



# Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



Sept - Dec 2015

## Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Greeneville, Tennessee Stated Session Meeting September 27, 2015

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church Sunday, September 27, 2015. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt, elders Paul Burkey, Kimra Crocker, Charles Brumley, Charlie Harmon, Janice Roberts, Lisa Balabas, Jimmy Lister and Sandra Carter.

The opening devotion was led by Kimra Crocker.

The opening prayer was led by Moderator Wyatt.

Minutes from the July 26, 2015 Stated Session meeting were approved as distributed.

Moderator Wyatt has written to Damascus UMC. requesting a letter of transfer for Eleanor Lowery. He also reported on his activities for August and September.

### Treasurer's Report:

	September	Year-to-date
Collected	\$6,871.00	\$67,234.00
Needed to meet budget	\$7,518.36	\$73,304.01
Difference	(\$647.36)	(\$6,070.01)

### Committee Reports:

**Building:** Filing cabinets have been ordered for the choir room. They are being purchased with money from the Memorial Fund in memory of Jeanette Cross. The cost is \$608.

**Cemetery:** A request has been made recently to the cemetery committee by Phyllis and Roger Fannon to purchase two burial plots. After a brief discussion a motion was made to vote whether or not they be allowed their request. All were in favor to not allow purchase of the plots.

**Mission and Interpretation:** The 2014 financial audit has been completed with no findings. Paul made a motion seconded by Janice the audit report be approved. Motion carried. Paul also presented the 2016 Budget making a motion that it be approved. All were in favor. Paul discussed with the Session where to allocate the 25% of the Peace and Global Witness offering. He made a motion the money be earmarked to the Evangelism Committee for use in their Outreach Program with Glenwood School. Janice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Evangelism:** Lisa reports the committee is working on an Outreach Program with

Glenwood School.

**Nurture:** The fall church retreat is scheduled for October 2-4 at Holston Camp in Banner Elk, NC.

**Worship:** The committee met and approved that Olivia Marengo will conduct October 11 worship service.

**New Business:** Paul Burkey, Commissioner, reported on the Stated Presbytery Meeting held on September 8, 2015 at Holston Camp.

A Called Congregational Meeting will be held on November 8, 2015 to hear and act upon the report of the nominating committee and approve required changes in pastoral terms of call.

A report from the Nominating Committee to elect elders for the Class of 2016 will be held on November 8, 2015.

A motion was made by Sandra seconded by Lisa that the November 8 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

No further business, Charlie motioned and Lisa seconded the meeting adjourn. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Carter  
**Clerk**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt  
**Moderator**

### **MIS Committee Meeting 8 November**

The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship (MIS) Committee met November 8th for its regular bi-monthly meeting.

The following people attended: Paul Burkey (Chair), Receiving Treasurer Marilyn Brumley, Disbursing Treasurer Sandra Carter, Doyle Edmondson, Joyce Whittenburg, and Doug Roberts.

The main agenda item for this meeting was to assess current and expected actual expenses for the 2015 budget year and analyze what amount we need to meet that as year end approaches.

Sandra provided our current financial status. As of meeting time, we had between \$9000 and \$10,000 in the general fund. We noted that we prefer to keep our current balance at or above \$10,000, especially since our annual insurance premium comes due in January. Total expenses for the year through 7 November were \$85,278.54. Projected expenses for the rest of the year are \$11,362.78. That total is \$96,641.32, which is \$5818.74 below the total 2015 budget expectation that Session approved last fall and close to what our actual expenses were in 2014.

Marilyn provided an income assessment. Year-to-date general fund giving is \$79,938.84. That means that we will need another \$16,700 in the last seven Sundays of the year to cover the expenses estimate noted above. That comes to about \$2,386 per week. Paul will provide an update to the congregation on 15 November during the Worship Service announcement time.

We noted the upcoming special offering for the Joy Fund just before Christmas. Marilyn volunteered to do the interpretation for that offering. Paul will announce the Coal Fund Offering for early December.

For recent Special Offerings to date, we have received \$460.00 for Peace and Global Witness and \$466.41 for UNICEF. The Five Cents a Meal offering through November totaled \$536.41. Our Combined

Church Benevolences plus Special Offerings to date total \$9505, which means we will very likely exceed our goal to tithe (give 10 percent) of our annual giving to others. The Committee acknowledges the amazing generosity of our Congregation for helping the lost and the least.

The Committee decided how to use the local portion of the Pentecost Offerings from both 2014 and 2015. Neither had been appropriated yet. The total is \$494. After discussing several ideas, a motion was presented and passed unanimously to give those funds to Child Advocacy Center.

The Emergency Fund for 2015 has \$500 that has not been used yet.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Joyce.

The next MIS Committee meeting will be in February.

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church  
Greeneville, Tennessee  
Congregational Meeting  
November 8, 2015**

A congregational meeting duly called by the Session and at which a quorum was present was held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 preceding the morning worship service. The meeting was held for the purpose of:

- Electing the 2016 class of ruling elders**
- Presenting the 2016 budget to the congregation as approved by the Session on September 27, 2015 meeting and to review the Term's of Call compensation upon request by the Session.**

Moderator Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer.

A report of the 2016 budget along with the minister's compensation report was presented by Mission and Interpretation chairperson Paul Burkey. Upon the motion made by Sandra seconded by Lisa the terms of call be approved. Motion carried. A copy of these terms are attached to these minutes.

The 2015 Nominating Committee- Chairperson Jimmy Lister presented the following nominees selected by the committee:

**2016 Class of Ruling Elders:        Amy Cobble, Marilyn Brumley and Doug Roberts.**

Being no further nominations from the floor, Jimmy Lister made a motion that the nominations be accepted. Ruth Burkey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Having accomplished the purpose for which it was called, the meeting adjourned and was followed by the morning worship service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Carter  
**Clerk**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt  
**Moderator**  
**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women**  
**October 5, 2015**

We gathered at the home of our hostess, Ruth Burkey. There were ten women in attendance. They were Ellie Lowery, Beth Morrell, Edwina Catron, Marilyn Brumley, Ruth Burkey, Lisa Balabas, Joyce Whitenburg, Zelma Edmondson, Meme, and Judy Hinkle. Delicious fall refreshments were served upon our arrival. Joyce thanked Ruth for welcoming us into her home and announcements and prayer requests were made known. Joyce led us in prayer. Beth read from the Mission Yearbook.

Our Bible study was begun in prayer followed by a meaningful discussion of our eighth lesson led by Ruth. Our business meeting followed with the reading of the minutes from our September meeting which were approved as read, and the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$776.51. The mission project was the Soup Kitchen at Tabernacle Church. Beth made the motion that we give \$200, Ruth seconded and all were in favor. Our offering was taken. Marilyn shared correspondence: we received a thank you note from the Morgan Scott Project for our \$200 donation and she shared the Medical Benevolence Foundation newsletter.

We will continue to collect items for Sunset Gap in the basement of the church through the month of October. Please be sure that all items are boxed so that they will travel in the back of a pick-up truck. Our Christmas luncheon will be at noon at the home of Beth Morrell on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, or soup, or bread and a \$5 gift to exchange. The women have been asked to prepare a meal on November 4<sup>th</sup> to reward the winners of the Creativity Contest being sponsored by the Evangelism Committee of our church. The menu has yet to be determined. If you have questions, please see either Ruth or Lisa. Our meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Our next meeting will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lisa will lead the final lesson of our Bible study Reconciling Paul. Communion will be prepared by Vickie on November 1<sup>st</sup> and Amy on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Morrell, Secretary

#### Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Kelly	November 10
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bowers	November 14
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Burkey	November 24
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Carter	December 20
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brumley	December 31



#### Happy Birthday

R.P. Whittenburg	November 10
Sandra Carter	November 19
Charles Brumley	November 23
Paul Burkey	November 24
Ricky Trentham	December 07
Janice Roberts	December 13
Bart Morrell	December 16
Pauline Hayes	December 25
Lynn Burkey Jr.	December 25
Doug Roberts	December 30
Debbie Shaw	January 03
Carroll	January 05
Brandon Kelly	January 10
Margie Lister	January 18
Mary Alexander	January 24
Joan Mitchell	January 28
Randy Trentham	January 28
Joey Burkey	January 30