

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR – 2013

August

- 09-10 Main Event – South Highland
- 13 Board of Pensions Meeting, 2:00 – First-Tuscaloosa
- 14 Board of Pensions Meeting, 11:00 and 1:00 -- Independent
- 15 Presbytery Meeting – Presbyterian Home for Children
- 16-17 CPM Retreat
- 18 Ordination/Installation of Barrett Abernethy at First-Livingston, 4:00 p.m.
- 26-27 Bama Days – Presbyterian Student Center, Tuscaloosa

September

- 02 Office closed for Labor Day
- 10 Commission for Ministry, South Highland, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Auburn Pastor/Student Day
- 15 Installation of Cathy Hoop at University, 3:00 p.m.
- 22 Installation of Ben Acton at Southminster, 3:00 p.m.

October

- 7 Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Presbytery Office, 9:30 a.m.
- 8 Commission on Ministry, South Highland, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Board of Pensions Retiree Luncheon at the Club, 12:00 Noon

November

- 21 Presbytery Meeting at Shades Valley
- 27 Office closes at noon for Thanksgiving Holidays

December

- 23 Office closes at noon for Christmas holidays

January, 2014

- 01 Office closed in observance of New Year's Day
- 02 Office opens at 8:30 a.m.
- 14 Commission on Ministry, South Highland, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Birthday

MINUTES

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
Synod of Living Waters
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Stated Meeting
May 9, 2013

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WILL

As the people of God, whenever we gather, we do so as the forgiven, redeemed, and called people to joyfully embrace and reverently discover God's will for us. Therefore, we intentionally construct our time together around practices unique to the church such as prayer, hymn singing and scripture reading.

We do so first of all because it is our very purpose. Secondly, as we draw closer to God through the thin space these practices of faith have created, we not only have greater spiritual wisdom to discern God's will, but the courage to act on the call of Christ as the whole people of God.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met in the Stated Meeting on May 9, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church, Bessemer, Alabama.

Throughout these minutes, Teaching Elders are indicated by an asterisk (*).

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Moderator Neil McCarter* who then offered the convening prayer. On advice of the Stated Clerk, a quorum was declared by the Moderator.

The Rev. Randy Kesler, pastor of the host church, welcomed the assembly.

ORGANIZATION

Adoption of the Docket

The docket was adopted, as amended, by common consent. (See Appendix A for Amended Docket)

Seating of Corresponding Members

Mary Ann McKibben Dana*, National Capital Presbytery; Charles Webster*, White Water Valley Presbytery.

Recognition of First-time Elders and Visitors

The Moderator recognized all first-time elders who were introduced to the body.

Appointment of Prayer Listener and 2013 Bills and Overtures Committee

Lin Veasey, CRE was nominated by the Moderator as the Prayer Listener. Rachel Winter*, Adam Borneman*, and ruling elder Linda Harris were nominated for the 2013 Bills and Overture Committee. All nominees approved by acclamation.

Teaching Elders

Ministers Present (55) Excused (62) Absent (11)

Alexander, Frank HR	E	Harmon, Dawson, HR	P	Patton, Roger HR	E
Andreasen, Sam HR	E	Hawks, Richard, HR	E	Penson, Gozie HR	E
Atkerson, Rick	P	Hay, Robert	P	Porter, Mary HR	P
Bang, Yo Chang	P	Hayes, Jeff	P	Price, Sandra HR	E
Bird, Shelaine	P	Hevener, Shawn	E	Pyburn, Richard	E
Bledsoe, Lynn	E	Hibbard, Norman HR	P	Quiroz, Horacio	A
Booth, Ben HR	E	Holmes, Wendy	P	Rains, Tom HR	E
Borneman, Adam	P	Homer, John HR	E	Rankin, Kitty	A
Brooks, Richard	P	Hurley, Ed	P	Reddick, Ross	P
Brown, Taylor, HR	E	Hurst, Clyce HR	P	Reed, Leanne	P
Broyles, Vernon, HR	P	Im, Seong Cheog	A	Reed, Kathryn	E
Bruchey, Wayne HR	E	Inman, Robert F. HR	E	Reed, Nick	P
Burgess, Sid	P	Jeong, Junmo	A	Rice, David	P
Burton, Rebecca	E	Jones, William, HR	E	Scarborough, Leeann	P
Carleton, Rhon HR	E	Kelso, Hugh, HR	E	Sellers, Lou Ann	P
Carter, Clyde HR	E	Kesler, Randy	P	Sharps, Conrad	P
Casey, Lydia	P	Kim, Sung-Woong	P	Shelton, Jack HR	E
Chandler, Doris	P	Kirstein, John, HR	E	Seitz, Craig, HR	E
Chaney, Patsy HR	P	Knox, Harold HR	E	Sims, Charles HR	P
Chinula, Donald	A	Laack, Lee HR	E	Slane, Joe	E
Cho, Timothy	A	Laney, Susan	E	Speaker, Cary	E
Clark, Molly HR	P	Love, Bill, HR	E	Stanford, Jim, HR	E
Clayton, Susan	E	McCarter, Neil HR	P	Stephens, Dan	P
Clendenin, Monty HR	E	McClendon, Bruce	P	Stephens, Gerald HR	E
Coker, Jeff HR	E	McClure, John	A	Taylor, Sherwood HR	E
Covington, Frank, HR	E	McClure, Peggy HR	E	Thompson, Ben HR	E
Crutchfield, Bob HR	E	McCollum, Sid	P	Tice, Lisa	A
Dantzler, Bill HR	E	McCormick, Mark	E	Todd, Taylor	P
Davis, Becky	E	McElrath, Pete HR	E	Toppins, John HR	E
Duke, Mickey HR	E	McElveen, William HR	E	Truesdell, Jim	P
Durham, Charles	P	McLaughlin, Wayne, HR	E	Turner, Lucy	P
Durham, Erica	E	McKean, Mac HR	E	Vernon, Candasu	E
Ephraim, James	P	Moon, Hak Bae	A	Waters, Dana HR	P
Epting, Bobbi	P	Mullins, Bill HR	E	Watson, Cody	P
Frandsen, Michael	A	Myalsingh, Emerson HR	E	Webster, J. Shannon	P
Feagin, Debbie	P	Nettles, Sam HR	E	Wells, Jim, HR	E
Frease, Matthew	P	Newland, Terry	P	Wills, Bill	P
Genau, Joe	P	Northen, Margaret HR	E	Winter, Rachel	P
Gilmer, Ron	E	O'Neill, Elizabeth	P	Winter, Tom HR	P
Goodlett James	P	Oh, Jyung, Ho	E	Winton, Carlton, HR	E
Goodrich, Elizabeth	P	Oliver, Catherine	P	Yarboro, Jonathan	P
Grice, Kenneth HR	E	Owens, Michelle	E		
Hanna, Richard	A	Patton, Finley HR	E		

Commission Ruling Elders with Vote

Present (4) Excused (1) Absent (6)

Arellano, Ben	P	Jones, Rick	A
Bonner, Jeff	P	Roser, Don	A
Dodson, Beverly	P	Sausser, Bill	E
Eich, Sharon A.	A	Veasey, Lin	P
Harrison, John	A	Wood, George	A
Haynes, Ernie	A		

**Elder Officers/Div. Moderators/Council Members w/Vote
Present (6) Excused (2) Absent (2)**

Carmichael, Jane	A	Hudson, Keener	A
Clark, Coke	P	Jordan, Carolyn	P
Frennea, Rick	P	Park, Duke	P
Hamrick, Debbie	E	Smith Leola	E
Susan Haskell	P	Widell, Janet	P

Elders

Number in parenthesis by church name indicates the number of commissioners authorized. "NR" indicates that the church did not have elder representation. There are eighty-three churches in Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. Thirty-Seven Commissioners were present.

Alexander City	First (1)	Mary Lloyd White
Alexander City	Robinson Memorial (1)	NR
Annemanie	Arlington (1)	NR
Anniston	Church of the Covenant (1)	NR
Anniston	Church of the Good Shepherd (1)	NR
Anniston	First (1)	NR
Anniston	First United (1)	Debbie D. Miller
Anniston	Korean (1)	NR
Auburn	First (2)	Mary Quinn Burkhardt
		Myrna Walker
Bessemer	First (1)	Heinz Skolud
Bessemer	Good Hope (1)	NR
Birmingham	Bold Springs (1)	NR
Birmingham	Bryan Memorial (1)	NR
Birmingham	Center Point (1)	NR
Birmingham	Chapel in the Pines (1)	Benjamin Craig
Birmingham	Eastminster (1)	NR
Birmingham	Edgewood (1)	NR
Birmingham	Fairfield Highlands (1)	NR
Birmingham	First (1)	NR
Birmingham	First United of Forestdale (1)	NR
Birmingham	Five Mile (1)	Charlotte Bruce
Birmingham	Independent (5)	Jeff Grantham
		Frank Lassiter
		Robert Pless
Birmingham	Korean (1)	NR
Birmingham	Mountain Brook (1)	NR
Birmingham	Oakmont (1)	Judy Mann
Birmingham	Riverchase (1)	Margaret Bowman
Birmingham	Second (1)	Hazel Bowden
Birmingham	Shades Valley (1)	Henry McPherson
Birmingham	South Highland (2)	Tom Buck
Birmingham	Southminster (1)	Jerry Snead
Birmingham	Trinity (1)	NR
Birmingham	Westminster (1)	Thelma Gibson
Cuba	Cuba (1)	NR
Camden	New Trinity (1)	NR
Carbon Hill	First (1)	Bill Williams

Dadeville	First (1)	Betty Litsey
Dadeville	Woods (1)	NR
Eufaula	First (1)	Carol Kleinhoff
Gardendale	Gardendale (1)	NR
Goodwater	First (1)	NR
Green Pond	Green Pond (1)	NR
Jacksonville	First (1)	NR
Lafayette	Lebanon (1)	NR
Leeds	First (1)	NR
Livingston	First (1)	Pam Hall
Livingston	Hadden (1)	NR
Magnolia	Rock Springs (1)	NR
Marion Junction	Marion Junction (1)	NR
Montevallo	Montevallo (1)	Jane Clayton
Montgomery	Immanuel (1)	Nancy Brennan
Montgomery	Korean (1)	NR
Montgomery	Memorial (1)	Peggy Allen
Montgomery	Westminster (1)	Robert Pass
Moundville	Saint James (1)	NR
Northport	Bethel (1)	NR
Odenville	Odenville (1)	NR
Opelika	Korean	NR
Oxford	Dodson Memorial (1)	NR
Phenix City	First (1)	NR
Piedmont	First (1)	NR
Plantersville	Mount Pleasant (1)	NR
Reform	First (1)	NR
Selma	First (1)	Oscar Bostick
Selma	Harper Chapel (1)	NR
Selma	Northern Heights (1)	Barbara Fears
Selma	Pisgah (1)	NR
Selma	Valley Creek (1)	NR
Springville	Springville (1)	NR
Sylacauga	First (1)	Craig Stickley
Talladega	First (1)	NR
Troy	Williams Memorial (1)	NR
Trussville	Grace (1)	Gary Brown
Tuscaloosa	Brown Memorial (1)	Ben L. Winston
Tuscaloosa	Covenant (1)	NR
Tuscaloosa	First (3)	George Miller
		Ford Simpson
		C.M. Newton
Tuscaloosa	Korean (1)	Fun Yu
Tuscaloosa	University (1)	Lena B. Prewitt
Tuskegee	First (1)	NR
Tuskegee	Ramsay Memorial (1)	NR
Tuskegee Institute	Westminster (1)	Thomas Graham
Union Springs	Union Springs (1)	NR
Wetumpka	First (1)	J.D. Hudson

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Moderator Neil McCarter led the call to worship and gave the opening prayer. After praise was offered through hymn, Debbie Miller called us to confession and led the prayer of confession.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

The Reverend Mary Ann McKibben Dana offered the Prayer for Illumination followed by the reading of God's word from the Gospel of John 2:1-11. Her sermon was titled, "The Hour has Come."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The generous offering received will be divided equally between the Presbytery's discretionary fund and CPM for use by candidates.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The invitation to the Lord's Table was given by Randy Kesler* and Lydia Casey*. Communion was observed by those gathered.

THE MINISTRY AND WORK OF OUR PRESBYTERY

Report from Council – Moderator of Council, Jonathan Yarboro* thanked Synod Executive, Terry Newland*, for his immense help in the work to create a process for developing new strategies for the future work of Presbytery. He then shared with the Presbytery the Council had concluded that in this year of transition, outside help is now needed to determine how we are to go forward. (See Appendix B for the full Council report.)

Council Moderator presented two Motions for Presbytery vote.

Motion (1) The Presbytery Council Finance Committee recommends for presbytery approval the appointment of Tyler Jenkins as Presbytery Treasurer. Mr. Jenkins will assume his duties as soon as practically possible. The salary for this position will be \$350 a month. (There is a current budgeted surplus that can absorb this expenditure.) **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion (2) The Presbytery Council Finance Committee recommends for presbytery approval the allocation of \$10,000 from Presbytery Reserve Fund #0880900 for the purpose of office maintenance upon the approval of the Board of Trustees. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Board of Trustees report - Richard Brooks, Chair of Trustees presented four motions for vote.

Motion 1: Edgewood Presbyterian Church Loan

Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Homewood wants to pursue a capital improvement project of \$145,000 beginning in May of 2013. Part of the funding for this project will be an \$85,000 loan from the General Assembly. Such a loan will be guaranteed by both the church and the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. Therefore, Edgewood Presbyterian Church requests approval from Presbytery to receive this \$85,000 G.A. loan. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion 2: Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church Lease

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church in Hoover wants to lease their property to Bluff Park Community Church. This proposed lease will be become effective April 21, 2013 and will provide needed revenue for Chapel in the Pines Church while providing necessary sanctuary and fellowship space for the community church. Therefore, Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church requests approval from the Presbytery to enter into this lease. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion 3: Vanderbilt Road Church Property

There is a piece of property on Vanderbilt Road that is still listed by the courthouse in the name of the old Birmingham Presbytery. It is requested that the Presbytery provide a quitclaim deed to an unsubstantiated entity so that they can claim ownership of this property. Therefore, the Board of

Trustees requests authorization to provide a quitclaim deed to the Vanderbilt property. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Motion 3: First Presbyterian Church Wetumpka requests permission to negotiate a swap of non-contingent property owned by the church for contingent property owned by the City of Wetumpka. The swap will not involve any exchange of funds. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Rationale: The City of Wetumpka recently purchased property contingent to the existing campus of First Presbyterian Church Wetumpka for the purpose of developing a public parking lot. The city would like to incorporate non-contingent property currently owned by the church into that project and is proposing a swap with the church of non-contingent property for additional footage contingent to the existing church campus. If approved, the church expects to have a settlement negotiated within the next thirty days.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK – Elizabeth Goodrich*

For the Omnibus Motion:

To record the following actions

- A. Approval of the minutes of the February 21, 2013 presbytery meeting with corrections.
- B. Approval of excuses received for today's meeting: Shawn Hevener, Michelle Freeman Owens, Candasu Vernon, Lynn Bledsoe, Mark McCormick, Ron Gilmer, Kathy Reed, Susan Laney, Cary Speaker, Becky Burton, Eva Carter, Clyde Carter, Becky Davis, Erica Durham, Joe Slane, Richard Pyburn, Bill Sauser, Jyung Ho Oh, Susan Clayton.
- C. To record the reading of Session minutes for Edgewood Presbyterian Church.

The Omnibus Motion was approved.

To record as information

- A. Attached 2012 Statistical Report (**See Appendix C**)
- B. Training for Clerks of Session and the reading of Session minutes will take place on Saturday, June 8 from 9am to noon. Clerks are encouraged to attend and bring 2012 Session minutes to be read.
- C. Members of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's Permanent Judicial Commission will join PJC members from Alabama, Florida and Mississippi for a joint training session in Birmingham on June 10, 2013. Laurie Griffith will do the training, and Shades Valley Presbyterian Church will host.
- D. The presbytery received communication from the Presbyterian Mission Agency that Bennett Alldredge (member First Tuscaloosa, camping program alum) has been selected by the Presbyterian Mission Council to serve in mission on behalf of the PC(USA) as a Young Adult Volunteer in South Korea, August 2013 to July 2014.
- E. The presbytery received correspondence from the Presbyterian Home for Children expressing gratitude for this presbytery's generous support of the Home.
- F. The Dadeville Administrative Commission has met with the Dadeville Session and progress is being made. Rev. Ross Reddick is the Session Moderator.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM) – Leeann Scarbrough*

Action taken to report to Presbytery

- 1. Approved the CIF for First, Auburn Interim.
- 2. Approved the request from Bold Springs that Ernie Haynes, CRE, continue as supply.
- 3. Approved Ernie Haynes, CRE, to officiate at communion at Center Point April 7.
- 4. Approved the request from Harper Chapel to continue the relationship with George Wood, CRE.

5. Approved the request from Memorial, Montgomery to continue the relationship between Ben Arellano, CRE, and John Knox Manor.
6. Approved the request from Dodson Memorial to continue the relationship with the Rev. Becky Davis.
7. Approved the request from Mount Pleasant to continue the relationship with Rev. Ira Blanchard.
8. Approved the request from Springville to continue relationships with Dr. Jeff Hayes and Rev. Mac McKean.
9. Approved the request of New Trinity to continue the relationship with Rev. Kenneth Thomas, Baptist.
10. Approved the request from South Highland to continue the Parish Associate relationships with Rev. Susan Laney and Rev. Molly Clark.
11. Approved sabbatical plans for Rev. Cary Speaker and Rev. Randy Kesler.
12. Approved the request from Cary Speaker and Mountain Brook that Catherine Oliver be "Sabbatical Pastor and Moderator" during his sabbatical April 1-June 30.
13. Approved the request from Westminster, Birmingham, that Rev. Joe Reid's contract be extended through March, 2014, including the duties of moderating the session.
14. Approve the request from Memorial, Montgomery to continue the relationship with Charles Sims through 2013.
15. Approved Joseph Scrivner as Stated Supply for Brown Memorial, Tuscaloosa with permission to administer the sacraments and moderate the session.
16. Record Informational Report on Commissioned Ruling Elders by Beverly Dodson. (**See Appendix D**)
17. Robert Emerick has completed all requirements of the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program through Dubuque Seminary Program and is certified to be commissioned if called and to be placed on the Supply list.

Action Required

1. Approve Barrett Abernethy for ordination and installation and presbytery membership to accept a call as Pastor at First, Livingston, effective, July 21, 2013. He is a candidate for Ministry under the care of this presbytery and will be graduating from Austin Seminary. He preached for and has been examined by COM and the examination was sustained. Terms of call: Cash salary \$32,600; Housing 15,000; Travel (reimburse at IRS rate); Continuing Education 1,000; Board of Pensions 15,600. His ordination/installation service will take place on Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at First-Livingston. His commission consists of Rev. Ross Reddick; Rev. Rick Atkerson; Rev. James Goodlet; Rev. Patsy Chaney; Elder Patti Winter, First-Birmingham; Elder Lena Prewitt, University-Tuscaloosa; Elder Chip Wood; First-Livingston. **MOTION APPROVED. (SEE APPENDIX D for Faith Statement and Faith Journey)**
2. Approve Rev. Bruce McClendon as a member of the presbytery to become pastor at First, Alex City effective June 1, 2013. He has been examined by the COM and the examination was sustained.
Terms of call: Cash salary \$25,000; Housing 11,000; Utilities 3,000; Insurance Premium 1,500; SECA 1,912.50; Effective Salary 42,412.50; Board of Pensions 13,359.44. His installation date is Sunday, June 30, 2013. Commission to install: Rev. Neil McCarter, Rev. Ross Reddick, Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich; Elders: Ronny Weathers, First Alex City, Ben Arellano, Memorial. **MOTION APPROVED. (SEE APPENDIX D for Faith Statement and Faith Journey)**

3. Approve Rev. Charles Webster as a member of presbytery to become the Transitional Pastor at First, Auburn. He has been examined by the COM and the examination was sustained.

MOTION APPROVED. (SEE APPENDIX D for Faith Statement and Faith Journey)

4. Approve Rev. Yoo Chang Bang as a member at large effective May 9, 2013. He is serving as Parish Associate at Montgomery Korean Presbyterian Church. He has been examined by the COM and the examination was sustained. **MOTION APPROVED. (SEE APPENDIX D).**

5. Approve the retirement of Rev. Jim Wells effective April 9, 2013. **MOTION APPROVED.**

6. Approve the request from Rev. Thomas Boone to be transferred to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

7. Approve the appointment of an administrative commission consisting of Rev. Terry Newland, Rev. James Ephraim, Elders Debbie Hamrick, Grace, Bobbi Harper, Eastminster to work with Eastminster Presbyterian and Grace Presbyterian per their request on merging the two congregations. The commission shall have the authority to:

- a. Dissolve both congregations and establish a new one.
- b. Call interim pastoral leadership.
- c. Name the new church.
- d. Make recommendations to presbytery trustees regarding the property.
- e. Make other personnel decisions as needed.

MOTION APPROVED.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM) – Susan Haskell, Moderator

FOR INFORMATION:

INQUIRERS

Doug Barr
Micah Dowling
Kevin Henderson
Lindsay Pruitt
Billy Thomas

CHURCH

South Highland, B'ham
Eastminster, B'ham
Edgewood, Bham
Second, Birmingham
First Wetumpka

INSTITUTION

not enrolled
not enrolled
Austin
Graduate
Graduate (Louisville)

CANDIDATES

Barrett Abernethy
Will Christians
Zana Free
Rebecca Mann
Mike McCracken
Brandon Miles
Leigh Ann Min
Lukata Mjumbe
Marilyn Tucker
Caroline Underwood

First Tuscaloosa
Southminster, Bham
First, Birmingham
Immanuel, Montgomery
Independent, Bham
Shades Valley, Bham
First, Birmingham
Brown Memorial
First, Tuscaloosa
Independent, Bham

Austin
Graduate (Columbia)
Graduate
Graduate (Columbia)
Columbia
Graduate (Austin)
Graduate (Columbia)
Princeton
Columbia
Graduate (McCormick)

FOR INFORMATION: Micah Dowling, Eastminster PC has been enrolled as an Inquirer
Drew Bonner, South Highland, has withdrawn from Inquirer status at his request.
Mike McCracken and Barrett Abernethy have received calls from Wynne, Ark and Livingston, AL respectively.

Lukata Mjumbe will be enrolled in the ThM program at Princeton Seminary.

FOR ACTION: no items

Living River Report

Living River representative Benga Harrison reported to the Presbytery that an additional two million dollar investment was needed to begin construction of the six buildings projected. Ninety per cent of this amount has been received in pledges. She urged the churches to pay those pledges. The pastors of South Highland and First Tuscaloosa spoke in support of this campaign. A Living River video was shown to those gathered.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

Moderator McCarter* reconvened the meeting with prayer at 1:00 P.M.

Current First Presbyterian Birmingham pastor J. Shannon Webster* honored the longest serving pastor of First Birmingham, Dr. Edward V. Ramage*. The emphasis was on Birmingham and the 1960's Civil Rights Era and the support given by Rev. Ramage. When Birmingham was in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement, the doors to First Birmingham stayed open to all people. The freezing death of four homeless women was the basis for the beginning of the homeless shelter for women at First Church Birmingham. The Shelter is now First Light. A video entitled "A Year of Transformation 1963" honoring Dr. Ramage* was shown. **(See Appendix E for Song written in memory of Dr. Ramage.)**

Nurture Division Report – Neil McCarter*, Moderator
No action items. **(See Appendix F for full report)**

Mission Division Report - Elizabeth O'Neill*, Moderator

A Living Waters for the World Video was shown. This is a Synod of Living Waters Mission project helping to provide clean water systems around the world.
No action items. **(See Appendix G for full report)**

Development Division Report– Lydia Casey*, Moderator

There is \$2,000 available for persons in our churches wishing to attend Development related events.
No Action items. **(See Appendix H for full report)**

Nominating Committee report – Dana Waters*, Moderator

The Committee Moderator asked that names of those wishing to serve at the presbytery level be sent to the Nominating Committee.

The Committee nominates the following for Presbytery's consideration: MOTION ADOPTED.

Development Division

Class of 2013 Allison Moore -- Auburn
Class of 2015 Joe Slane*
Susan Laney*

Mission Division

Class of 2014 Margaret Craig-Schmidt – Auburn
Class of 2015 Ben Winston – Brown Memorial

Nurture Division

Class of 2013
Evelyn Painter – Shades Valley

2013-14 Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery Youth Council

Youth Members

Class of 2014

Foster Beck	FPC-Tuscaloosa	F
Leigh Ann Cooch	Southminster	F
Lauren Curtner-Smith	FPC-Tuscaloosa	F
Claire Dortch	Southminster	F
Madison Goodwin	Southminster	F
Patricia Howard	Southminster	F
Marla Parks	FPC-Tuscaloosa	F
Julie Potts	FPC-Tuscaloosa	F
Linze Slay	Southminster	F
Ellie Thomson	Independent	F

Class of 2015

Chris Cline	FPC Tuscaloosa	M
Kaily Ford Davis	SHPC	F
Mary Randol Goodwin	Southminster	F
Sarah Hartley	MBPC	F
McKenzie Land	Southminster	F
Lydia Lindsey	Edgewood	F
Maggie McKerley	Southminster	F
Kyle Neighbors	FPC-Tuscaloosa	M
Kathleen O'Neil	FPC-Tuscaloosa	F
Casey Reynolds	Chapel	F
Griffin Sheffield	FPC-Tuscaloosa	M
Lauren Snell	Chapel	F
Blake Winter	Southminster	M

Adult Advisors

Class of 2014

Emily Roberts	FPC Birmingham	F
Patti Winter	FPC Birmingham	F
Lili Kane	Edgewood	F

Class of 2015

Laura Bannon	FPC Auburn	F
Doug Barr	SHPC	M
Andrew McIntosh	FPC Birmingham	M

Class of 2016

James Goodlet*	UofA UKirk	M
Betsy Murphy	Southminster	F

Nick Reed

FPC Tuscaloosa

M

Staff: Robert Hay*

Associate Executive for Nurture

M

*Bold print represents new members; others are currently serving. * Clergy*

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Carolyn Jordan, Moderator

PW in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley were continually blessed this past year with opportunities to fellowship together and to serve in many mission efforts throughout our presbytery and abroad. We enjoyed an excellent Bible Study, "Dispatches to God's Household, The General Epistles" by Nancy Benson-Nicol. A bonus was the presence of Ms. Aymer at the AL/MS PW Conference which was held at Covenant Presbyterian in Huntsville, AL. This study was also enhanced by well done overviews at our four Fall Gatherings.

Mission continues to be a driving force in PW. There was wide spread participation in the Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, and the Mission of the Church Worldwide. PW traditionally is the largest giver of undesignated funds to General Assembly Mission. Thousands of dollars went to the Congo through our "necklace" ministry and to the Synod project, Living Waters for the World. Many "hands on" efforts were also reported and numerous mission efforts were supported financially as well. Favorites were the Presbyterian Children's Home, Columbia Friendship Circle and Mission Haven and our Living River Camp. Also benefiting from PW's generosity were Campus Ministries, three homeless shelters, and Hurricane Relief Centers and many, many more areas of ministry.

Our Annual Spring Gathering was held at Eastminster Presbyterian, Birmingham. Speakers included Presbyterian Home for Children, First Light Shelter, The Congo Ministry project and Jason Edwards, a recipient of a Columbia Friendship Circle Scholarship. Our Communion and worship was beautifully led by the Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler of our Presbytery.

The Moderator has attended and participated in Council meetings as well as Presbytery meetings - both with Voice and Vote and was a voting Delegate to the PW Churchwide Gathering in Orlando, FL. We are greatly appreciative of the support of the presbytery and synod and commit ourselves to "strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to witness to the promise of God's Kingdom" (from the Purpose of PW). We are also grateful for the "connectional" church which binds us to our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Presbytery adjourned by acclamation and closed with prayer offered by Prayer Listener, Lin Veasey at 1:50 P.M.

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley will be August 15, 2013, at Presbyterian Home for Children, Talladega, Alabama.

The Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich
Stated Clerk

Bama Days



August 26th and 27th, 2013

Bama Days is a wonderful time for home church leaders to connect with students in their new campus ministry setting! Invite your pastor, youth director, or a church member to join us for worship, fellowship, and to find out about all the opportunities that Bama UKirk has to offer!

SCHEDULE

Monday, August 26th - 5:30pm

We'll gather for refreshments and fellowship at the Presbyterian student center where you can explore our space and learn about opportunities in campus ministry. This time will be followed by a student-led worship service in the sanctuary of University Presbyterian Church. Afterwards, home church leaders (pastors, youth directors, elders) will take students out to dinner on the town!

Tuesday, August 27th - 9:00am

If your guest chooses to stay overnight, they can join campus ministers Rev. James Goodlet and Rev. Kathy Wolf Reed for breakfast the next morning to talk about how to continue supporting college students when you are away from home.

-spread the word-

Let your home church know about Bama Days – give this flier to your pastor, youth director, or any member of your church and encourage them to come visit you in Tuscaloosa!

Rev. James Goodlet (jgoodlet@fpctusc.org) or Rev. Kathy Wolf Reed (kreed@fpctusc.org) will be happy to answer any questions they might have.

-where to stay-

We suggest the following hotels in Tuscaloosa
as lodging options for your guests:

(rates are comparable and all are close to campus)

The Holiday Inn Express – 1120 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.

The Hampton Inn – 600 Harper Lee Drive

Hotel Capstone – 320 Paul W. Bryant Drive

-where to eat-

We will have a list of suggested restaurants available at the Monday night worship service for anyone who might not be familiar with the Tuscaloosa area.

-just too far?-

If no one from your home church is able to make the trip to T-town, we still want you to come! We will connect you with another group so that you can enjoy a free dinner too.

Even if you are out-of-state, we'd love to connect with your home church to update them on campus ministry news!! Check us out online!!

WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.FPCTUSC.ORG/COLLEGE](http://www.fpctusc.org/college)



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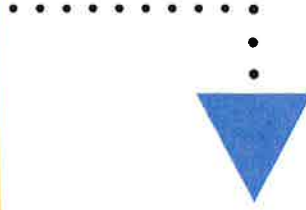
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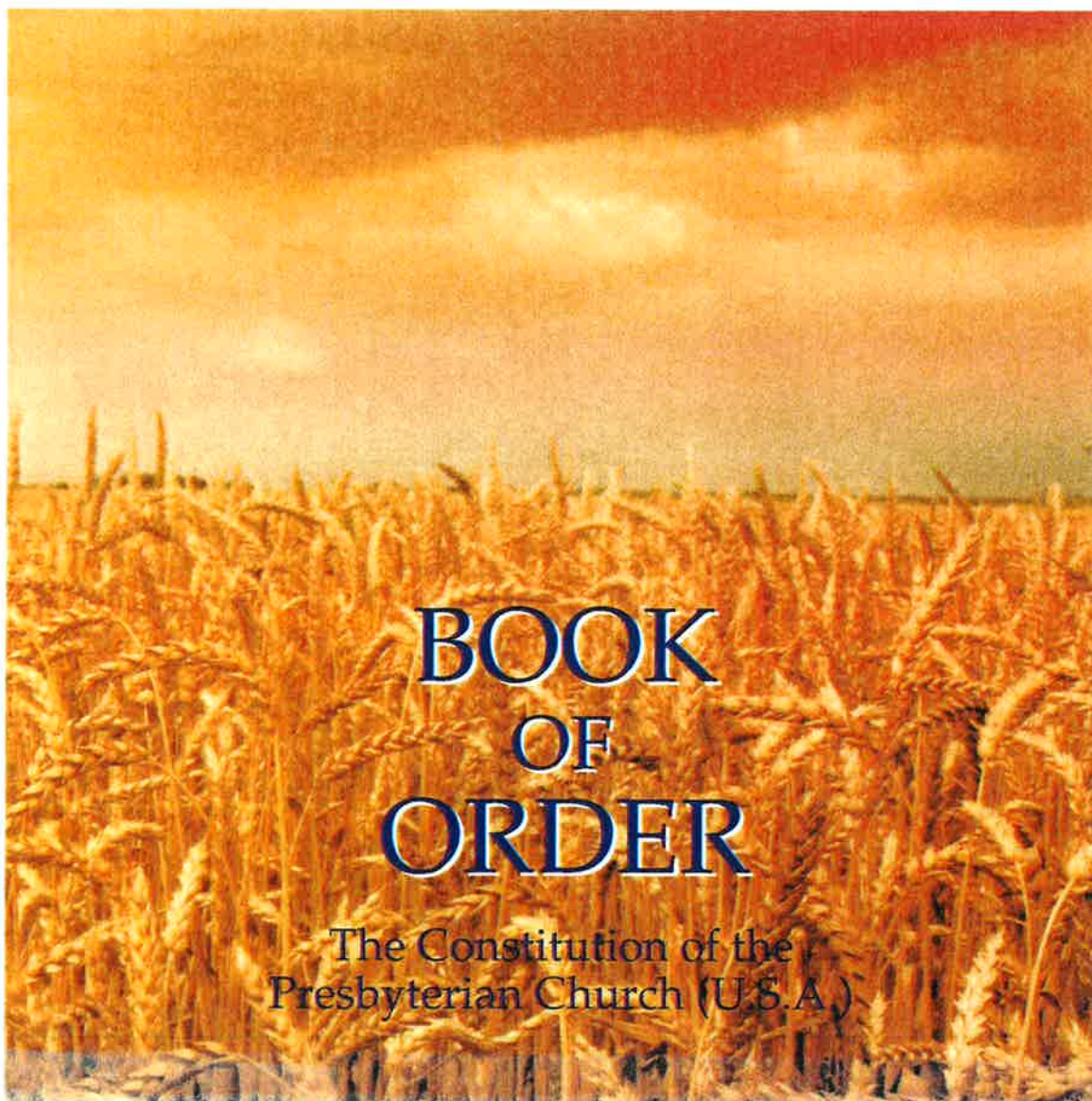
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