

## **Stated Session Meeting Minutes October 23, 2022**

The Session met on Sunday, October 23, 2022, in person in the session room and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Elders Present:** Terry Appenzeller, Steve Harlan, Amanda Hilton, Caroline Culpepper, Shirley Thomason, Phil Trick, Andi Banks, Jim Campbell, Jay Crane, Claude Davis, Mandy Hildebrand, Ellie Wilson, Bob Smith, and Knox Tate. Stuart Mull was excused. Clerk of Session, Ken Bates, was not present.

**Pastors:** Richard Floyd and Heather Davis were present.

**Opening Devotion and Prayer:** Terry Appenzeller gave a devotion about time and its gift. We have 86,400 seconds a day and all seconds are worth so much. Psalm 118 talks about how precious time is and we need to be thankful for it and use it wisely.

**Moderator's Report:** Richard Floyd

- Types of churches - Family Church, Pastoral Church, Program Church, and Corporate Church.
- Plateaus happen and how do we break the plateau to get to next level.
- Session members felt like we have been more like a Corporate in the past, maybe the numbers make us more Program, but sometimes we are like a Pastoral church.
- Leaning into Program Church – work on welcome, communication, structure, staffing, resources, and vision.
- Discussion ensued on this thought.
- Homework is to review the committee list, and the committee you are on if there is anyone missing, or a correction needs to be made please let Kim know.

**Matters for Discussion and Action:**

- Receiving new member Liz Bish.
- Walter LeBoutillier, son of Ben and Morganna was approved by common consent for baptism on Sunday, November 13, 2022.
- Congregational meeting called for November 6, 2022 for purpose of electing elders, Class of 2026. The slate includes Sarah Shumate, Nat Auten, Don Coleman, Sallie Huckabee, and Susan Guest.

**Consent Agenda**

**Items requiring Session Approval:**

- Stated Session Minutes from September 25, 2022 were approved by common consent, correction is that Shirley Thomason was not at the September 25, 2022 meeting.

**Email business since last meeting:**

- None

## Clerk's Report

**Births:** Clara Elizabeth Booster on October 15, 2022, daughter of Seth and Erin Booster.

**Baptisms Administered:** Ezra Bridgers Scott, son of Brantley and Karrie (Smith) Scott, on Sunday, October 16, 2022.

**Deaths:** Nancy Moore Compton on October 12, 2022 and Harriet Smith Bates on October 19, 2022.

**Administration of Communion:** October 2, 2022 in Kairos and Sanctuary worship.

**Correspondence:** none

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

- **Stewardship:** The Stewardship dinner was a success, at least 250 people attended. Pledge Sunday is November 13, 2022.
- **Finance Committee:** Moved some items to get better rates on money in the bank.
- **Worship Committee:** While talking about bringing a jazz group to worship the committee started to talk about Willard Chair.
- **Willard Chair Committee:** Mr. Willard was a long-term clerk of Session and his former home was donated to the church (the house was between the church and Vintage House). Income received each year to the church. The funds are to sponsor a speaker to enlighten the church family and community. Willard Chair Committee is a subcommittee of the Christian Education Committee. No action taken yet but will see how to use it in the future.
- **Family Ministry:** WNS spooks event Wednesday, October 26, 2022.
- A reminder that committee reports should be written and retained and sent to Session members with Session meeting agenda.

### **Staff Reports:**

- Heather is now a co-director of the 2024 Youth Conference at Montreat.
- Richard will officially be installed at the church at a special service on December 4 at 4 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, November 20, 2022.

**Devotion in November:** Caroline Culpepper

**Devotion in December on December 11, 2022:** Andi Banks

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with prayer by Heather.

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Rev. Dr, Richard Floyd, Moderator

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Ken Bates, Clerk