

Presbytery of the Mid-South  
Summer Stated Meeting  
August 30, 2011

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The summer meeting of the Mid-South Presbytery was held on August 30, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Paris, TN. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by moderator Bonnie Blair. Bonnie opened the meeting with prayer.

Jenna Goggins, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Paris, welcomed the Presbytery and oriented them to the church building and surroundings.

Moderator Blair called upon churches with first time attenders to introduce their delegates.

**ROLL**

A quorum was declared of 26 Ministers, 23 Elders, & 3 Commissioned Lay Pastors, representing 28 churches - 3 elders representing the Coordinating Council or chairs of permanent committees, and 1 voting certified educators.

Symbols- 1-Absent, Excused; 2-Absent, Unexcused; 3-Absent, attendance not required

S.S. – Stated Supply; I.P. – Interim Pastor; T.S. – Temporary Supply; C.L.P. – Commissioned Lay Pastor; \*Elder attending for the first time).

<b><u>CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>PASTORS</u></b>	<b><u>ELDERS REPRESENT</u></b>
Anderson	Vacant	Not Represented
Balmoral	Carla Meisterman <sup>1</sup>	Rosemary Banta
Bartlett, Grace	Larry Turner <sup>2</sup>	Jean Markam
Bethel	Anthony L. Burton	John E. Barber
Bethel Springs	Vacant	Not Represented
Bethesda	Vacant	Not Represented
Blytheville	Vacant	Not Represented
Brownsville	James C. McCurdy	Andy Combs
Buntyn	John Larson	Billye B. Mauney
Caruthersville	Ricky Lyle	Keith Currie
Cedar Grove	Robert Barger, (C.L.P.) <sup>1</sup>	Not Represented
Clarkton	Paul Williams, (T.S.) <sup>3</sup>	Not Represented
Collierville	Warner Davis	Jim Wilcox
Cordova	Thomas Pickering	Not Represented
Dyer	Vacant	Not Represented
Dyersburg, Grace	Lisa Williams, (T.S.) <sup>3</sup>	Audrey Toombs
Evergreen	Ken Letterman Davis Bailey <sup>2</sup> Julie Bailey <sup>2</sup> Amy Howe (A.P.) <sup>1</sup> Billy Newton, (P.A.) <sup>1</sup> Walter Tennyson (P.A.) Kera Kilpatrick <sup>2</sup>	Marti Becker
Farmington	Roger Graf <sup>1</sup> Cornelius Sherman (P.A.)	Paul N. Bourassa
Germantown	Will Jones Ernest Mellor, (P.E.) <sup>3</sup> J. Blake Hudson	Nancy Halter Evelyn Mosley

	Norlita Kaul, (T.S.)	
Greenleaf Community	Vacant	Not Represented
Huntingdon	Arthur Lodge	Alexander Innes
Idlewild	Steve Montgomery Elizabeth Gayle Walker (A.P.) <sup>2</sup> Hope Brooks Margaret Burnett (A.P.) Anne Apple, (Interim A.P.) Stacy Smith <sup>1</sup> Denton McLellen, (P.A.)	Leslie Goodwin   Not Represented
Jackson, First	John H. White Bob Henry, (P. A.) <sup>3</sup>	Susan Harris Linda C. Butler
Kennett	Vacant	Ada McHaney
Kerrville	Ernest P. Scott, (S.S.) <sup>3</sup>	Excused
Korean Pres. Church of Memphis	Joo Seob Lee	Not Represented
LaGrange	Vacant	Not Represented
Liberation Community	Vacant	Not Represented
Malden	Paul Williams <sup>3</sup>	Not Represented
Marl Bluff	Vacant	Not Represented
Mason	Keith Jones, (C.L.P.)	Betty Liles
McKenzie	J. Pratt Hubbard, (T.S.)	Not Represented
Memphis, First	C. V. Scarborough Stephanie Patton, (P.A.) <sup>1</sup>	Nicki Machow
Mt. Sharon	Arnold Newman (S.S.)	Not Represented
New Hope	Vacant	Not Represented
New Madrid	Vacant	Not Represented
Oakland	Vacant	Mila Hilliard
Paris	Jennifer Goggins	Mitzi Parrish
Parkway Gardens      United	Brian Henderson <sup>1</sup> Andrea Jeans (P.A.)	Not Represented
Piggott	Vacant	Excused
Pleasant Ridge	James Jackson, (C.L.P.)	Not Represented
Purdy	Vacant	Not Represented
Rosemark	Horace Houston, (S.S.) <sup>1</sup>	Not Represented
Savannah	Arnold Newman (S.S.)	Not Represented
Selmer	Vacant	Not Represented

Shady Grove	Jarad Bingham <sup>2</sup> Ellen Roberds (P.A.) <sup>2</sup>	Not Represented
Somerville	Michael Krech	Paul West
Tiptonville	Gene E. Canestrari, (S. S.) <sup>1</sup>	Excused
Trinity	Lee Clements In Sung Hoang Marion Garrett (P.A.) <sup>3</sup>	Hye Young Lee
Oak Street Community	Vacant	Excused
West Memphis, First	Dave Schieber, (S.S.)	Lee McQueen.

**OTHER CONTINUING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY - RETIRED**

Philip Bell, Jr. <sup>3</sup>	Milton P. Brown <sup>3</sup>
Don Coleman <sup>3</sup>	Edward Craxton <sup>3</sup>
Rob Crumpton	Paul Currie <sup>3</sup>
Millen Darnell <sup>3</sup>	James H. Daughdrill, Jr. <sup>3</sup>
Joe Donaho <sup>3</sup>	Robert Duke <sup>3</sup>
Anne Hagler <sup>3</sup>	George K. Harris, III <sup>3</sup>
Charles D. Harvey <sup>3</sup>	Tyson Hope <sup>3</sup>
G. William Jones <sup>3</sup>	Margaret Jorgensen
Charles R. Kennon <sup>3</sup>	Sam Laine <sup>3</sup>
Walter Lockhart <sup>3</sup>	Ed McColgan <sup>3</sup>
Linda Jo McKim <sup>3</sup>	William E. Melton <sup>3</sup>
Charles (Chuck) Miller	R. Christy Morgan <sup>3</sup>
Ernest Scott <sup>3</sup>	David Seltzer <sup>3</sup>
William E. Shenk <sup>3</sup>	Larry (Bud) Sizemore
Margaret Suttle <sup>3</sup>	Lee Waltz <sup>3</sup>

**MEMBERS – AT- LARGE**

John Beaumont <sup>2</sup>	David Bubb <sup>1</sup>
Mary Allison Cates <sup>1</sup>	David Clubb <sup>1</sup>
Greg Crisp (Inactive)	Stephen Haynes <sup>2</sup>
Kendra Hotz <sup>1</sup>	Katie Hudson
Luther Ivory <sup>1</sup>	Kenneth Jones <sup>2</sup>
Lisa Kroener <sup>1</sup>	Jimmie Lancaster
Rebecca Patterson Luter <sup>1</sup>	Ruth Lovell <sup>1</sup>
Sam McAliley <sup>1</sup>	Donald McKim
Stephen Mealor <sup>1</sup>	Billy Newton <sup>1</sup>
Robert Norvell	Janet Schaller <sup>1</sup>
Rod Spencer <sup>2</sup>	Randy Tracy <sup>1</sup>

**OTHER MEMBERS**

Bonnie Blair	Lucy Cummings
John Coats <sup>1</sup>	Marti Becker
Sophia Hardy <sup>2</sup>	Phil Shannon
Natalie Toombs <sup>1</sup>	

**CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS**

Rosemary Banta	Shirley Hartsfield
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**VISITORS**

Gina Bundy, Marianne Dalton, Helen Freeman, Sandee Green, Iris Hibbard, Sherry Hutchison, Nancy K. Jones, Daniel Kang, Vivian Kizer, Donna J. Mosley, Jill Lancaster, Jeanette Posey, Missy Rose, Ann Sizemore, Lois Smith, Wandy Smith, Whitney Strong, Janice Teas, Glen Walton, Gary Willoughby, Bill Williams, Ann Williams, Beverly Wood, Earline York,

The clerk then declared that a quorum was present, and the docket of the day was adopted.

**Omnibus Motion**

It was next moved to accept the Omnibus Motion. The Omnibus Motion contained the Clerk's Report (included here) along with the approval of the May 10, 2011 minutes. The COM report was also included in the Omnibus Motion. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Omnibus Motion

[Omnibus Motion]

**STATED CLERK  
REPORT TO PRESBYTERY  
August 30, 2011**

**Recommendations:**

That the Proposed Docket for this meeting of Presbytery be approved.

That the Minutes of the Spring Stated Meeting on May 10, 2011, be approved as printed.

Honorably Retired: Dr. Ed McColgan

**Church Dismissal:**

First Presbyterian Church, Ripley TN; Advent Presbyterian Church, Cordova TN; First Presbyterian Church, Adamsville TN; Woodland United Presbyterian Church, Memphis TN

**Removed from Roll:**

Reverends: Herb Adams, Christopher Scruggs, Don Karnes, Cindy Schwartz, Matt Miller, and Pam Haley



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**Report to Presbytery  
August 2011**

\* Whole report in Omnibus Motion

1. **Stated Supply Ministry at Kennett, MO** - The Committee on Ministry recommends that Jana Michelle "Missy" Rose, an ordained pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, be approved as stated supply and moderator of the session for First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO, for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2011.
2. **Temporary Supply Ministry at Grace, Dyersburg** - The Committee on Ministry has renewed Lisa Williams, an ordained minister in the Missionary Baptist Church, and a student at Memphis Theological Seminary, as temporary supply for Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, Tennessee, for a period of one year, beginning June 15, 2011. In her capacity as temporary supply, Lisa Williams will lead worship, preach, and provide pastoral care, including funerals and weddings. Elders of the church who have received appropriate instruction are authorized to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
3. The Committee approved the request for Rev. Roger Graf to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery to conduct a wedding in Northfield, MN on August 27, 2011.
4. The Committee approved the Church Information Form for First Presbyterian Church, Blytheville, AR

- 5. The Committee approved the endorsement of Rev. Charlie Webster to attend the Interim Executive Training, September 16-20, 2011 at Montreat Conference Center.**

**Next Committee on Ministry meeting will be September 22, 2011 at Farmington Presbyterian Church.**

**Presbytery Report given by Rev. Lee Clements.**

### Dismissal of Churches

The next item of business was to hear a report from the Administrative Commission to dismiss churches. The commission reported that the following churches had requested dismissal to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. A chronology of events and motions approving dismissal are included here:

#### **Report to the Presbytery of the Mid-South Chronology of Events**

Mount Sharon Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN, Dismissal Request

1. On May 2, 2011, a letter was sent by certified mail to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Mid-South from the Clerk of the Session of Mount Sharon Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN, requesting dismissal with property from the PC(USA).
2. On February 12, 2011, the Mid-South Presbytery approved an Administrative Commission to work with churches seeking dismissal.
3. The Administrative Commission met with the Session and the Congregation on June 26, 2011, and after making a presentation, a vote was taken and 23 people voted in favor of being dismissed with property and there was no opposition.
4. The Mount Sharon Church has made a payment to the Presbytery in response to Section 7 in the dismissal document.
5. The Administrative Commission reports it has fulfilled the requirements in "Guidelines and Standards for Dismissing Congregations" to the best of its ability. It is with sadness that the Administrative Commission presents the following motion on its own merits:
6. Motion from the Mount Sharon Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN, to be dismissed with its property from the Presbytery of the Mid-South of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Presbytery of the Central-South of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and by being dismissed with property, Mount Sharon Presbyterian Church, Adamsville, TN, acknowledges that the Presbytery of Memphis, which is now called the Presbytery of the Mid-South of the Presbyterian Church (USA), no longer has any financial obligations or responsibilities in any way for this church and its property; and the effective date of this dismissal will be determined by a confirmation letter of official acceptance by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by:

Jimmie Lancaster, Executive Presbyter  
Lee Clements, Minister, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin, TN John White, Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN Will Jones,  
Minister, Germantown Presbyterian, Germantown, TN Carla Meisterman, Minister, Balmoral, Memphis, TN  
Bonnie Blair, Elder, Farmington, Germantown, TN  
Marti Becker, Elder, Evergreen, Memphis, TN  
Jim Boyd, Elder, Germantown, Germantown, TN  
Lucy Cummings, Elder, Idlewild, Memphis, TN  
Phil Shannon, Elder, Balmoral, Memphis, TN  
Bo Scarborough, Minister, First Presbyterian, Memphis, TN

### **Report to the Presbytery of the Mid-South Chronology of Events**

Mason Presbyterian Church, Mason, TN, Dismissal Request

1. A letter was sent by mail to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Mid-South from the Clerk of the Session of the Mason Presbyterian Church, Mason, TN, requesting dismissal with property from the PC(USA).
2. On February 12, 2011, the Mid-South Presbytery approved an Administrative Commission to work with churches seeking dismissal.
3. The Administrative Commission met with the Session and the Congregation on August 29, 2011, and after making a presentation, a vote was taken and eight people voted in favor of being dismissed with property and one voted in opposition.
4. The Mason Presbyterian Church has made a payment to the Presbytery for its 2011 per capita.
5. The Administrative Commission reports it has fulfilled the requirements in "Guidelines and Standards for Dismissing Congregations" to the best of its ability. It is with sadness that the Administrative Commission presents the following motion on its own merits:
6. Motion from the Mason Presbyterian Church, Mason, TN, to be dismissed with its property from the Presbytery of the Mid-South of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Presbytery of the Central-South of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and by being dismissed with property, Mason Presbyterian Church, Mason, TN, acknowledges that the Presbytery of Memphis, which is now called the Presbytery of the Mid-South of the Presbyterian Church (USA), no longer has any financial obligations or responsibilities in any way for this church and its property; and the effective date of this dismissal will be determined by a confirmation letter of official acceptance by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by:

Jimmie Lancaster, Executive Presbyter

Lee Clements, Minister, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin, TN John White, Minister, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN Will Jones, Minister, Germantown Presbyterian, Germantown, TN Carla Meisterman, Minister, Balmoral, Memphis, TN

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Marti Becker, Elder, Evergreen, Memphis, TN

Jim Boyd, Elder, Germantown, Germantown, TN

Lucy Cummings, Elder, Idlewild, Memphis, TN

Phil Shannon, Elder, Balmoral, Memphis, TN

Bo Scarborough, Minister, First Presbyterian, Memphis, TN

Following the presentation of a motion for each church to be dismissed, the presbytery seconded the motion and voted in the affirmative.

## Worship

The Presbytery then entered a period of worship. The order of worship is attached.

1:00 Presbytery Worship Service August 30, 2011

### **The Community Gathers**

The Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (Holy Manna)

arr. By Rick Parks

The Call to Worship (in unison)

Elder Bill Williams

Leader: O come let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

\*Hymn #76

"O for a Thousand Tongues"

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Eternal God,**

**Let your Holy Spirit dwell among us as we worship together this day. May those of us carrying heavy burdens find a place to stop and rest awhile. May those of us with broken hearts, broken dreams and broken bodies experience your healing. May those of us who come angry, frustrated, and bitter encounter deep wellsprings of joy, renewed hope, and overflowing grace. In this time of worship, reveal yourself to each person gathered here. We need more of you, Lord! We invite you to come and meet us in this place. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Introduction to Offering

"Youth Ministries"

Lucy Cummings

The Offertory

*"The Joys Awaiting"*

*Medley of "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" (Land of Rest) "When I Can Read My Title Clear" (Pisgah)*

arr. by Lynda Leatherman

\*Doxology Hymn #624

\*The Prayer of Dedication

Lucy Cummings

### **We Hear God's Word**

Old Testament Scripture:

Psalms 132 (pg 549-550)

Sermon:

"Becoming A Dwelling Place"

Rev. Jenna Goggins

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings and Praise

For the World and our Nation

For our Presbytery

For those in need

### **We Go With God's Blessings**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

\*Hymn #8

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*"Our Great Savior" (Hyfrydol)*

arr. By Kenneth Varner

**Stated Clerk Report: The New Form of Government**

It was reported that during worship the presbytery contributed an offering of \$431.00. The money will be used for the Presbyterian youth.

**New Form of Government**

Following worship the stated clerk made a report on nFOG. Five people from our presbytery attended a synod workshop for clerks, COM chairs, CPM chairs, and Presbytery leaders. As a result of that meeting the clerk presented the following report and motion.

As of July 10, 2011, a new Form of Government (FOG) was adopted for the Presbyterian Church (USA). According to the Moderator of the General Assembly and a WEBINAR on the Presbyterian Outlook, Presbyterians are being told to "Relax, because we have time to live into the new FOG!" At a recent Synod of Living Waters Meeting for the Stated Clerks and the Moderators of COM and CPM, we were told more options would be presented in manuals which should be ready by late September.

In G-3.0102 it states, "Mission determines the forms and structures needed for the church to do its work". Now is an opportunity for us to discern our Mission for this presbytery, and to decide how we can best carry it out through our programs and ministries. Since over half of our churches are small and do not have installed pastoral leadership, and since the passage of the new FOG necessitates some decisions, then the following motion is presented as one way to help our churches to deal with required changes:

Motion: The following will be a policy for all of the congregations in the Presbytery of the Mid-South, unless a particular church has already provided for such measures in its by-laws. Such action by churches already adopting procedures for their church will supercede the need for these recommendations.

1. The quorum for a congregational meeting shall be one tenth of the membership (G-1.0501), and notice of a meeting shall be given on two successive Sundays. (G1.0502)
2. The quorum for a session meeting shall be composed of more than one half of the membership of the Session. (G-3.0203)
3. The Session will examine those who have been elected as Deacons and Elders. (G-2.0104b)
4. The Session, or a committee designated by the Session, will have the duty to prepare people to become active members of the congregation. (G-1.0402)
5. The term for the Clerk of Session will be for one year and can be renewed (G-3.0104)
6. The term for the Treasurer will be for one year and can be renewed (G-3.0205)
7. No sexual misconduct of any kind will be tolerated. (G-3.0106) (Each congregation is encouraged to seek advice from its insurance company or an attorney to develop this policy more fully.)
8. The Nominating Committee will be composed of two elders from the current session and three members from the congregation who were nominated by the previous year's nominating committee and are representative of the congregation.

Note: Each congregation is reminded to obtain "property and liability insurance coverage" (G-3.0112); is governed by the most current edition of Robert's Rules (G-3.0105); and is not required to keep an inactive roll (G-1.0404), but may do so.

The motion was seconded. Following a time of questions the clerk's motion was passed. Reports from Our Executive and Associate Executive.

Dr. Jimmie Lancaster, the Executive Presbyter, gave a report on the Big Tent event. Jimmie also challenged the presbytery to move forward as we take forks in the road related to nFOG.

Associate Executive, Lucy Cummings reported on summer camping experiences at Camp Pinecrest. She spoke about an upcoming Presbyterian Youth Connection event in October 2-11, and a Women's Retreat to Camp Pinecrest on October 21-22. It was MSP to all the women to celebrate the Lord's Supper at their retreat.

**Treasurer's Report**

Phil Shannon, Presbytery Treasurer moved the following financial report. Phil said he still believes the presbytery will fall about \$15-20,000 short of its 2011 budget.

**Presbytery of the Mid-South  
Treasurer Report  
Revenues and Expenses  
for the 6 months ending June 30, 2011**

<i>Presbytery Operations</i>	Total Budget	6 of 12	Actual	Difference
<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>			<b>11,942</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Unified & Selected Giving	\$ 374,000	187,000	183,316	(3,684)



Mission Partnership Funds	9,000	4,500	4,161	(339)
Interest Income	3,500	1,750	1,588	(162)
Commitment Agreement	4,800	2,400	1,437	(963)
Post Paid Pledges			3,410	3,410
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,200	600	124	(476)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>392,500</b>	<b>196,250</b>	<b>194,036</b>	<b>(2,214)</b>

**Expenses**

Coordinating Council	\$ 391,527	195,764	187,380	8,374
Community Mission Area	30,000	15,000	19,009	(4,009)
Leadership Mission	5,000	2,500	1,357	1,143
Congregational Missions	29,956	14,978	12,318	2,660
Miscell. Exp./Bank Fees			36	(36)
	456,483	228,242	220,099	8,133
General Assembly	20,000	10,000	<b>10,000</b>	0
Synod	10,000	5,000	5,000	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>486,483</b>	<b>243,242</b>	<b>235,099</b>	<b>8,133</b>

<b>Surplus (deficit) - Presbytery operations</b>	(93,983)	(46,992)	(41,063)	5,918
Surplus (deficit) - Pinecrest	0	0	5,956	5,956
Transfer from Endowment Fund (1)	94,790	47,395	35,107	

Cash Balance 6/30/2011 11,942

Note (1) - The Presbytery has approved transfers from the endowment to underwrite "missional" expenditures, with certain limitations.

**Stated Clerk's Account**

Beginning Cash Balance		19,692
Revenue (2011 Per-Capita)	107,307	74,691
Expenses		(5,390)
Balance	06/30/2011	88,993

Church Donation Report					
Jan 1- July 31, 2011					
Church	Pledge			Per-Capita	
	Unified	Selective	Received	Assessment	Paid
Adamsville, FPC				463.61	
Advent	7,000.00	27,000.00	33,999.99	15,474.55	15,474.55
Anderson				62.65	
Balmoral	18,000.00		7,500.00	2,430.82	2,430.82
Bethel	500.00			1,127.70	1,127.70
Bethel Springs				526.26	526.26
Bethesda				150.36	
Blytheville, FPC				2,142.63	2,142.63
Brownsville, FPC				1,917.09	1,917.09
Buntyn	2,500.00		1,691.31	1,453.48	1,453.48
Caruthersville, FPC	4,000.00		1,800.00	1,979.74	1,979.74
Cedar Grove	100.00		100.00	87.71	87.71
Clarkton, FPC				225.54	225.54
Collierville	4,000.00		2,000.00	1,704.08	1,704.08
Cordova			2,310.00	1,491.07	1,491.07
Covington, FPC			600.00	4,059.72	

Dyer, FPC				250.60	250.60
Evergreen	4,000.00		2,000.00	3,132.50	3,312.50
Farmington	20,000.00		10,000.00	2,368.17	2,368.17
Germantown	33,000.00		10,000.00	10,612.91	5,300.00
Grace, Bartlett			506.00	2,142.63	2,142.63
Grace, Dyersburg	1,000.00			538.79	538.79
Greenleaf Community				187.95	
Huntington, FPC				588.91	588.91
Idlewild	165,000.00		96,250.00	18,268.74	9,134.38
Jackson, FPC	20,600.00		10,300.02	5,826.45	5,826.45
Kennett, FPC	6,000.00		3,500.00	1,516.13	1,516.13
Kerrville				213.01	213.01
Korean P C of Memphis				187.95	187.95
LaGrange			300.00	250.60	250.60
Liberation Community				1,014.93	
Malden, FPC	2,000.00			313.25	313.25
Marl Bluff				50.12	37.59
Mason				125.30	125.30
McKenzie, FPC				300.72	300.72
Memphis, FPC	2,000.00		1,500.00	2,105.04	2,105.04
Mount Sharon				927.22	927.22
New Hope				50.12	
New Madrid, FPC		1,500.00	375.00	551.32	551.32
Oak Street Community				350.84	350.84
Oakland	1,000.00		1,000.00	476.14	476.14
Paris, FPC	5,000.00		2,916.69	1,428.42	833.28
Parkway Grdns United				2,393.23	1,196.62
Piggott, FPC	500.00			162.89	162.89
Pleasant Ridge				75.18	
Purdy				238.07	238.07
Ripley, FPC				213.01	213.01
Rosemark	2,000.00			501.20	501.20
Savannah, FPC				288.19	288.19
Selmer, FPC				375.90	
Shady Grove	500.00			2,255.40	2,255.40
Somerville, FPC	5,500.00		2,750.00	1,704.08	1,704.08
Tiptonville				238.07	238.07
Trenton, FPC				3,032.26	3,032.26
Trinity	3,500.00		2,041.69	789.39	789.39
West Memphis, FPC				2,067.45	
Woodland United	15,000.00		8,750.00	3,896.83	2,273.11
Total	322,700.00	28,500.00	202,190.70	107,306.92	81,103.78

Following question, the report was accepted for audit.

**The Church in Mission**

Moderator Blair introduced Rev. John White, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, TN. John explained a program in Jackson called Room at the Inn. First Presbyterian is one of 46 churches hosting this program. John showed a six minute video and then answered questions. Moderator Blair thanked John for reporting on his church in mission.

**COM**

Rev. Lee Clements reported for the Committee on Ministry (the report was approved in the Omnibus Motion). Lee introduced Missy Rose, who serves as the stated supply and moderator of the First Presbyterian Church in Kennett, MO. Missy spoke of her call to ministry and her call to the Kennett church for the period of one year.

Will Jones then asked for the approval of an Installation Commission for his installation. The following report was MSP.

**Installation Commission for Will Jones**

at Germantown Presbyterian Church, October 16, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. Jimmie Lancaster, Minister, Executive Presbyter  
Judith Wilson, Elder (GPC)  
Chuck Utterback, Elder (GPC)  
Henry Jones, Elder (Idlewild)  
Joe Donaho, Minister, Honorably Retired  
Andy Combs, Elder (1<sup>st</sup> Brownsville)

Invited to sit with the commission: Rev. John L. Paterson, Church of Scotland W. Lipscomb Davis, Elder (1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Church, Nashville)

#### **Announcements**

1. John Larson, interim pastor at Buntyn Presbyterian at Memphis, called "the Bend" was alive and well. He drew attention to a flyer explaining the work of "the Bend." The flyer is included here  
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**The Bend**  
A Presbyterian ministry

#### Frequently Asked Questions... **What is The Bend?**

The Bend is a Campus Ministry of the Mid-South Presbytery that serves students at the University of Memphis and welcomes students from other area colleges.

#### **What does the new name and logo mean?**

"The Bend" refers to our corner location at the literal bend in the road created by Patterson and Midland. The graphic is based on the signs one encounters on curvy roads and calls to mind the often meandering nature of the journey toward God. Lastly, the word bend evokes the idea of transformations and turning points. A bend is a place where one changes direction, and in the case of The Bend, this change in direction is designed to help students embrace and respond to the extraordinary love of Jesus Christ.

#### **How can students get involved with The Bend?**

We meet every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at 449 Patterson for a free meal, fellowship, and discussion (beginning September 1). We'll start the year with a series entitled "Micah @ Memphis," designed to explore what it means to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God *in the context of our particular city and campus(es)*. We'll be adding community service and worship components to this gathering as the year progresses.

#### **How can church members and staff persons help The Bend succeed?**

If you know students attending the U of M and other area colleges, please let them know about The Bend. Give them the contact information below. Volunteer to donate a Thursday night meal. Individuals, church circles, Sunday school classes, and the like may get together and provide supper, whether it's home-cooked or purchased.

Donate money to The Bend. Our ministry operates on a modest budget, and small offerings make a large impact on our ministry.

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2. Bill Williams, the elder representative from the Paris church reported that Living Waters for the World is now undertaking projects in the U.S.A. Interested churches can speak with him, Lee Clements, or Jenna Goggins.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Dr. Will Jones presented the work of the Presbytery Nominating Committee. All names continue to stand with the exception of Stephanie Wall who will not be able to serve on the NaCome Board at this time. The report is included here.

#### **Agencies and Committees of the Presbytery of the Mid-South**

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Leadership Mission Area  
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\*Carol Barnes (Germantown)

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**Anne Williams** (Paris, 1st)

#### Class of 2013

**Clara Meisterman** (Balmoral)  
Bill Williams (Paris, 1st)  
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**Alternate Commissioner to Synod: Neil Sherman** (Honorably Retired), *Preston Prather* (Trinity, Martin)

**Synod Nominating Committee:** Jean Starnes (Grace, Bartlett)

**Synod PJC:** Loyce Ryan (Parkway Gardens United)

#### **General Assembly**

**Commissioners 2012:** Ministers: **Lee Clements** (Trinity) & **Brian Henderson** (Parkway Gardens United)  
Elders: Bonnie Blair (Farmington) & Charles Sullivan (Brownsville 15)

**Youth Advisory Delegate 2012:** to be nominated and elected in November, 2011

**Alternate Commissioner 2012:** Minister: **Bo Scarborough** (Memphis 1st)  
elders: Shirley Hartsfield (Caruthersville Pt)

Note:

**Ministers are listed in bold type.**

\*An asterisk by a person's name indicates that he/she is ineligible to serve another full or partial term when his/her class year

Will Jones also noted the following:

1. An ordained pastor is needed to serve as a Synod commissioner.
2. A volunteer is needed to serve on the Synod Committee on Representation. (Contact Will if interested.)
3. Each church should fill out forms recommending people to serve on various presbytery committees. This is a big help to the nominating committee.

Will Jones also moved the following for the Nominating Committee:

*During this time of transition, the Moderator, Vice Moderator and Clerk are empowered to make interim appointments to vacancies on committees and commissions upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, and these appointments would be ratified at the next presbytery meeting.*

*Rationale: In 2011, there have been many vacancies on the committees and commissions in this presbytery, and there needs to be a way to fill these vacancies between presbytery meetings. As of May 10, the COM and CPM did not have a moderator and both committees were missing four members. This motion does not affect the normal work of the Nominating Committee to present a slate to the Presbytery at the November meeting.*

The motion, following discussion was passed.

#### **Small Groups**

Dr. Steve Montgomery then presented a report on small groups from the May, 2011 meeting. He then asked that the presbytery divide into six groups and discuss the questions on the bottom of his report. His report and questions for discussion are included here. The presbytery then spent 30 minutes in small groups.

#### **Responses to Presbytery Small Group Discussions** **May 10, 2011**

At the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South on May 10, 2011, we divided up into small groups to discuss our responses to four questions:

- 1) What would you name as the two top priorities for the presbytery in the next year?
- 2) What needs to be changed to allow our presbytery to begin functioning well?
- 3) How can we work together in the next year to let our community know who we are and what we're called to do in the world?
- 4) What is one thing we can do in the next year to bring our people together?

There was a consensus, perhaps even unanimity in a way seldom found at presbytery, that the discussion groups provided a healthy and positive way to *begin* looking with fresh eyes at who we are and where we might want to go. Connections were made, ideas were shared, and even new friendships were formed.

Here is a summary of what we heard:

- 1) Our mission needs to be clarified.  
Pinecrest, campus ministry, soup kitchens, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and DART, and co-ordination of our various mission projects were highlighted. Other suggestions included new partnerships, perhaps with an international presbytery or church or a new mission project. A need to focus on a few things, and clarify.
- 2) A need for a strategic plan.  
How do we "build from the ashes?" How do we die so we can be resurrected? How we forge ahead in a new way with a new presbytery? Begin with our foundation in Jesus Christ, and work from there. Ask: Why is presbytery important?

- 3) **A Desire for connectedness:**  
 --Better communication  
 --More fellowship --Stress education --  
 Meaningful worship

At the August meeting, we will ask commissioners to consider the following questions:

- 1) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? What does this ordination question mean to you, and how might we express that in our communities?
- 2) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you? What does this mean to you, and how might that be expressed in our communities?

#### Announcements

1. After the presbytery reconvened from small group discussions Bonnie Blair made the following announcement. The Presbyterian Women are exploring how they might assist the PCUSA in its Disaster Assistance work. More on this latter.
2. Attention was also drawn to:
  - A. A written report from Natalie Toombs, Community Mission Area Chair. (the report is included here.)

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August 11, 2011

Greetings from the Community Mission Area of the Presbytery of the Mid-South.

Several churches in our Presbytery held successful Summer Enrichment Programs with assistance from the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Each program was held in a Christian environment with leaders who encouraged our youth to live their lives through Biblical teachings as well as other instructions and activities to help them follow Christ. This was a very rewarding fun experience for all.

Please read the reports from some of the programs and know that many youth benefited greatly because of your support and generosity. Looking forward to 2012 being even bigger and better!!

In Christ,

Natalie Toombs, Community Mission Area Chair

Grace Presbyterian Church Dyersburg, TN

Kicking off Graces' 2011 summer program of activities the youth and members of Grace began with a Saturday (May 13) morning visit to the National Civil Right Museum in Memphis TN followed with lunch at the Arcade Restaurant. On this outing some in the group recognized sing/actor Justin Timberlake who was in Memphis filming a music video. To the joy and amusement of all, the group was able to meet Justin and invited to watch the filming as well.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. (II Corinthians 5:17a.)

**Shake it up Café** was the theme for the summer as well as our VBS (July 18-22)

The conclusion would be our annual 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Youth Program during this service the youth participate by calling the worship, reading the call to confession, reading the scriptures, praying, and singing the guest speaker was Amber S. Brown of Atlanta, GA.

Our kids explored the Bible as an exciting cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word. We had kitchen fun! (Yeah) The recipes for the day would serve as the meal or refreshment for that day.

In this kid-friendly café full of chief's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, we **explore the Bible** as a cookbook filled with recipes for **living out God's word**. Through **interactive lessons**, and being able to **apply them to our everyday lives**, we celebrated *biblical festivals* that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.

*By celebrating biblical festivals*, we will:

Be ready for God  
Give happily to God  
Believe fully in Jesus  
Remember Jesus often  
Celebrate God forever

Thank you so very much Presbytery of the Mid-South for your support. In Christ  
Tonya Fuller McKellar

## BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) YOUNG LIONS OF JUDAH SUMMER CAMP,

Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Young Lions of Judah Summer Camp  
2011 SUMMARY REPORT

Our camp this year was moved up to begin on June 14 in conjunction with our Vacation Bible School, (VBS). VBS began on June 6 and ran through June 10. *The Camp* began on June 14 and met on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m, and OD Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. through the last day on July 9.

The theme for this year focused on spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth by visiting the /stands of the Bible tied in with modern Islands. The Bible Islands included Patmos, Crete, Malta, and Cyprus. The modern day Islands included the Caribbeans.

Our camp, which included 30 at risk young people raging in ages from 5 to 15, focused on teaching the young people the Bible stories that went along with these Islands and how they were affected by the spreading of the gospel. We also studied the cultures of the modern islands and how they have been affected by natural disasters.

In the past we kept all of our children in a group and taught them together. This year we decided to break them up in age groups and carry them together through the different phases we focused on everyday. These included singing, dancing, bible study, arts and crafts, Gospel Rap, food and nutrition, and field trips.

Dr. Marilyn Melvin was our Music instructor and Minnie Staten volunteered as our dance instructor. Our Gospel Rappers were a group of three young men from the neighbor hood called the Jones Brothers and Chance. These were all very helpful in motivating the youth to understand their culture through the lenses of Jesus Christ, the Church, and the Gospel.

Our Director this year was Rubye Smith along with her co-director Bonnie Burton. Mrs. Burton is also our bus driver. Other volunteers included Delores Walton, Demetra Walton, Kimberly Staten, Juanita Barber, Irma Boyce, Nancy Wallace, Linda Williams, Chauncy Walton, John Barber, and Kimberly Speed.

Since our funds were limited this year we did scale down on the field trips. We were able to make trips to The Skating Rink, Incredible Pizza, and we also had a Theater day at the Church.

All in all it was a very culturally wholesome camp for the young people who learned of the Gospel, scripture, *their expected social behavior* and how to conduct themselves in the House of God. We appreciate the contribution and assistance of the Presbytery of the Mid-South in showing concern for our inner city youth. May God continue to bless our Presbytery and it's Churches to be able to do ministry that is much needed in our communities.

Respectfully submitted by, Anthony L. Burton Sr., Pastor



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POWER Summer Camp 2011  
August 5, 2011

We were blessed to have had another fun-filled, engaging, and educational eight-week *POWER* Summer Camp! Campers took swim lessons at the Davis YMCA for two weeks, skated weekly at Skateland Raleigh, had modern-dance lessons weekly, saw *Legends of Right* at the IMAX theatre, watched three movies at the Paradiso movie theatre on the day that they opened, went to a matinee at AutoZone Park to watch the Memphis Redbirds play, bowled at FunQuest Bowling Lanes in Collierville, and took part in a week-long presentation by Tekeela Green, Public Health Coordinator with the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, that included a pretest, instruction, and a posttest on the benefits of eating healthy and staying active.

Because math and science continue to be problematic subjects for our participants, this summer we had week-long math and science tutorials that were taught respectively by certified teachers. Campers also engaged in a week-long study of Oral Communication which included the study and practice of the writing stages and oral presentation techniques; the final product was that campers dressed up, made Oral Presentations, and attended a reception that followed.

One of our most fulfilling and rewarding experiences was partnering with MIFA in their Meals-on-Wheels program; campers delivered lunches to the elderly and shut-in once in June and again in July. Our day trip was to Nashville, Tennessee where we had a guided tour of Fisk University by the Dean of Admission, thoroughly enjoyed Nashville Shores Water Park, and had dinner at Red Robin restaurant in Jackson, Tennessee. Our culminating event was the annual camp recital. The theme this summer was *The Transforming Power of Dreams*. Campers led and recited the camp pledge and creed, read scripture, led prayer, performed in a dramatic piece that included poetry, dance, and song, and expressed words of gratitude to the many that were in attendance.

God Bless,  
Cynthia D. Johnson Program Director

## **Liberation Community Church- Memphis, TN**

**Kamp Kid in Christ** is history for another year and how quickly the time goes during these five weeks of kamp! It is hard to believe that I have *been* directing this kamp for the past eighteen years. I cannot even begin to comprehend how many lives have been touched throughout our community from this program. We even have some adults that attended Kamp KIC, whose children are now attending. That is a long time and definitely makes me feel old!

Our theme this year was **RENEW-Grow in Faith, Have Fun, Change the World!!** We focused on Jesus' Parable of the four soils. We have sown many seeds in a couple of garden spots. Weekly, watch them grow (and not grow), pulled weeds, watered and nurtured them. We have related this parable to our Spiritual life and found planting seeds in a garden are much like planting Jesus' seeds in our hearts. Many times it is not easy for seeds to grow and they must be attended to- keep the soil tilled, watered and weeded if we want our vegetables and flowers to grow. We also must keep our hearts tilled so God's Word can take root in our Spiritual lives as well. We talked about the different soils and how thorns and rocky soil cause plants to wither and die and challenges in our lives are much like the thorns and rocky soil. We also talked about the "good soil" that produce 30, 60, even 100 folds of the seed that was planted. God wants our lives to be like that. He wants us to spread his Word, by our actions and words to many and to take care of the earth that he has created and provided for us to live in. We focused on recycling and really living together to take care of the earth. We recycled lots of things, made compost, created art from trash. We sang songs, visited the nursing home, sang for shut-ins and delivered potted flowers to them. We visited a farm and a farmer explained in detail how much goes in planting crops. We saw the different variety of seeds he plants, the equipment he uses to take care of the fields, and then he also tied it to the parable that we had been learning about. We recycled old t-shirts and made them into new tie-dyed shirts that we wore to our program. A great time we have had with 33 children enrolled and 5 youth volunteers that came each day and either helped in the class room or in the snack or craft area.

3 Young adults worked along beside me in this program and I promise they learn just as much as the children.

Our closing program brought in a packed sanctuary of family and friends to witness firsthand the songs and parable that the children learned about this year. Another successful kamp and we cannot express in words how grateful we are to the Mid-South Presbytery for helping us make this happen.

Thank you!

Love through Christ,

Shirley Hartsfield

**First Presbyterian Church - Caruthersville, MO**

- B. Rev. Ken Letterman asked that the family of Ned Hollingsworth, a former pastor at Evergreen, be remembered. Ned passed away a week ago.
- C. Attention was drawn to flyers in regard to Summer Camp at Pinecrest, the October Women's Retreat, the Spring 2012 PW Gathering, Myths and Facts about Evangelism, and a Storytelling Festival at Balmoral Church. Brochures and flyers are available in the Presbytery office.

#### **Resolution of Thanks**

Marty Becker, elder representative from Evergreen Church, shared the following resolution: On behalf of the Presbytery of the Mid-South members and guests, be it resolved that appreciation and sincere thank yous be given for:

1. All the members, the session and pastor, Jenna Groggins, and elder Bill Williams of First Presbyterian Church, Paris who shared their warm and gracious hospitality and talents; and leadership in worship, as well as guest organist Elaine Condor.
2. The Stated Clerk for his report and explanation of NewFOG;
3. The Executive and Associate Executive Presbyters for their reports on the Big Tent event at Pinecrest; The Rev. John White for his presentation about a mission of 1<sup>st</sup> Jackson.
4. The Committees for their unceasing work for our Presbytery;
5. The opportunity to share in discussions both as a corporate body and in small groups where we can speak and agree to disagree on issues bringing out the diversity of our Presbytery as well as our oneness in Christ;
6. The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit that are always with us.

#### **Adjournment**

It was moved – seconded – passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Moderator Blair closed the meeting with prayer.







