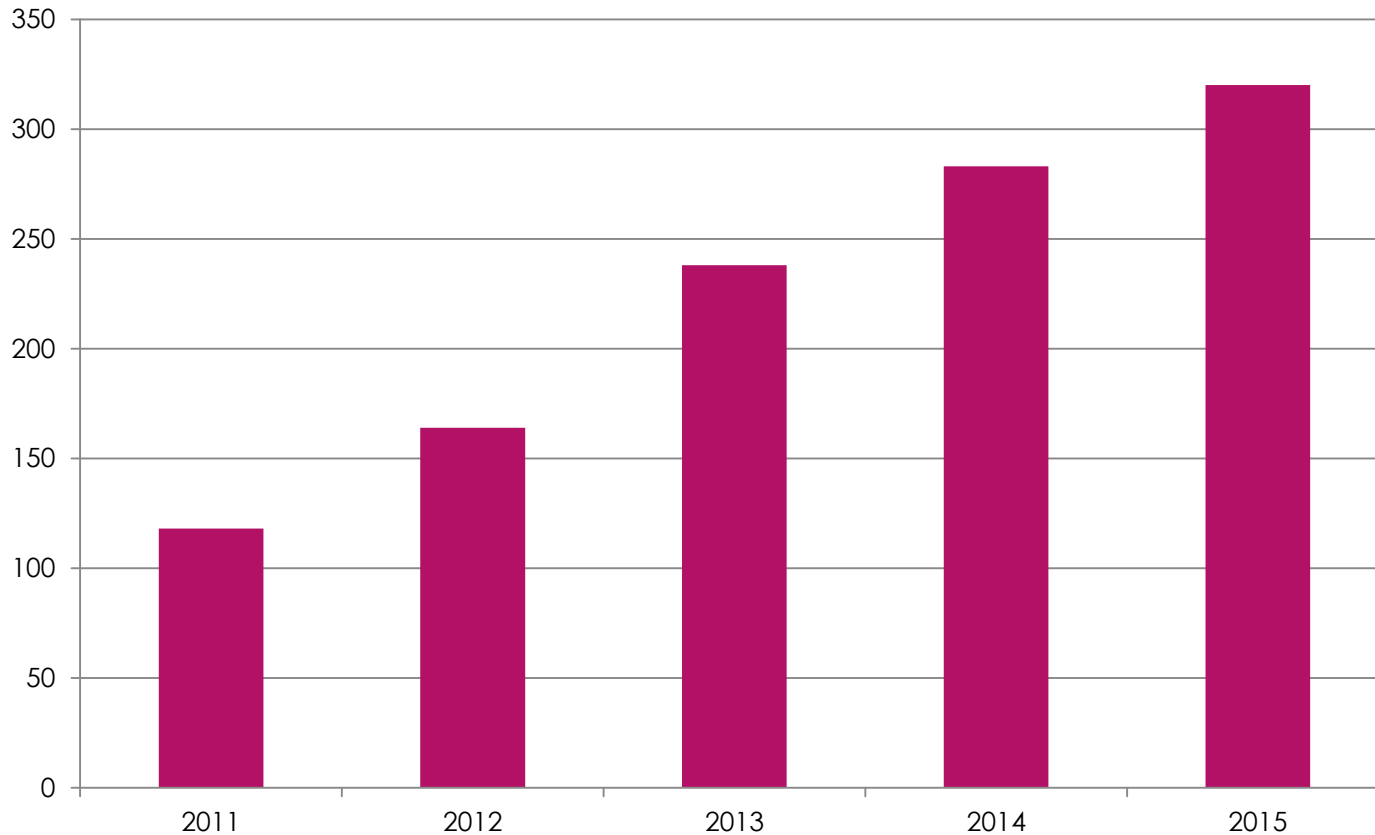
NRCD in S. Georgia

**Gateway Pooler – 2007 – 2014
Attendance 112 to 621
2015 – 800 Average Attendance**



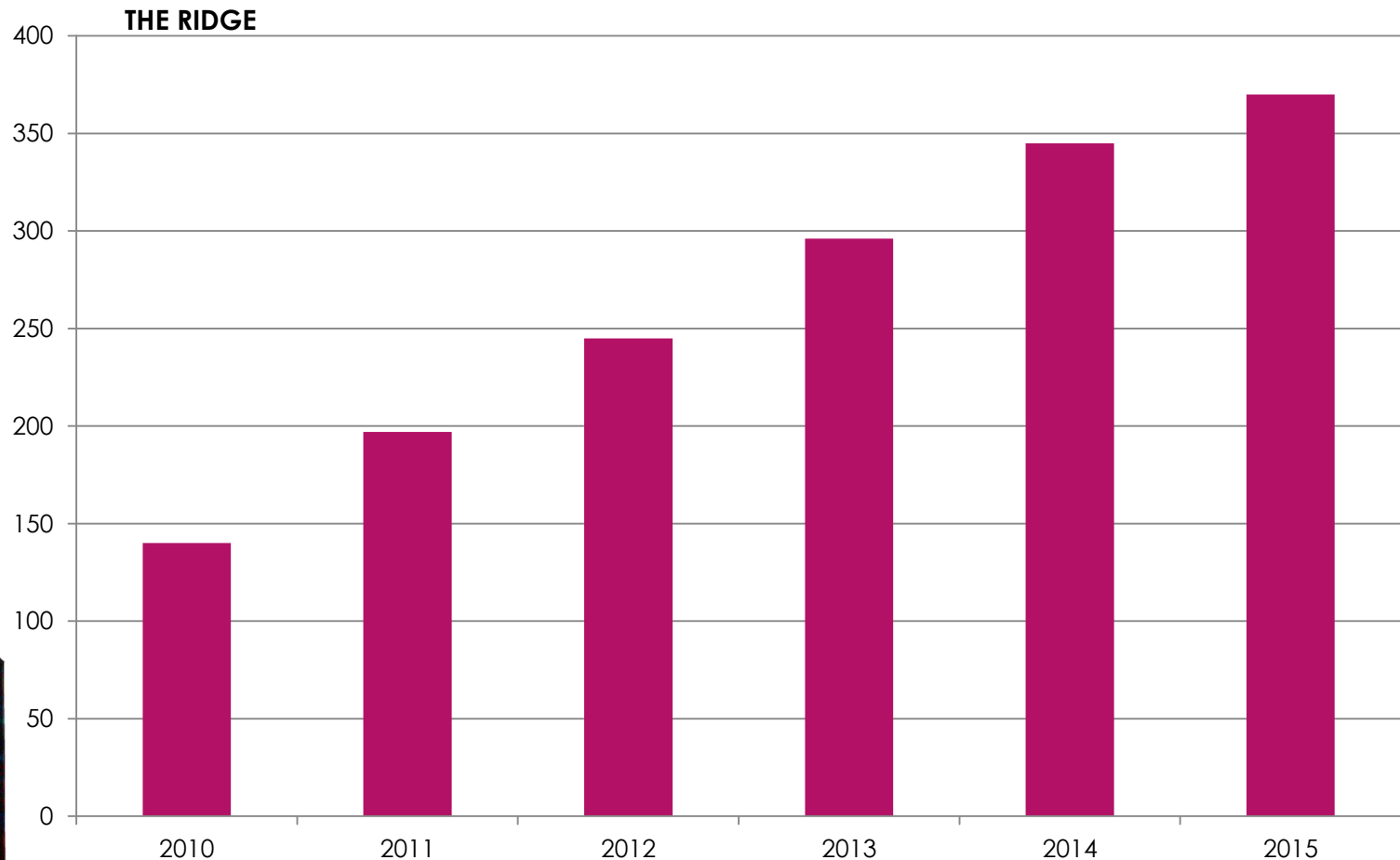
NRCD in S. Georgia

Gateway Effingham 2011 – 2015
Average Attendance 120 - 330



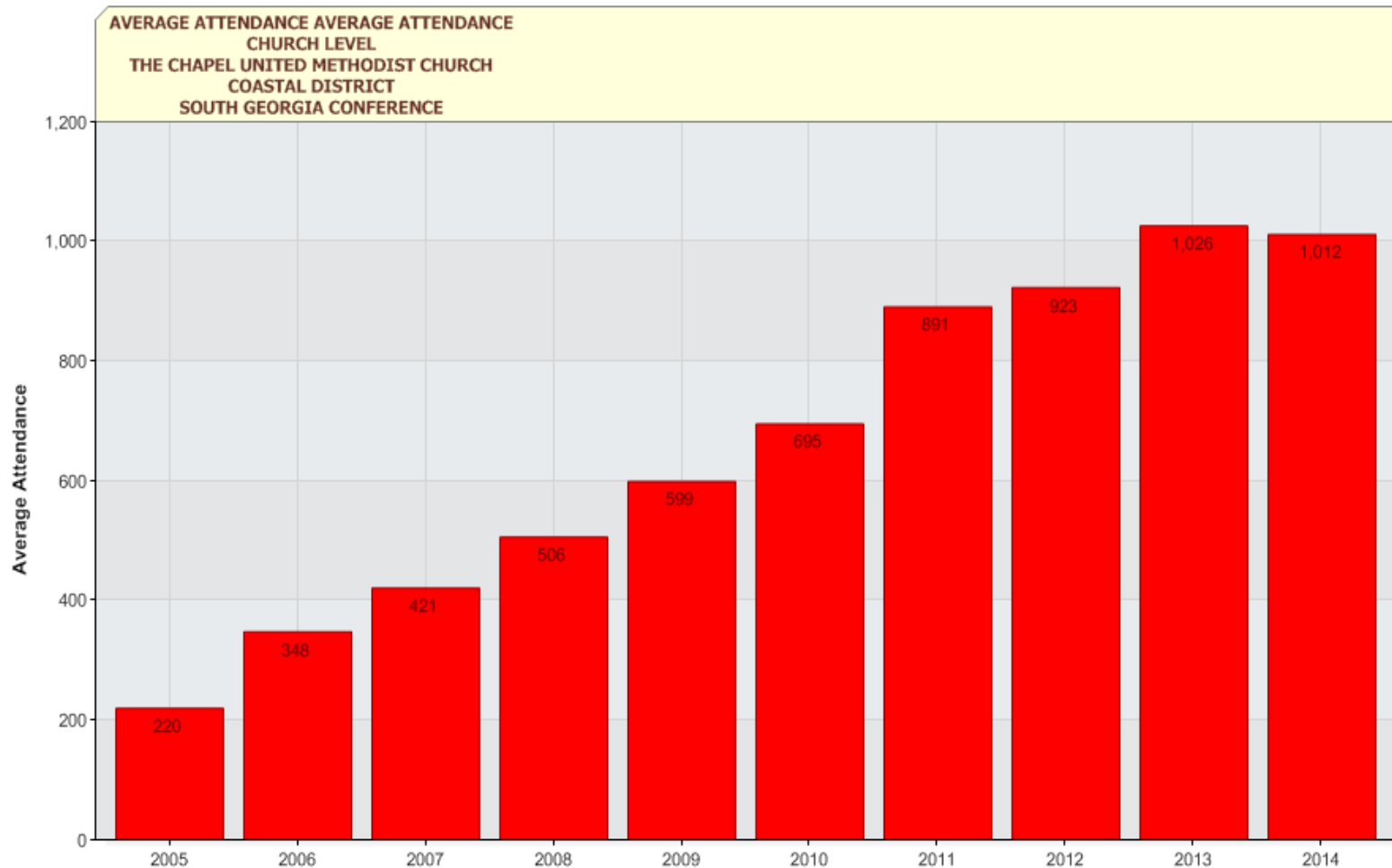
NRCD in S. Georgia

The Ridge, Columbus 2010 – 2015
Average Attendance 140 to 360



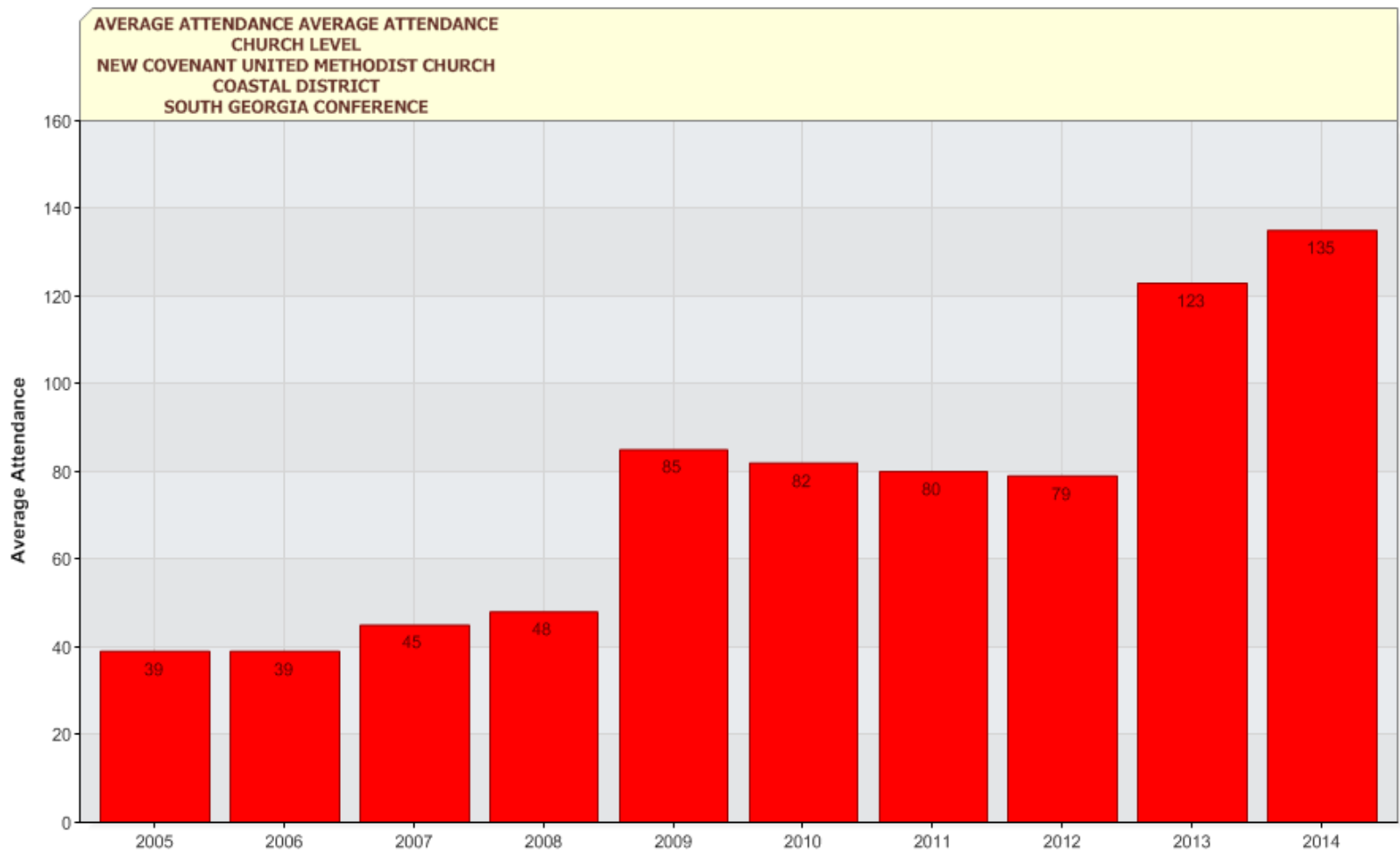
NRCDD in S. Georgia

The Chapel, Brunswick 2005 – 2014 Attendance 220 to 1000+ (3 Campuses)



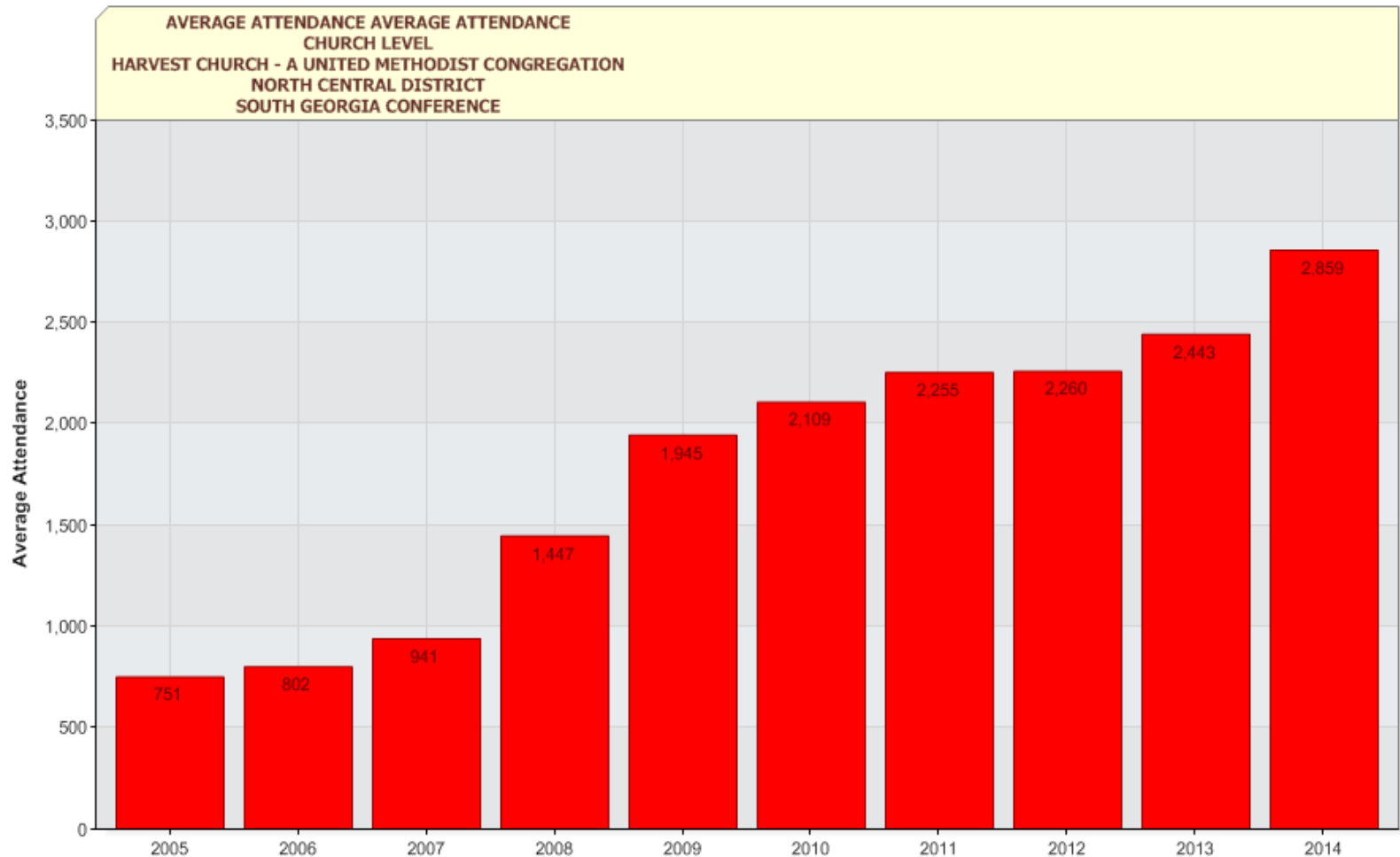
NRCD in S. Georgia

New Covenant 2009-2014
Average Attendance 85 - 130



NRC in S. Georgia

Harvest – Warner Robins – 2005 -2014
Average Attendance 751-2859



Plan – NRCDD will Create a Different Congregation

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Plan for a New Church

How is this going to work?

- ▶ White Bluff UMC will offer facilities and utilities for up to 10 years to the New Congregation. (Depending on growth and average attendance to be negotiated.)
- ▶ New Church (through NRCD) will provide new A/C Unit (\$54,000) for our GYM facility at WBUMC in return for use of our campus rent-free for up to 10 years.
- ▶ Gateway and So. Ga Conference to provide Pastor, Worship Leader and office/clerical support.
- ▶ A Working “Memorandum of Agreement” will be created by White Bluff Transition Team and Gateway Savannah Leadership to give guidance to both Congregations for the Transition and Beyond



Plan for New Church

What Will it Cost White Bluff \$

- ▶ Estimate for annual utility increase is \$3000 Maximum the first year the New Church begins meeting on our property. Target Date for 1st Service is June 2017.
- ▶ Our GL insurance will apply to the New Church while they are meeting on White Bluff premises – The WB Transition Team will investigate naming each congregation on the others' General Liability Insurance as a *Named Insured as their interest may appear in the new church.* Any insurance covering persons on our premises (other than employees – under Workers Compensation) is under the White Bluff UMC GL policy.
- ▶ Wear and Tear to the WB facilities will be tracked and repairs made in a timely manner. This is an item for the Transition Team working with the WB Trustees/Savannah Gateway Leadership.



Plan for a New Church

Timeline – April, May & June 2016

- ▶ Gateway-Pooler, working with NRCDC provides the Pastor, Worship Leader and other staff required. WBUMC location will be the 3rd Gateway Campus. Though not yet named, we will refer to it as “*Gateway Savannah*”.
- ▶ White Bluff Church Council creates a Transition Team to :
 1. Work with the *Gateway Savannah* Leadership to coordinate/schedule/assist on concerns, conflicts, etc.
 2. Serve as a resource for WBUMC members and Leadership of *Gateway Savannah* for information. This Team will grow to include members of the *Gateway Savannah* Congregation as it develops and grows.



Plan for a New Church

July-August-September

- ▶ A Communication and Operating Plan will be developed with the Gateway-Savannah Leadership Team and the White Bluff UMC Transition team to:
 1. Create smooth, effective communication, info flow and operations and co-ordination of events
 2. Insure information flow to keep White Bluff Church Council and Leadership of Gateway-Savannah all '*on the same page*' for the initial and ongoing transition.
 3. Manage any conflict, concerns and communication



Picture of Gateway-Savannah

- ▶ Multicultural - Diverse – Young
- ▶ Exciting – Energetic
- ▶ Congregation will reflect the Area around White Bluff :
 - 50% Caucasian,
 - 38% African American,
 - 12% Hispanic



Same Bible but Different Church



10 Year Outcomes

- ▶ **Possibilities for Success: Strategic Location and Attendance Growth for NRCD Modern Churches in S. GA Conference**
- ▶ **Transition for White Bluff – financial stability**
- ▶ **Avg Age of White Bluff vs Avg Age (36) of Gateway**
- ▶ **Ongoing Legacy of Holy Ground on this site**
- ▶ **Potential 1000 new Souls for the Kingdom of God!**



Wrap-up and Next steps:

- ▶ **Gateway Savannah timeline: June 2016 Pastor appointment. Home Groups begin - September 2016. August 2017 Kick off of Services.**
- ▶ **Transition Team Named by July 2016. Our New Church Task Group will work with Transition Team Appointed by Church Council as necessary.**
- ▶ **Transition Team issues Quarterly Reports to Church Council and Congregation. 1st report by September 2016**
- ▶ **Pray, Pray for the New Church, its Leadership and our Transition Team!**



Questions and Discussion
followed by

Vote, taken
by ballot



Sunday, March 20, 2016

Thank you for coming!



To God
Be the Glory!

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