

Minutes
PRESBYTERY OF SAINT ANDREW

CALLED MEETING

10:00 a.m. on June 12, 2007
First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Mississippi

A meeting of the Presbytery of St. Andrew was held at 10:00 a.m. on June 12, 2007 in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Mississippi on the call of the moderator, and at the request of the Rev. Tom Groome, the Rev. Gregory A. Goodwiller, Elder Iris Stacker (Calvary, Greenville), and Elder Frank Chiles (FPC, Starkville).

The meeting was called to order and an opening prayer was offered by the moderator.

Attendance:

Ministers of Word and Sacrament (17): Elders (17):

Bunnell, Erin	Waller, Nolan (Council)
Cochrane, Rita	Chiles, Frank (Council)
Douglas, Rusty	Ramsey, Dero (Council)
Etua, Joseph	Swoope, Wileta (Council)
Goodwiller, Greg	Pounders, Jean (Aberdeen, FPC)
Groome, Tom	Gullick, Richard (Lamar)
Hatcher, Robert	Huddleston, Jodie (Leland)
Kelly, Ann	Taylor, A.M. (Nesbit)
Landry, Kent	Kidd, Gary (Pontotoc, FPC)
Manuel, Wendell	Hicks, Phyllis (Southaven, Providence)
McBride, Olin	Gamel, Susan (Starkville, FPC)
McKee, Barbara	Rogers, Bob (Starkville, Osborn)
Richardson, Ron	Green, Sara (Starkville, Trinity)
Sisson, Sandra	Armentrout, Judy (Tupelo, FPC)
Williamsen, Heather	Thomas, Daintry (Tupelo, FPC)
Wilson, Don	Marshall, Andrea (Van Vleet)
Winter, Milton	Deavers, Souzen (Westpoint, FPC)

Visitors (16):

Louise Waller, Ferrell Cunningham, Ann Chiles, Jimmy Jawhar, Mary Ann Wilson, Willard Williams, Mary Boteler, Bill Swoope, Shirley Riter, Charles Bryson, Nancy Bryson, Cameron Beaty, Chester McKee, Sara Wilson, Martha Wells, and Graham Wells.

A quorum was declared present, and the Minister Members not present and congregations not represented for this called meeting were excused by common consent.

The following individuals were appointed by the Moderator to approve the minutes of the meeting on behalf of the presbytery:

The Rev. Ron Richardson
Elder Jodie Huddleston (Leland)

As a point of personal privilege, the moderator recognized the Rev. Milton Winter, Resource Center Director and Historian for the Presbytery of St. Andrew, who offered appreciation to Elder Charles Bryson on the presbytery's behalf for Dr. Bryson's water color rendering of the Leland Presbyterian Church which he painted on the occasion of that congregation's recent Centennial Celebration and a copy of which he recently donated to the presbytery to hang in the presbytery office.

The moderator then stated the call for the meeting, which is as follows:

The purpose of the meeting is to examine two candidates for membership in the presbytery, ordination, and installation as: Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbus (Candidate Tom Bryson) and Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Starkville (Candidate Joey Sherrard).

The moderator then discussed procedures for the meeting. It was moved by Elder Frank Chiles, seconded, and approved to dissolve into committees to hear the candidates' sermons in accordance with G-14.0305j.(6). The Rev. Robert (Chip) Hatcher and the Rev. Sandra Sisson were appointed moderators of the committees.

The Presbytery recessed at 10:14 a.m. to hear the candidates' sermons, then re-convened at 10:42 a.m. to continue the examinations.

The Rev. Chip Hatcher moved on behalf of his committee that the sermon of Tom Bryson be sustained as satisfactory. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

The Rev. Sandra Sisson moved on behalf of her committee that the sermon of Joey Sherrard be sustained as satisfactory. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Elder Frank Chiles, moderator of the Committee on Ministry, was then recognized. He presented both candidates to the body and briefly described the examination process. He then recognized Elder Mary Boteler, who led the examinations of the candidates, with the assistance of other members of the Committee on Ministry and the presbytery.

The candidates were examined in their Christian faith and their views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of the church in accordance with G-14.0402, and the candidates affirmed their willingness to abide by all mandatory provisions of the *Book of Order*, including G-6.0106b, in accordance with the presbytery's *Manual of Operations*.

Each section of the examinations was sustained on voice vote, after which it was moved by Frank Chiles, seconded, and approved that the examinations be sustained as a whole, and that the candidates be enrolled into the membership of the Presbytery of St. Andrew upon their Service

of Ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament, and their signing of the Book of Ministerial Obligations. It was further moved that the Candidates be installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbus (Tom Bryson), and Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Starkville (Joey Sherrard).

Terms of Call for the Candidates, which have been approved by the Committee on Ministry, were reported for information, as follows:

Tom Bryson (to FPC, Columbus as Pastor)	Joey Sherrard (to FPC, Starkville as Assoc.)
Salary	Salary
\$21,850	\$28,000
Housing Allowance:	Housing Allowance:
18,000	8,500
SECA (full)	SECA (full)
3,048	2,793
Travel:	Travel:
4,253	3,200
Continuing Education	Continuing Education
1,100	1,300
Clergy/Spouse Retreat.	Clergy/Spouse Retreat.
300	300
Board of Pensions (full)	Board of Pensions (full)
12,154	12,377
 4 wks vacation/2 wks study leave	 4 wks vacation/2 wks study leave
Clergy/Spouse Retreat 1 weekend	Clergy/Spouse Retreat 1 weekend
Participation in First Call Events	Participation in First Call Events
full moving expenses	full moving expenses
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\$60,705	\$56,470

Elder Frank Chiles then moved that the following Administrative Commissions be appointed to conduct the Services of Ordination and Installation. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote:

To ordain and install Tom Bryson as Pastor of FPC, Columbus at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2007:

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| The Rev. Olin McBride, Moderator | Elder Charles Bryson (Leland) |
| The Rev. Kent Landry | Elder Katy Bryson (FPC, Tupelo) |
| The Rev. Chip Hather | |

To ordain and install Joey Sherrard as Associate Pastor of FPC, Starkville at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23, 2007:

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| The Rev. Olin McBride, Moderator | Elder Sara Wilson (FPC, Starkville) |
| The Rev. Greg Goodwiller | Elder Bob Rodgers (Starkville, Osborn) |
| The Rev. Tom Bryson (pending ordination) | Elder Sara Green (Trinity, Starkville) |

To sit with the Commission: The Rev. Alan Poole, Minister Member of the Presbytery of New Hope.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer for the Candidates by the Rev. Erin Bunnell.

Gregory A. Goodwiller, Stated Clerk



Approved June 14, 2007

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