

The Session
Stated Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

Brevard, NC
Church Lounge
March 18, 2008

The Reverend Keith Thompson presided as Moderator. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Lounge.

The moderator opened the meeting and turned it over to Joyce Carney who led the session in a devotional from Philip Yancey on Prayer.

Joyce Carney then opened the session in prayer and turned the meeting back over to Keith.

Session Members Present: Jim Ansley, Dan Bennett, Sara Champion, Sue Rossman, John Rowe, Tom Taylor, Ginny Bradford, Don Gentle, Joyce Carney, Judith Caldwell, Rod Nunnelee, Larry Goodwin, Phillip Jerome, Sue Yowell and Carolyn Turner

Others present: Keith Thompson, Pastor; Steve Hogenboom.

The Clerk indicated that a quorum was present.

Sharing of Concerns

The moderator Keith Thompson brought before the session a list of names and concerns of several individuals: Dotti Cosmi, Brad and Carolyn Pritchards son Chip, Mary Conner, Frank and LaVergne Voda, Marie Engleson who sustained a cracked knee, and Kathy Palmer in Preschool.

Statistics and Minutes

A motion by the Moderator to approve the following minutes with changes.
Seconded and approved.

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Congregational Meeting – 5:30pm- February 27,2008

Communion, Deaths, Dismissals, Births, Baptisms, Marriages

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on December 24, 2007, at both morning worship services.

A Commission of the Session met on March 2, 2008, to receive new member: Kristen Clanton joined by Letter of Transfer from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia, NC. Kristen resides at 249 East main Street, Brevard, NC 28712

A Commission of the Session met on March 16, 2008, to receive new members: Joel and Ann Munch joined by Letter of Transfer from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard. They reside at 51 Duya Court, Brevard, NC 28712. 828-5084

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A Commission of the Session met on March 16, 2008, to receive new members: Allen and Linda Sharpe joined by Letter of Transfer from Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church, Gulf Breeze, Florida. They reside at 185 Lake House Trail, Brevard, NC 28712 .885-2815

Deaths

Marge Reed died on March 2, 2008. Marge was an Affiliate Member who united with Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church June 7, 1992. A memorial service was held on March 8, 2008, and the Rev. Keith Thompson officiated.

Floyd Anthony Cosmi, Sr. died on March 11, 2008. Floyd joined Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church on June 2, 1991. A memorial service was held on March 13, 2008, and the Rev. Keith Thompson officiated.

Dismissals

Carol Bartlett moved to Louisiana and requested to be removed from the church roll. She was dismissed on March 17, 2008. Carol joined B-DRPC February 11, 2001.

Jim and Pam Deacon (Affiliate Members) joined St. Timothy United Methodist Church. Jim and Pam united as Affiliate Members January 15, 2006.

Robert and Sally Rebscher were dismissed to First United Methodist Church on March 17, 2008. Bob and Sally joined Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church on February 23, 2003.

Don and Gerri Crane were dismissed to Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Panama City Beach, Florida, and March 17, 2008. Don and Bea joined B-DRPC May 7, 2006.

Births

Jamie Macfie gave birth to Karter Isaiah Macfie February 20, 2008. Jamie has been a member of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church since June 4th, 1995

D. Communications

Two communications were received.

An E-mail sent to Keith Thompson from Jeff Turner was read stating his gratitude and thanks to Keith, the elders and the congregation for allowing him the opportunity to share what God had laid on his heart with us.

An E-mail letter was distributed to all session members from Sam Wesley stating her concerns in regards to recent happenings with the Sr. High Sunday school class as it related to her mother when she was teaching.

E. Ministry Team Reports

(All reports are received as information unless items are noted under their appropriate heading below.)

Administration –*John Rowe*

Special Funds Management Committee

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Motions For Session Approval 3/19/08:

That a decision on the use of Endowment Fund income for the TCM counselor

Position recommended by the Mission MT is deferred until a time closer to the expected date of need and pending additional information, including other funding assurances. **Motion approved 14-1**

That the Session accept the Annual Report To The Session On The Status of The Endowment Funds At 12/31/07. **Motion approved 15-0**

That the Session approve the recommended amounts of Endowment income to be made available for 2008 of \$5,991 from the Mission Endowment Fund income and \$60,000 from the General Endowment Fund income, and that any available 2008 income money available for which a use has not been approved by 12/31/08 be returned to the applicable Endowment Fund for reinvestment. **Motion approved 15-0**

Stewardship

Personnel

Finance- Tom Taylor

Property- Jim Ansley

Jim Ansley made a Motion as follows:

The Property Ministry Team proposes that a deposit of \$100.00 be required to use the church Facilities. **Motion was deferred back to property for further clarification**

Christian Education- Joyce Carney

Church family Fellowship- Sara Champion

Congregational Care- Sue Rossman

Mission- Ginny Bradford

A motion from Local Outreach MT as follows:

To use the \$2,991.00 funds from the Mission Endowment Fund for a start up fund for the Church Home Repair Team. **Motion approved 15-0**

Membership- Don Gentle

Weekday Children's Ministry- Judy Caldwell

Worship- Larry Goodwin

F. Old Business

Rod Nunnelee gave an update of the B-DRPC Men's Group all-day fund raising event during the forthcoming White Squirrel Festival scheduled for the weekend of May 24, 2008. The proposed date for this event would be on Saturday, May 24th. The name of the event is "Chicken for Charity".

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Tom Taylor again asked the session and the ministry teams that each committee or ministry team consider spending priorities for 2008 so that we have an idea as to where to use funds should tithes and offerings exceed the budgeted amount in 2008.

G. New Business

Joyce Carney asked for clarification and guidance as to if there were any regulations in regards to having the ACRE group start in August on a series of different religions at the church. (The session concurred that there were no regulations barring the discussions. Some concerns were noted that some of the programs some of which were clarified and some that still left doubts as to if the church wishes to be associated with some of the programs themes.)

Jim Ansley asked for guidance in regards to cutting of shrubs in front of the Church. It was suggested that he confer with Kathleen and Harold Baker who have been taking care of the landscaping at the Church.

Sara Champion noted that they are considering asking Jeff Turner to be the Planning Facilitator for the next Church Retreat. She asked that all session members think of themes and what they would like to accomplish so that the momentum gained at the retreat might not be left at the retreat. It was also noted that it would nice if it were a session led retreat.

Nominating Committee

*Tom Taylor expressed the need for a motion that we elect two elders from the session to serve on the 2009 committee. Those serving to be Sue Rossman and Tom Taylor. **John Rowe made this Motion which Was Seconded And Approved 15-0***

H. Task Force Reports

Ginny Bradford gave a report on the work being done in their task force and then turned it over to Judith Caldwell who made the following recommendations to the session to be approved.

*That the minutes from session meetings and congregational meetings be posted to the church website for church members. **Motion seconded and Approved 15-0***

*That the session publish a detailed budget on the website for church members. **Deferred over to finance for wording and clarification.***

*That the Communication Task force becomes a separate ministry division of the session. **Motion seconded and Approved 15-0***

It was suggested that someone from each of the remaining Task forces call their members and set up appropriate meeting times.

*A motion by Dan Bennett that the Finance Ministry Team become a separate Division from the Administrative Division and that The Finance Ministry team as well as the Stewardship Ministry team be placed under this division. **Seconded and Approved 15-0***

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Pastors Comments

Keith entertained a motion that we inquire of Keith Parker the possibility of spending some time with the session about moving forward. **Seconded and Approved**

Keith asked for volunteers to be liturgist while he would be away in Paris in April with his family. Tom Taylor (on the 20th) and Dan Bennett (on the 13th) will assist at those services.

Keith also noted that he would be away at the next regular scheduled meeting and that he suggested the **session meet on April 22, 2008 in lieu of April 15th 2008**

Being no further comments or discussions Keith closed the meeting in prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved _____
(Date)

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Bennett,
Clerk of Session