

## **MINUTES**

### **June 6, 2010**

West Tennessee Presbytery met in regular session at the Union City Cumberland Presbyterian Church, June 6, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Moderator Clinton Buck called the meeting to order.

**Quorum:** A quorum was declared. Registration showed 35 ministers, 37 elders, plus 10 licentiates and 7 candidates. See **Attendance** marked **Appendix A** and filed.

**Constituting prayer:** The Rev. Ron McMillan prayed the constitutional prayer.

**Election of Moderator:** The name of the Rev. Clinton Buck was placed in nomination. Mr. Buck was elected by acclamation.

**Adoption of program:** The program was adopted, subject to necessary change.

**Worship:** Dr. Roger Reed led in worship. An offering was received in the amount of \$514.01 for the Beard-Buck Endowment for Cumberland Presbyterian Studies at MTS. Elder Sam Suddath, Moderator of the 179<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, spoke on the subject of Sowing the Seeds based on Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23. The celebration of the Holy Communion was officiated by the Rev. Roger Reed.

#### **Announcements:**

The West Tennessee Presbyterial Pictorial Directory Committee announced that the directories are here and ready to be picked up by those who ordered a copy. Recognition was given to those who served on the committee.

The Rev. Melvin Orr also announced a group from West Tennessee Presbytery was organized to help with clean up and the relief effort from flood damage in Dyersburg and still needs helping hands to continue the clean up and rebuilding of damaged homes. For more information, contact the Rev. Melvin Orr.

Announcements and welcome were given by Pastor Host Roger Reed.

**Recess:** The Moderator led in prayer. Recess was declared for fellowship and refreshments.

**Recess Out:** The Moderator reconvened presbytery for business. The Rev. Jerry Smith led in prayer.

#### **Communications:**

1. Helen Hamilton from Savannah, expressing gratitude for hosting the spring meeting of Presbytery.
2. The Rev. Don Caperton is officially retired. Referred to Clergy Care Ministry Team.
3. The Rev. Doy Daniel, Jr. requested not to serve on the board of missions. Referred to Nominating Committee.
4. The Rev. Elinor S. Brown resignation as Historian of Presbytery. Referred to Nominating committee.
5. The name of Richard Steward was dropped from the roll of ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church by Red River Presbytery at own request.
6. The Rev. J. B. Burns requesting to receive status of honorable retirement. Referred to Clergy Care Ministry Team.

7. Dyersburg District of the United Methodist Church in regard to the Central Union Church was referred to Missions Ministry Team and Board of Trustees.
8. The Rev. Robert Rush requested a Letter of Dismission to Trinity Presbytery was granted with recommendations.

Recognition of Visiting Ministers and elders: Elder Sam Suddath, Moderator of 179<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was recognized.

#### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**Report of the Probationer Care Ministry Team:** The report was divided by recommendations: **Recommendation 1** was adopted. **Recommendation 2** was adopted with the phrase “for the purpose of ordination and receiving and granting letters only” was struck from the report (same phrase struck from Recommendations 4 and 6). **Recommendation 3** was adopted. Recommendation 4 was adopted. **Recommendation 5** was adopted. **Recommendation 6** was adopted. Testimonials were given on behalf of each candidate for ordination. Laura Rose Narowetz was presented for licensure. The Rev. Linda Glenn asked the constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative. The Rev. Jim Ratliff led in a prayer of thanksgiving on behalf of Laura. **Recommendation 7** was adopted. The name of Laura Rose Noriwetz was added to the role of Licentiates in West Tennessee Presbytery. A time to greeting the candidates was granted. The Rev. Johnnie Welch led in a prayer of thanksgiving for the probationers. The report was approved as a whole, marked **Appendix B** and filed.

**Report of Moderator:** The report was referred to the Presbyterial Council with instructions to consider the challenges listed therein and report back at the October meeting of Presbytery, marked **Appendix C** and filed.

**Report of the Task Force on New Church Development:** The report was adopted, marked **Appendix D** and filed.

**Granting of Excuses:** All excuses received with reason were granted, marked **Appendix E** and filed.

#### **Other Presbyterian Business:**

**Missions Ministry Team:** The pastoral relationship between Camden and Carey Womack was approved with the commission to install that included the Reverends Matt Cunningham, William Jones, Stuart Dyer, and Elder Mark Maddox, Dresden Church, to take place July 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Camden Church. The Pastoral relationship between Eric Corbin and Shiloh (CC) Church was approved and his installation will be part of the adjourned meeting on June 12.

**Report of the Board of Trustees:** The report was adopted, marked **Appendix F** and filed.

**Board of Christian Education:** Information was presented for Leader Fest.

**Election of Elder Commissioner to General Assembly:** Elder Ronnie Parks, Milan Church, was elected alternate Commissioner to the 180<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to fill the vacancy of Dave Franklin, Milan Church, who was unable to attend.

**Appreciation to Host Church:** The Moderator expressed gratitude to the Union City congregation for their hospitality.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The minutes were approved as read.

**Adjournment:** Presbytery was adjourned to meet at the Shiloh (CC) Church, Saturday, June 12 at 2:00 P.M.

**Closing Prayer:** The Rev. Tony Janner led in closing prayer.

Moderator, Clinton O. Buck  
Stated Clerk, Earl Phelps

## APPENDIX A ATTENDANCE

[p – present for entire meeting; a – absent without excuse; e- absent with excuse; pa – present for part of meeting but absent at final roll call; pe – excused to leave early; + - permanently excused; ld – letter of dismissal granted; # - received by letter of dismissal; ord – ordained at this meeting/adjourned meeting; \* - provisional minister; %-recognized ordination]

### A. MINISTERS

Hershel W. Akins (a), Merlyn Alexander (+), Barry Anderson (p), Lisa Anderson (e), Larry Bagby (e), David Bayer (a); Larry Blakeburn (a), Elinor S. Brown (a), Mark Brown (a), Clinton Buck (p), J. B. Burns, Jr. (a), George A. Butler (p) George E. Butler (+), Annette Camp (e), Don Caperton (+), Jon Carlock (e), Don Coleman (a), Dudley Condron (+), Gregory Crisp (a), Paul T. Criss (p), Matthew Cunningham (a), \*Bertha Davis (a), Daniel L. Doy, Jr. (p), James Drylie (a), Stuart Dyer (p), Keith Eddleman (a), Joey Edwards (p), Charles Fike (p), Bryan Forester (pe), John Gam (a), Ed Gillock (a), Linda Glenn (p), James R. Hamblin (a), Anne Hames (p), Keith Harwell (a), Sam Harwell (a), David Hawley (p), Donna Heflin (a), Jody Hill (a), Aaron Holmes (+), Francis Howe (a), Pratt Hubbard (p), Robert Hull (+), Terry Hunley (p), Terry Jackson (a), R. Tony Janner (p), \*Woo Seong Jeong (a), Mace Jett (e), C. William Jones (p), Yoong Kim (a), Lori Kleinjan (a), David Lancaster (pa), James M. Latimer (e), Brenda Laurence (e), G. Larry Laurence (e), Eugene Leslie (a), Russell Little (a), Ben Luttrell (a), Geoffery Maynard (a); Walter H. McClanahan (p), Andy McClung (p), Tiffany McClung (e), Ken McCoy (a), Don McCurley (a), Margaret McKee (a), Ron McMillan (p), Mitzi Minor (a), Karen Mosley (a), Zackery Nash (a), Thomas Norton (a), Melvin Orr (p), Ed Perkins (+), Lisa Peterson (pe), Earl Phelps (p), Phillip Pinion (a), Jim Pinnell (e), Duwayne Pounds (a), Jeff Powell (a), Robert Prosser (a), Michael Qualls (e), Jim Ratliff (p), Roger Reid (p), Michael Ridgley (a), Allen Rietz (a), Jana Michelle “Missy” Rose (p), Robert D. Rush (ld), Karl Schwarz (+); Carol Scrivener (a), James A. Smith (e), Jerry Smith (p), Robert A. Smith (a), Don Thomas (a), Tommy Thompson (a), T. Wayne Tompkins (e), Kermit Travis (p), Robert Truax Jr. (e), Gene Turner (a), Dennis Vance, Jr. (p), Hobert Walker (p), Michael C. Walker (a), Frank Ward (a), William Warren (e), Johnny Watson (p), Jonathan Watson (p), Johnnie Welch (p), James Westbrook (a), Bobby Williams (pa), Cory Williams (a), \*Craig Wilson (a), James Wilson (p), Thomas J. Wilson (a), Carey Womack (p), Jae Yu (a).

### LICENTIATES

Daniel Barkley (p), Mitch Boulton (pa); Eric Corbin (p), Jacob Harwell (a), Dana Jett-Rand (p), Michael Lavender (p), Richie Lockhart (pa), Sam Magliolo (pa); JoAnn McClanahan (p), \*Laura Narowitz (p) Wonder Nodoro (pa), Richard Reed (p), Joyce Sims (e)

\* a candidate who was licensed for ministry in this meeting

\*\* to be ordained in special service at later date following meeting of presbytery

### CANDIDATES

Jamie Adams (p), Corey Cummings (pa), Bradley Criswell (a); Brad Gray (a); Urelia Dimo (a), Helen Hamilton (a); Matthew Hendren (a), Pamela Lannon (p); Ho Jin-Lee (a), Debbie Marshall (e); Carey Morris (a), Rian Puckett (p); Steve Rogers (pa) Marian Sontowski (p), Christopher Todd (p), Dennis Weaver (e).

\*\* Indicates person was received as a candidate for ministry

### CONGREGATIONS and DELEGATES

Antioch Union, (a); Atwood, (a); Barren Spring (a); Beech, (a); Bells Chapel, (a); Bethel [TC] (a); Bethesda, (a); Bethlehem (a), Bolivar, **Moorman McAnulty** (p); Bradford, (a); Brunswick, (a); Camden, **Nancy Arnold** (p); Camp Ground (a); Claybrook, (a); Cloverdale (a); Colonial, (a); Concord,

(a); Cool Springs [CC], **Sherry Cockrill** (pe); Cool Springs [GC], **Allison Stewart** (p); Davidson Chapel, **Barbara Cavaness** (p); Double Springs, **Ricky Alexander** (p); Dresden, **Mark Maddox** (p); Dyer, **John McCollum** (p); Dyersburg, **Tracy Clark** (p), **Billy E. Parmenter** (p); Ebenezer [TC] (a); Faith, **John C. Vaughn** (p); Fulton, **Donald R. Moore** (p); Germantown, (a); Gleason, (e); Good Springs, (a); Holly Grove, (a); Hopewell [BC], (a); Hopewell[WC] (e); Humboldt, **Paul E. Giltner** (p); Hurricane Hill, **Janice Lindley** (p); Jackson First, **Fanchor Sargent, Johnny Parnell** (p); Korean (a); Lexington, **Joann Blankenship** (p); Maple Springs, (a); Martin, **Steve Jahr** (e); Mason Hall (a); McKenzie, **Mark Thompson** (p); Meridan, (a); Medina, (a); Milan, **Ronnie Parks** (p); Mill Creek, **Richard Vincent** (pa); Morella (a); Morning Sun, **Tony Stewart** (p); Mt. Ararat, **Rolie Edmaistan** (p); Mt. Carmel, (a); Mt. Gilead (a); Mt. Olive, **Nancy Thompson**, (pa); Mt. Zion, **Jimmy Hill** (pa); \*New Beginning (a); New Bethel, (a); New Bethlehem, (e); New Ebenezer, **Jim Kendall** (pa); New Salem [McC], (a); New Salem [SC], **Benny Long** (p); New Salem [WC], **John Clark** (p); Newbern, **Kay L. Berkley** (p); North Union, (a); Oak Grove, (a); Oak Hill, **Theresa Rushing** (p); Olive Branch First, **Kelly Shepherd** (p); Oliver's Chapel, (a); Olivet, (a); Palestine [DC] (a); Palestine [HC], (a); Parsons, (a); Pleasant Green, (a); Pleasant Grove (a); Pleasant Union, (a); Poplar Grove, **Ann Swim** (p); Protemus, **Betty Rhamy** (p); Ramer (a); \*Redeemer Evangelical, (a); RoEllen, (a); Rutherford, **Hoyt Kemp** (p); Salem, (a); Savannah, **Jimmy D. Channell** (pa); Selmer, (a); Sharon (a); Shiloh [AC] (a); Shiloh [CC], **Vicki Summers** (p); Trezevant, (a); Trimble (a); Troy, (a); Union City, **Charles Armstrong** (p); Walnut Grove, **Ann Penner** (pe) West Union, (a); Woodward's Chapel, (a); Yorkville **Cynthia Roberts** (a); Zion (a).

## APPENDIX B

### REPORT OF THE PROBATIONER CARE MINISTRY TEAM

To the meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery meeting June 06, 2010 at the Union City Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Union City, TN.

God continues to bless West Tennessee Presbytery and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in both the numbers and quality of persons called to ministry in the presbytery. It is almost breath taking when one considers the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the churches of West Tennessee Presbytery. The future of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the kingdom of God will surely be advanced and enriched. The Probationer Care Ministry team is presently serving approximately thirty-six probationers and inquirers.

Eric S. Corbin is serving as Stated Supply Pastor of the Shiloh CP Church, McKenzie, TN. Eric is married to Christy and they have one daughter. Eric Corbin graduated from Memphis Theological Seminary May 15, 2010.

**Recommendation 1:** That Eric S. Corbin be examined by West Tennessee Presbytery at its June 06, 2010 meeting for ordination, and that upon successful completion of the ordination examination that he be approved for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**Recommendation 2:** That Eric S. Corbin be ordained to the gospel ministry at an adjourned meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery. Said meeting, for the purpose of ordination and receiving and granting of letters only, will be held at Shiloh CP Church, McKenzie, TN Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 2:00 pm.

Thomas Richardson Lockhart is a member of the Mt. Zion CP Church, Falkner, MS, where he serves as State Supply Pastor. He is married to Beth and they have three children. Richie graduated from Memphis Theological Seminary May 15, 2010.

**Recommendation 3:** That Thomas Richardson Lockhart be examined by West Tennessee Presbytery at its June 06, 2010 meeting for ordination, and that upon successful completion of the ordination examination that he be approved for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**Recommendation 4:** That Thomas Richardson Lockhart be ordained to the gospel ministry at an adjourned meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery. Said meeting, for the purpose of ordination and receiving and granting of letters only, will be held at Mt. Zion CP Church, Falkner, MS Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 4:00pm.

Jo Ann McClanahan is a member of the Humboldt CP Church, Humboldt, TN. She is married to Walter McClanahan and they have three adult children. Jo Ann has completed the Program of Alternate Studies. She is serving as Chaplain at the Trenton Health Care Center and the Alzheimer's area of the V. A. Home in Humboldt.

**Recommendation 5:** That Jo Ann McClanahan be examined by West Tennessee Presbytery at its June 06, 2010 meeting for ordination, and that upon successful completion of the ordination examination that she be approved for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**Recommendation 6:** That Jo Ann McClanahan be ordained to the gospel ministry at an adjourned meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery. Said meeting, for the purpose of ordination and receiving and granting of letters only, will be held at Humboldt CP Church, Humboldt, TN Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 3:00pm.

Laura Narowetz is a member of the Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She has completed half of her course work at MTS. In addition to her seminary classes she is employed at the Church Health Center of Memphis and is Coordinator of Children and Youth at the Colonial CP Church. She has written a new curriculum about healthy bodies, exercise and portion control plus other topics. She has been asked to help publish a book which will contain articles about health, scripture, exercise and portion control. She has done some preaching and has enjoyed the experience.

**Recommendation 7:** That Laura Rose Narowetz, upon answering the constitutional questions for licensure, be licensed to the gospel ministry.

Respectfully Submitted, The Probationer Care Ministry Team

**MODERATOR'S REPORT TO WEST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY, JUNE 6, 2010**  
Meeting at the Union City Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sisters and Brothers:

West Tennessee Presbytery (WTP) seldom has a report from the Moderator, and it is not required. This report is a result of a series of joint meetings of the Presbytery Council and the New Church Development Task Force (NCD TF) that resulted in asking the Moderator of Presbytery to make a report lifting up some of the concerns of the Council and the NCD Task Force. The Moderator is also the Chair Person of the NCD TF and a member of the Council.

This report reviews some issues in WTP known to many, and it looks toward the future. West Tennessee Presbytery has made remarkable advances in recent years in serving our God. We are now at the crossroads in many respects.

Many people are frustrated with the meetings and work of our Presbytery. In light of our social discontent and individual independence, the overall spirit of presbytery and the participation and financial support of presbytery has been good.

WTP made some remarkable advances in the ministries of the presbytery in recent years. The Probationer Care Ministry Team is serving 35 probationers and inquirers with volunteer and unpaid leadership. The Missions Ministry Team is meeting regularly with some of the 95 churches in the Presbytery that need to connect with Presbytery.

The NCD Task Force is working with five budding churches in the Presbytery: Grace Fellowship in Southaven, Hope Fellowship of Medina, New Beginnings Provisional Fellowship in the Frayser building, Nuevo Empezar Hispanic fellowship meeting in the Highland Heights building, and the Iona Community of Faith. The Task Force meets monthly and values the guidance and support of the Missions Ministry Team of the General Assembly. The Hope Fellowship is the only one of the five new church developments with paid ministerial leadership fulltime. The Presbytery owns 15 acres in Medina, the Frayser building, and the Highland Heights building and uses them for the glory of God.

The above are some of the newer ministries of West Tennessee Presbytery.

The excellent ministry of the Board, the administration, and the volunteers of Camp Clark Williamson are exemplified in the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Camp. The Camp enjoys the administration of Mike Hanaford full time.

Many other valued ministries are being conducted in the camping and leader education of the Christian Education Ministries Team, the Clergy Care Committee, and others.

*West Tennessee Presbytery has listened to the call of God and achieved great advancements in the last 10 years. The 2010 budget for all ministries of Presbytery depends on the financial support of churches in the Presbytery, and it shows growth and challenge. Presbytery has responded to many challenges.*

At this time God has called West Tennessee Presbytery to plan and move forward in several ministries of Presbytery. There are several challenges that God has opened at this time. The major concerns of Presbytery are finances needed for various ministries, the role of the Presbytery Council, the volume of new church development, and the volume of administrative activities required of volunteer leaders. Improved two-way communication between the presbytery and the congregations of the presbytery is needed.

The Council coordinates the unified budget of Presbytery very well and needs to do long range planning with all agencies. The relations of the Presbytery Council and some agencies of Presbytery have not worked well for many reasons. The Presbytery Council will continue to seek ways to make the Council more effective in the coordination of the agencies of Presbytery and in long range planning. For example, ministry teams and the NCD Task Force can't get substantive reports to the Council in time for the Council to meet six weeks before the meeting of Presbytery in March and October. They Council may need to meet more often.

Administration of some of the ministries of Presbytery is becoming larger than volunteers are able to handle.

In order for new churches to grow, additional buildings must be acquired with the assistance of Presbytery and the General Assembly Missions Ministry Team. Ministerial leadership will need to be

enlarged in the new churches. Planned fund raising for capital growth and expanded ministries should be planned and the plans submitted to the October meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery.

I ask West Tennessee Presbytery to accept this report and refer it to the Presbytery Council to consider the challenges and report to the October meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted, The Rev. Dr. Clinton O. Buck, Moderator  
West Tennessee Presbytery

## **APPENDIX D**

### **REPORT OF TASK FORCE ON NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

TO West Tennessee Presbytery meeting at the Union City Cumberland Presbyterian Church, June 6, 2101

The NCD Task Force has continued to follow the direction of presbytery in giving guidance to our projects. Our new structure, approved in the Spring, seems to be working well. Since the last meeting of Presbytery the Task Force has met three times separately and twice jointly with the Presbytery Council for consultation and collaboration. God continues to bless and the challenges, along with the opportunities, continue to present themselves. There will always be resistance and difficulties when the spiritual stakes are high. Rev. Tony Janner was named as our representative to presbytery June 6<sup>th</sup>.

We have been particularly blessed by the opportunity to meet together with the Presbytery Council. This has enabled greater clarification of the mission and needs of NCD in the context of the overall work of the presbytery and will open doors to increased understanding all around. We look forward to collaborating in the ongoing vitality of West Tennessee Presbytery.

We have no recommendations to bring before presbytery this meeting but we wish to reiterate the call for prayer throughout our presbytery for the missionary work of starting new churches in our own back yard. Progress is sometimes slow and difficult, but this effort is an important arm of every church's evangelistic effort. When even one new disciple is made in any of these new works we are all fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ. It takes us all. We should all join the celestial celebration for the "one who is found."

**HOPE CHURCH MEDINA:** Pastor Jonathan Watson reports that morale is generally good. New people continue to begin attendance. The new sign is perceived as helpful to getting new people to visit. The congregation will continue a visitation into their neighborhoods with information about the church. The feedback has been positive.

Regarding the building of Phase I, the Task Force is continuing to pursue the careful process outlined and approved by presbytery in the Spring.

Likewise, as approved by presbytery in the Spring, we are organizing local area gatherings where several churches can come together for fellowship, worship, and to hear of the missionary work being done in the Medina area with their help.

**NEW BEGINNINGS, FRAYSER:** The progress of the relationship continues on a good footing. Members of the Task Force have continued with leadership training and the dialogue continues on a positive track for full membership in the presbytery. The church is continuing to grow. Pastor Craig Wilson will attend PAS again this summer.

The air conditioning system has been fully restored. New Beginnings contributed \$5500 in lieu of rent payments toward this project.

NUEVO EMPRESSAR: We have enlisted the aide of Rev. Milton Ortiz to serve as liaison and mentor for Rev. Bertha Davis. This will improve the communication and give Bertha some helpful assistance from a seasoned NCD pastor with the Latino community.

Respectfully submitted, The Task Force on New Church Development  
Michael Qualls, acting secretary.

## **APPENDIX E EXCUSES**

### I. Request for excuse from entire of June 6, 2010 regular meeting of West Tennessee Presbytery.

#### Ministers

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Larry Bagby     | Preaching at Mt. Carmel   |
| Jon Carlock     | Wife's family re-union  |
| Mace Jett       | First night of Vacation Bible School--Teaching class                            |
| Jimmy Latimer   | Traveling to Florida with Youth Group   |
| Brenda Laurence | Caring for husband  |
| Larry Laurence  | Illness   |
| Tiffany McClung | Session meeting at PCUSA where she preaches                                     |
| Jim Pinnell     | Out-of-town   |
| Michael Qualls  | Funeral in Arkansas   |
| Robert Truax    | On Mission trip throughout Canada and all states bordering Canada except Alaska |
| James A. Smith  | Preaching engagement  |
| William Warren  | On Sabbatical   |

#### Elder Delegates

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| Germantown         | Elder unable to attend               |
| Martin, Steve Jahr | First night of Vacation Bible School |

#### Candidates

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| Debbie Marshall | Family on vacation in Florida |
| Dennis Weaver   | On drill status for week-end  |

### II. Request Excuse to leave early

#### Ministers

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| Lisa Peterson | Self-care |
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#### Elder Delegates

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| Cool Springs (CC) | Prior Commitment                  |
| Walnut Grove      | Riding with pastor, Lisa Peterson |

**Recommendation:** That the above excuses be granted

Presented by Stated Clerk, Earl Phelps

## **APPENDIX F REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To west Tennessee Presbytery meeting at Union City Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 6, 2010

On June 3m 2010 the Board of Trustees met with the Rev. Paul Criss and Elder Benny Long, New Salem Church (SC) sharing their need to sell some property that has come into their possession.

In 2007 this property that is across the road from the church, was purchased by then an elder on the Session, who, through a Foundation to the church was paying for said property as a gift to New Salem (SC) Church. Since this time the elder has had to file bankruptcy and now the debt has fallen back on New Salem Church. The church is smaller now and will have trouble meeting a \$15,000.00 note each November, and is request permission from the presbytery to sell the land.

**Recommendation:** That New Salem (SC) Church be allowed to sell the unimproved property located at 6816 Salem Road, Lakeland, Tennessee, for the amount necessary to retire the debt owed against said property.

Respectfully submitted, The Board of Trustees

**MINUTES**  
**Adjourned Meeting**  
**June 12, 2010**

West Tennessee met in adjourned session Saturday, June 12, 2:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CC).

**Called to Order:** The Rev. Earl Phelps, acting Moderator, called presbytery to order.

**Quorum:** A quorum was declared. The following ministers were present: Barry Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Byron Forester, Linda Glenn, Anne Hames, Robert Hull, Tony Janner, Tiffany McClung, Eugene Leslie, Melvin Orr, Earl Phelps, Frank Ward, William Warren, Johnnie Welch. The following Elder was present: Vickie Summers, Shiloh (CC).

**Opening prayer:** The opening prayer was by the Rev. Byron Forester.

**Welcome:** The Rev. Byron Forester gave the welcome to those present.

**Worship and Ordination Service:** The Rev. Frank Ward prayed the Invocation and led the responsive Call to Worship. The Rev. William Warren prayed the Prayer of Illumination, and read John 1:1-14, and spoke on the subject "And the Word Became Flesh." The choirs of First Church, McKenzie, and Shiloh sang "Here Am I, Lord". The Rev. Barry Anderson introduced the Corbin Family and gave the Statement of Purpose. The Rev. Johnnie Welch asked the constitutional questions. The Rev. Tiffany McClung prayed the Ordination Prayer for the Laying on of hands and gave the declaration. The Rev. Terry Maynard, Grace Presbytery, gave the charge.

**Presentation of Tools of Office:** The Rev. Earl Phelps gave the Certificate of Ordination; a robe was given by the Eugene Leslie Family; stoles were given by Glynda Corbin, Mildred Finley and Mrs. Vickie Summers for the Shiloh Church; the Rev. Linda Glenn presented a Bible given by the Pastoral Care Ministry Team; and the Rev. Tony Janner gave the Communion Set from the Pastoral Development Ministry Team.

**Service of Installation as Pastor:** The Rev. Anne Hames asked the Constitutional questions to the minister, the Session and the Congregation. The Rev. Lisa Anderson prayed the Installation Prayer and declared that the Rev. Eric Corbin had been duly installed as pastor of the Shiloh (CC) Cumberland Presbyterian Church and gave the charge to the pastor.

**Service of Holy Communion:** The Rev. Eric Corbin officiated at the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elders of the church assisted with the deliverance of the elements.

**Presbyterial Business:**

**Name Added to the Roll:** The name of Eric S. Corbin was added to the roll of ordained ministers of West Tennessee Presbytery.

**Visiting Ministers:** The Reverends Terry Maynard, Grace Presbytery, William Corbin, Nashville Presbytery and Darren Kennemer, Robert Donnell Presbytery, were seated as advisory members.

**Minutes Read:** The Minutes were read and approved.

**Adjourned:** Presbytery as adjourned to meet June 27, 2:00 at Mt. Zion Church, Falkner, MS.

**Benediction:** The benediction was given by the Rev. Eric Corbin.

Signed: Earl Phelps, Acting Moderator and Stated Clerk