

**Stated Session Meeting Minutes**  
**May 23, 2021**

The Session met on Sunday, May 23, 2021, by Zoom and in person in the session room. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

A quorum was present.

**Elders Present:** Andi Banks, Caroline Culpepper, Claude Davis, Mandy Hildebrand, C.J. Hines, Cynthia Honeycutt, Evelyn King, Bryant Kirkland, Rhonda Nichols, Bob Smith, Knox Tate, Shirley Thomason, and Phil Trick. Elder Ken Bates, Clerk of Session, was also present.

**Elders Excused:** Jim Campbell and Adam Oakley

**Pastors:** Whit Malone by Zoom and Heather Davis was present

**Opening Devotion and Prayer:** “The Church as a Family” by Knox Tate

**Matters for Discussion and Action**

- Reception of New Members: Maggie and Chad Caesar by reaffirmation of faith.
- Continued discussion of Sunday morning worship and spiritual formation schedule. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made by Phil Trick and seconded by Bryant Kirkland: Kairos would start at 9:30am, and Sunday school would occur between 10:15 – 11:15, and Traditional Service would start at 11:15am and end at 12:00. The motion passed unanimously.
- Possible use of Willard lot for raised garden bed. Whit reported that the space was not being utilized at present and suggested using part of the lot for gardening and keeping the rest as green space. This will continue to be studied.
- Approved Personnel Committee recommendation for Whit to take mini-sabbatical leave. C.J. Hines made the motion to approve the mini-sabbatical, seconded by Phil Trick. The motion passed unanimously.

**Update from Mission Study Task Force**

- Shirley Thomason reported that the congregational survey will go out June 6 and will end July 4. The report will be presented to the session on July 16.

**Consent Agenda**

**Items requiring Session Approval:**

- Stated Session Minutes from April 25, 2021, were approved by common consent.

**Items received for information only:**

## Clerk's Report

**Births:** none

**Baptisms Administered:** none

**Deaths:** Jane Lanier Blanton Gavin died April 27, 2021

**Administration of Communion:** Sunday, May 3, 2021, in both sanctuary and Kairos services.

**Email business since the last stated meeting:** none

**Correspondence:** none

### **Reports by Committee Liaisons:**

- Nominating Committee: Andi Banks agreed to fill C.J. Hines position on the Nominating Committee to complete this last year of his 3-year term.

**Other business:** Ken Bates reported that Kendall McGeorge would begin as the new Director of Youth and College Ministries on June 6.

**Staff Report:** none

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, July 18, 2021, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

### **Devotion Schedule:**

June: Shirley Thomason

August: Evelyn King

September: Caroline Culpepper

October: Phil Trick

November: Cynthia Honeycutt

December: Rhonda Nichols

### **Other Business**

**Closing Prayer:** Heather Davis, Associate Pastor

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Dr. J. Whit Malone, Moderator

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Dr. P. Ken Bates, Clerk of Session