

First Presbyterian Church
183 West Main Street
Cartersville, Ga. 30120

Meeting: Session
Type: Stated Monthly
Moderator: Dr. Mike Anderson
Date: March 13, 2018
Place: Cornerstone Room - **Time:** 7 p.m.

Elders present

2018: Mike Ball, Jo Clark, Bill Devine, Trey Gaines, ~~Emma Johnson~~
2019: Molly Collins, ~~Rich Gaffoglio~~, Jean Gilliland, ~~Perry Rentz~~, Randy Thompson
2020: Phil Bridges, Tinsley Cline, Brad Hughes, ~~Nancy Kelly~~, Scott Panter

Others present:

Dr. Mike Anderson

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order and **opened with prayer** by Dr. Anderson.

Docket Approval: **Motion** to approve docket by Randy Thompson as presented. Unanimous.

Congregational Care Report:

Cathy Wall's son's service was March 8.
Kyle Russel's mother's service will be Sunday, March 18.
Suzanne Collins' mother is not doing well.
Craig Clark's mother, Sheri Clark recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's
Craig' Clark's sister, Carrie Clark, recovering from 2017 double mastectomy and subsequent chemo and radiation, recently blacked out and fell down a flight of stairs, breaking both wrists .

Clerk's Report:

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** to approve the minutes of February 13 Stated Meeting, and February 25 Called Meeting by Scott Panter. Unanimous.
Motion to affirm the email vote to approve Mary Gilreath as the third commissioner for the March 10 Presbytery by Molly Collins, unanimous.

Board Reports

Deacon's Report: Minutes from the February Deacon's meeting were emailed prior to the meeting.

Hands of Christ: (Scott Panter) Registration remains at 204-206. The board submitted their budget request for 2018-2019. The program is planning 3 weeks this summer for After School "camps," one of which will be our VBS program. Scott will meet with someone in the county on March 14 to accept the title for the recently acquired van from Family Promise. The van is in good shape. The hope is to use this van on Tuesday nights, taking one of the older vans out of the rotation.

Preschool Report: (Rich Gaffoglio/Molly Collins) Registration for 2018 is at 50+, which customary for this time of year. Current students will remain in the fall. The leadership is prepared to proceed with the new Kindergarten class and seeks session approval. 9 students of the proposed 10-12 are committed with 2 more pending. Finance committee is supportive of the expected self-sustaining expenses. **Motion** to accept proposal to proceed with a kindergarten class as recommended by the committee by Randy Thompson. Unanimous..

Ministry Team Reports

Hospitality/Membership: (Molly Collins) Three events scheduled for the summer. Excited to report that 5 visitors signed the red friendship pads on the last 2 Sundays.

Faith Development: (Jean Gilliland) Willowbrook symposium training has 5 of the required 15 registrants thus far. Have opened it up to other churches in the hopes of filling the class. March 24 egg hunt and lunch at Thompsons is for everyone. B90 will kick off will be May 6. 3 banners (2 donated) have been purchased to advertise the event. The Prayer Team, which meets Fridays at noon, has been disappointed with attendance, but pleased that they are receiving requests for prayers. Members have been helping with childcare while foster parents attend meetings of the area Bartow Adoptive/Foster Parent Association.

Worship: (Perry Rentz/Jo Clark) The committee members who recently took over the recruiting of acolytes, liturgist, ushers, communion servers and children's leaders have been working hard. All committees will do a minute for mission, worship will be first-up on March 4. Pam reported that the lights in the choir loft were not working, Jo/Perry contacted Mike Ball, and the problem was addressed quickly. Further meeting discussion revolved around planning Holy Week.

Mission: (Bill Devine) Friendship Table has all full-time drivers now, but needs a couple of subs. Red Cross blood drive is March 14, volunteers needed. Bartow Give a Kid a Chance website is open for volunteer sign-ups. The committee received a thank you note from Hickory Log for the Christmas gifts from the church

Properties: (Mike Ball, Emma Johnson) Mini-Workdays scheduled for March 15 and 17. Light bulbs will be changed around the church and Sanctuary chandelier globes replaced, using the lift from Sam Jones. The cost to repair the ice machine would be \$1900, a new one would be \$2,500. The committee is encouraged to buy. It was suggested that the old one can be sold. The committee was approached about moving furniture/equipment, which is not a committee responsibility. Requests to individuals however, are appropriate. Mike attended Cassville Baptist's 4 hour safety class and briefed us on some of what he learned. After discussion, Randy Thompson made the **motion** that Mike Anderson form a committee which will determine if we need a security plan of action, and if so, what that will be. Unanimous.

Personnel: (Rich Gaffoglio, Tinsley Cline) Hannah Salter's school work-load required her resignation. Education Major at Reinhardt, Bryce Green has been hired as an intern, reporting to, and assisting Renee. He will work Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and Sunday nights.

Finance: (Randy Thompson) Revenue up \$41k. Some pledges have paid up front, which is good for now, but come in later. Expenses are at \$117k, which is down \$28k from last year. Yearly percentage of budget used is at 16.65, which is right on target. Some concern expressed about janitorial expenses for the year.

Old Business: Treasurer: Earl Williamson has been asked to serve one more term. Earl has served many years, and has done a great job. He was tasked with finding and grooming a replacement. **Motion** from the Finance Committee to accept Earl Williamson as treasurer for 2018. Unanimous.

Annual meeting: Plans for the meal were secured March 13. The office staff has begun working on the annual report printout. Mark Bridges will the Stewardship & Finance portion, which will include a time for Q&A. Several oral reports that will highlight the mission and activities of the church by committee chairs. As it is also confirmation Sunday, our Confirmands will give faith statements. There will be reports from the preschool and the after school programs. The church's 175 year anniversary included. A positive day all around.

Report from the March 10 Presbytery Meeting: Our commissioners were Molly Collins, Jean Gilliland and Mary Gilreath. Molly gave a report on the day, which included the presbytery's acceptance of Mike Anderson.

Officer Nominating Committee: Congregational meeting called for April 15. By acclamation Phil Bridges and Nancy Kelly were elected to represent the session on the Officer Nomination Committee. Unanimous, **Motion** carries. Phil will serve as chair.

Mike presented 2 names for baptism. **Motion** to accept David Benton and Abby Allen for baptism on April 29 by Randy Thompson. Unanimous

Correspondence from the Clerk: For information:

- Transfer request for Bill and Wanda Vickers (removed on 2/13) and Nikki and Kyle Murphy (not on rolls) to Sam Jones, and Todd, Cayce and Christopher Jacobson to Trinity Methodist in Rome (removed 2/13).
- 2016 Minutes were submitted to the Presbytery for review at the March 10 meeting and were approved with exception.
- Statistical Report as submitted to the General Assembly on February 15.
- Thank you note to the session from the office staff for the gift of a singing quartet on February 14.

Motion to Adjourn: by Phil Bridges , Unanimous

Closed in Prayer: Dr. Anderson.

Next Stated Meeting: April 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Cornerstone Room.