

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
October 16, 2016

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on October 16, 2016.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Doug Boyd, Sue DelVecchio, Morgan Farris, Daniel Griffis, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Allen Lyle, Anne Mauldin, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Eric Money, John Ogle, Mark Phillips, Ray Spears, Jane Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Betty Williams, Tammy Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, and Holli Williams.

Absent: Vinse Bowers, Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Debbie Hahn, Dave Kemble, and Craig Stanley.

Others present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Church Treasurer, and Addison and Lauren Harvey.

Moderator Bill Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Betty Williams led an opening devotional and prayer.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Lauren and Charles Addison Harvey, Jr., who previously had approval for the baptism of their son Logan, met with Session. Addison requested baptism at the same service and membership in the church. A motion passed to approve his baptism and membership. The Harveys were then allowed to leave the meeting.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Betty Bailey, Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Jim Finch, Thelma Flye, Ben Lattin, Genet Lilley, Caroline Ogle, Mary Jon Pabst, Greg Riddle, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Sarah Allen, on October 10, 2016.
Bob Beasley, on October 12, 2016.
June Ficklen, on September 30, 2016.

Birth: Haven Nicole Bolduc (daughter of Nikki Bell & Justin Bolduc; granddaughter of Kim Bell), on September 23, 2016.

Bill Neely offered a prayer which included those mentioned in concerns and celebrations and also included those who are helping others with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Health Department nurses.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank-you letters or notes have been received for the church's contributions to Community Crossroads Center, Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County, Third Street Community Center, Boys and Girls Clubs of Coastal Plain, and Camp Albemarle. A note of thanks came from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the church's pre-game meal and ministry.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of September 18, 2016.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a building use request from Brookridge Homeowners Association for their annual meeting in the Fellowship Hall on November 14, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A motion passed to change the Administrative Calendar to move the called congregational meeting for election of officers to 10:45 a.m. on October 23, 2016.

(Personnel) A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to approve allowing Terrence Clemmons to take up to a week of paid leave to help with Hurricane Matthew disaster relief.

The Ministry noted that capital campaign feasibility study interviews will begin on October 10.

Worship Ministry (Tammy Worden)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Moments for Ministry on October 23 to request funds for new handbells and chimes.

A motion passed from the Ministry to have only one service at 11:00 a.m. on December 18, with no Communion.

The choir cantata has been moved to the worship service on December 18, 2016.

Membership Ministry (Eric Money)

The Ministry is looking at the feasibility of moving the Rally Day picnic to either the church fellowship hall or to Elm Street Park in future years.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry on October 30 for the Youth Group to raise awareness for the canned food drive.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve moving the grocery carts for collection of canned goods into the Narthex on the 2nd Sunday of each month to coincide with the Bucket Brigade.

The Ministry reported that \$8000 from the Ministry budget has been allotted to help fund 22 youth and 5 adults to a mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and \$1000 from its budget to help fund the Youth Group's Christmas project. Also, the Mayfest golf tournament was cancelled because of bad weather with hole sponsors and teams agreeing to donate the money raised to Mayfest (\$3000) for supporting Books to Birth of Eastern NC Early Literacy coalition.

Education Ministry (Anne Mauldin/Debra Mizelle)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve scheduling Youth Sunday and Confirmation Sunday on May 21, 2017.

The Ministry announced that Confirmation Class will begin on October 23, 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer called attention to the financial report through September 30. He noted that the budget is in the red, but that October and November are usually good months and historically, we are in good shape. All the bank registers and permanent funds are in good shape.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Bill Neely.