

MINUTES – 121st Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Southeast
Saturday, February 3, 2024
ChristChurch Presbyterian, Dalton, Georgia

Moderator	TE Margaret Ferguson	Stated Clerk	TE Bill Dudley
Moderator-Elect	RE Tony Pemerton	Asst to the Stated Clerk & Treasurer	RE Diane Mizell
Parliamentarian	RE Gary Buchanan	Past Moderator/Chairman of Council	RE Gary Buchanan

“A Family of Churches”
VISION and MISSION

The vision of the Presbytery of the Southeast is to extend God’s Kingdom to the world. The Presbytery’s mission is to establish relationships that effectively connect and enhance achievement of the vision within Presbytery and the local churches.

The Host Church invited all commissioners and guests of the Presbytery to arrive early to Presbytery to avail themselves of their recreational ministry called The RecPlace (Gym and Workout Facility with indoor walking track) and their Common Ground Coffee Shop, recently voted the best coffee in NW Georgia. Doors were open at 6:45 AM.

121-01 CALL TO ORDER and MORNING WORSHIP

The Presbytery was called to order by Moderator TE Margaret Ferguson at 9:00 AM. After welcoming commissioners to Presbytery, she announced that an offering would be received during the Morning Worship service directed to Bethany Presbyterian Church of Kingsport, TN for support and encouragement as they seek a new location for their church. The Tennessee Supreme Court upheld the previous ruling in favor of the PCUSA being granted title to Bethany’s property.

Morning Worship was opened by the organist at ChristChurch, Becky Deeg, with the Call to Worship and anthems throughout the service being provided by the church’s Chancel Choir. The preacher for the morning service was TE Ryan Van Horn followed by the Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper consecrated and served by TEs Eric Geil and Matt Christian of ChristChurch and Ruling Elders.

121-02 PARITY

The Moderator, TE Ferguson, declared the previous action of Presbytery regarding the correction of Disparity approved at the October 6-7, 2023 was in effect at this meeting. The correction for all meetings in 2024 provides for all churches from All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA to Wooten EPC, Wooten, KY be provided one additional Ruling Elder for each meeting.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

After conferring with the Stated Clerk, the Moderator declared a quorum was present to our meeting.

The Attendance Report for this meeting follows on pages 294-297.

The attendance record for this meeting was given by the Stated Clerk as follows:
 There were 39 Teaching Elders, 60 Ruling Elders, 29 Observers and Candidates in attendance
 The Attendance record for this meeting was given by the Stated Clerk as follows:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDER</u>		<u>RULING ELDERS PRESENT</u>
No designation by a name indicates the person was "Present"			
All Souls Fellowship Decatur, GA	Steven Good Mike St. Denis	Excused	Chet Berge Rusty Pritchard
Bethany Church Kingsport, TN	Daniel Cheevers Lesley Cheevers	Excused	
Brainerd Church Chattanooga, TN			
Buck Hill Church Newland, NC	Jim Hoilman	Unexcused	
Cedar Springs Church Knoxville, TN	Jonathan Bromhead Alan Edick Mike Ford James Forsyth Clay Harrington Andrew Keasling Mark Steimer	Excused Unexcused	Tom Reesor
Central Church Hyden, KY			Merle Caudill, CP
ChristChurch Dalton, GA	Eric Geil Matt Christian		Trisha Bethel LeeAnn Brown Jess Hanson David Renz
Church of Redeemer Maryville, TN	David Strunk Ben Ruyack	Unexcused	Donna Tipton Eleanore Womac
Community Evangelistic Knoxville, TN			Thomas Goode Reginald Strong, CP
Cornerstone Church Franklin, NC	Tommy Jordan		Shelby Bankston
Crosswalk Church Knoxville, TN	Ryan Randolph	Unexcused	
Eastminster Church Knoxville, TN	Sean White		Mark Hastings
Faith Church McDonough, GA	John Cleveland		

Farner Church Farner, TN	Bill Kelly		Ray Dean Jim Parmer Leroy Taylor Keith Williamson
First Church Donalsonville, GA			Holly Godby Hallie Walker
First Church Rome, GA	Bill Pardue Ken Chivers Jonathan Schwartz Jimmy Latham	Excused	Dennis Darville Tony Pemerton
First Church Stanton, KY	Lucas Waters		
First Church Thomasville, GA	Tim Filston Tyler Wilson		Joe A. Davis, Jr. Mike B. Jones Brenda Lee Julia Singletary Harry Vann
Grace Church Franklin, NC	Toby Pope		Chad Boniface Don Dewhurst
Greenbriar Church Manchester, KY			
Hope Fellowship Chickamauga, GA			Matthew Everhart, CP
Lookout Valley Church Chattanooga, TN	Tim Rogers, Interim		Ken Fryar Susan Fryar
Mars Hill Church Acworth, GA	Bryant Harris		Kenny Cox Julie Graiser Paula Walls
Murphy Church Murphy, NC			Jonathan Hodges, CP Ray Chally Cynthia Gelert
New Beginning Spring City, TN			Nancy Hood CP Unexcused Wayne Hood CP Unexcused
New Hope Church Kingsport, TN			Scott Glover
New Life Gathering Knoxville, TN	Scott Jackson		Bob Bird Austin Lance
Parkway Church Cumming, GA	Jay Miller	Excused	Charles Kicker

Plumtree Church Plumtree, NC			Ryan Bridgeo CP Excused
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Providence Church Clyde, NC	Edward Brouwer	Excused	
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Resurrection Church Chattanooga, TN	Ryan Van Horn		
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Signal Mountain Church Signal Mountain, TN	Scott Bowen Andy Cornett Joey Sherrard	Excused	Julie Foreman Mary Hollingsworth John Kinard Bob Marshall Donna Peterson Jarrell Reeves Stokes Smith Steve Tipps Andy Tucker John Wilson
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Trinity Grace Church Loganville, GA	Tully Hunter	Excused	Catherine Cutts Steve Rowe
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Trion Church Trion, GA	Bill Flannagan	Excused	
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Valleybrook Church Hixson, TN	Tracy Edwards		Gary Buchanan Ben Brychta Ron Bunger
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Water Stone Smyrna, GA	Matt Koehn		
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Wilson Station Church Englewood, TN			Alan Hawkins CP Dianne Constant Brian Garcia Carolyn Rider
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Wooton Presbyterian EPC
Wooton, KY

EVANGELISTS

JOHNSON, Will	Excused
MACERE, John	Unexcused
MANLEY, Chris	Present

ACTIVE – WITHOUT CALL

ARAUJO, Aparecido	Unexcused
HODGE, Robert	Unexcused
HOLMES, Rick	Unexcused
LOONEY, Charles	Unexcused
MANUEL, Paul	Unexcused
WILSON, Kevin	Unexcused

ACTIVE -- OUTSIDE BOUNDS

DAVIDSON, Grady	Present
KILGORE, Jim	Unexcused

FERGUSON, Margaret	Present
LAWRY, Scott	Present
PINCKNEY, Dan	Present
REESE, Julian	Present
ROBINSON, Chris	Excused
THALOS, Adel – Transitional	Excused

ACTIVE – RETIRED

CHADWICK, Jeff	Present
DUDLEY, William, Stated Clerk	Present
GALLAGHER, Keith	Present
GARTRELL, Gordon	Present
SEXTON, Buddy	Present
WARREN, Thomas	Present

RETIRED

THOMAS, Michael	Present
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CANDIDATES

Trey Gardenhire	Present
Johnny Long	Present
Landon Paul	Present

OBSERVERS

Carole Baker, Brainerd Presbyterian
 Landon Paul, Candidate Cedar Springs Presbyterian
 Palmer Griffin, Christchurch Presbyterian
 David Tipton, Church of the Redeemer
 D'nese Strong, Community Evangelistic Church
 Christina Goode, Community Evangelistic Church
 Karen Jordan, Cornerstone Presbyterian
 Sarah Cleveland, Faith Presbyterian
 Dorothy Gartrell, Lookout Valley Presbyterian
 Aaron Wagner, Maranatha Fellowship
 Carey Bryant, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Brittany Bryant, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Grant Shaffer, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Michael Watson, Resurrection Presbyterian
 Scott Ferguson, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Larry Cash, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Sherry Cash, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Julie Gardenhire, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Griffin Moon, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Shade Shaffer, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Jim Wakin, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Amy Wakim, Resurrection Chattanooga
 Callie Latham, FPC Rome, GA
 Lucy Long, Signal Mountain Presbyterian
 Diane Mizell, Signal Mountain Presbyterian
 Joe Carvajal, St. Giles Presbyterian, EPC
 Michael Payne, Brainerd Transitional Pastor
 Melinda Hawkins, Wilson Station Presbyterian

and to grant their petition for local church status as indicated by the signing of the Declaration of Organization.

SECONDED

APPROVED

The court responded with enthusiastic, holy applause.

MOTION – To approve the instruction, training, and examination of the following members of Resurrection Chattanooga as Ruling Elders and the declared Session of the newly-formed Resurrection Chattanooga following their affirmation to the questions prescribed by the Book of Order and presented to them by the Moderator:

Scott Ferguson – installed having been a Ruing Elder at Signal Mountain Church;

Larry Cash – ordained and installed

Griffin Moon – ordained and installed

Jim Wakim – ordained and installed

These four knelt before the court for the prayer of ordination and installation and the laying on of hands for Mr. Cash, Mr. Moon, and Mr. Wakim.

SECONDED

APPROVED

MOTION – To dismiss the Administrative Commission with thanksgiving for their faithful service the past seven years:

RE Chet Burge, Chairman; TE Matt Christian; TE Andy Cornett, RE Scott Ferguson, RE Piers van der Merwe.

SECONDED

APPROVED

121-09

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL – RE Gary Buchanan
RE Buchanan led in prayer before his report.

1. INFORMATION – The Council has approved the 2024 Presbytery Committees which are provided the court at
ADDENDUM 2
Pages 311 - 313
2. INFORMATION – Corporation registration required by the State of Georgia has been appropriately filed for the Presbytery of the Southeast EPC for 2024 with the Secretary of State by RE Palmer Griffin.
3. UPDATE – RE Gary Buchanan called on TE Daniel Cheevers to share with the Court the most recent action regarding the church property case between Bethany Church in Kingsport, TN and the PCUSA. Daniel reported in detail that the Tennessee Supreme Court has upheld the ruling of property to the PCUSA. The ruling is so recent that Bethany Church is just beginning to discern What this ruling will mean for them but they are actively searching for a new church home, a place to worship.
Prayer was offered by the Presbytery for this congregation.

4. GA DESCENDING OVERTURES

The Chairman called on TE Joey Sherrard who presented the Descending Overtures from the General Assembly: 43-A and 43-B. The first reading of these overtures was at the October, 2023 meeting. The overtures were printed as an Addendum in the same form as the General Assembly had published them. A second reading with invitation for questions completed the report.

ADDENDUM 3
Pages 314-316

A vote of the court was held with TE Buddy Sexton and RE Mary Hollingsworth serving as the Tally Committee.

Overture 43-A on the authority of the Session alone over all financial matters of the local Church passed with 87 commissioners in favor and 0 opposed.

Overture 43-B which addresses and more clearly defines Church Discipline in Chapters 1-11 of the Book of Discipline passed with 87 in favor and 0 opposed.

121-10

MINISTERIAL CARE COMMITTEE – TE Bill Pardue/TE Ken Chivers
Prayer preceded the Ministerial report.

1. MOTION – To approve the following Teaching Elders as Excused for this meeting:

Jonathan Bromhead	Will Johnson
Edward Brouwer	Jay Miller
Nancy Hood	Chris Robinson
Wayne Hood	Adel Thalos
Tully Hunter	

SECONDED

APPROVED

2. ANNUAL REPORTS OF TEACHING ELDERS

MOTION – To commend the following Teaching Elders for the submission of their Annual Reports:

Scott Bowen	Bill Kelly
Edward Brouwer	Scott Lawry
Daniel Cheevers	Chris Robinson
Ken Chivers	Ben Ruyack
Grady Davidson	Jonathan Schwartz
Bill Dudley	Mike St. Denis
Tracy Edwards	Mark Steimer
Tim Filston	David Strunk
Eric Geil	Adel Thalos
Tully Hunter	Thomas Warren
Tommy Jordan	Tyler Wilson
Andrew Keasling	

SECONDED

APPROVED

3. ANNUAL TERMS OF CALL

- 1. *The initial terms of call shall be approved in public by both congregations and presbyteries, using the forms found in the Book of Order...*
- 2. *Changes in terms of call must be noted and voted upon by presbyteries on recommendation from the Ministerial Committee. The changes may be noted as either a dollar amount, or percentage amount, with only the change, not the new total noted.” Acts of Assembly 12-11*

MOTION – To commend the following Sessions reporting Annual Terms of Call for Teaching Elders:

Ryan Bridgeo	Plumtree Church, Plumtree, NC
Matt Christian	ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
Bill Dudley	Presbytery of the Southeast EPC
Tracy Edwards	Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN
Tim Filston	First Church, Thomasville, GA
Eric Geil	ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
Scott Jackson	New Life Gathering, Knoxville, TN
Thomas Jordan	Cornerstone Church, Franklin, NC
Toby Pope	Grace Church EPC, Franklin, NC
Sean White	Eastminster Church, Knoxville, TN
Tyler Wilson	First Church, Thomasville, GA

- 4. MOTION – To receive the minutes of the Commission to Install TE William (Bill) Edward Kelly, Jr. as Pastor of Farner Presbyterian Church, Farner, TN and to dismiss with thanks the Commission for their service.
- 5. MOTION – To approve TE Michael Herrin of the Presbytery of Gulf South (EPC) as Stated Supply and the Moderator of Session beginning March 1, 2024 for First Presbyterian Church of Donalsonville, GA.

Michael is the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Gulf South and will continue serving in that capacity until a new clerk can be found and trained. His examination before our Presbytery will take place after his service as Stated Clerk is ended.

SECONDED

APPROVED

121-11

PROJECT 2028 COMMISSION -TE Dave Strunk
Chairman Strunk began his report with prayer.

- 1. INFORMATION – Project 2028 celebrated Resurrection Chattanooga as they have become a local congregation.
- 2. INFORMATION – Two of the Presbytery church planters shared updates on their church plants: Chris Manley and Matt Koehn

- 121-12 CHURCH HEALTH and GROWTH COMMITTEE – TE Lucas Waters
Prayer was led by the chairman.
1. INFORMATION – Kentucky Flood Relief ministry and fund
TE Waters gave a general report of this ministry and stated that the Balance remaining in the account is \$93,809.
 2. INFORMATION – Resignation of RE Bob McEuen
The chairman reported the resignation of long-time committee member, RE Bob McEuen, due to critical health issues.
- 121-13 REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES COMMITTEE – TE Keith Gallagher
Prayer by given for this report by TE Gallagher.
1. INFORMATION – First call for Session Minutes
The chairman alerted Session Clerks on the deadline for Session minutes to be presented to their committee.
 2. PRAYER – The Stated Clerk inserted a time of prayer for Keith, who was compared by the Stated Clerk to the “IRS” since Clerks of Session are challenged by Keith’s appearing for Session minutes.
Keith provides our Presbytery with such faithful leadership and is a gifted pastor and counselor for our churches. The Clerk reported Keith will be having surgery for a malignancy at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga on Friday, February 23rd and will be out of commission for a while. The Clerk led the court in a prayer for Keith, his wife Terry, and Keith’s healing.
- 121-14 REPORT OF TREASURER – RE Diane Mizell
The Treasurer prayed with thanksgiving for the benevolence of our churches.
1. MOTION – To accept the following Financial report:
Presbytery has four bank accounts and three designated funds
December 31, 2023, balances are:
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| Operating Checking balance | 109,864.47 |
| Operating Savings | 200,039.70 |
| Designated Funds | |
| CH&G | - 10,972.19 |
| Church Courts | |
| Attendance Scholarships | - 7,421.75 |
| Special – KY Flood Relief | - 93,809.18 |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 197,701.05 |
| Project 2028 Checking | 83,355.83 |
| Project 2028 Savings | 50,013.32 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 331,070.20 |

2. MOTION – To approve the 2024 Proposed Budget as presented in this second reading.

ADDENDUM 4

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APPROVED

SECONDED

3. COMMENDATION – Commendation is expressed to all our churches who contributed to Project 2028 in 2023. We especially commend our smaller congregations who made generous gifts: Bethany Presbyterian, Grace Presbyterian, and Farner Presbyterian. Bill Kelly was recently installed as pastor at Farner Church, and he requested the offering received at his installation service be given to Project 2028.

121-15

COMMISSIONED PASTORS – TE Daniel Cheevers

Dan Cheevers as chairman opened his report with prayer.

1. INFORMATION – TE Cheevers spoke with encouragement of the ministry of our Commissioned Pastors and remembered each by name during his report and prayer. He also mentioned churches with challenges at present time.
2. PRAYER – Dan shared with the Presbytery the recent death of Anna Caudill, wife of Commissioned Pastor Merle Caudill of Central Church, Hyden, KY. Anna died three weeks ago on January 12th. Members of the Presbytery came forward and circled around Merle while Dan prayed. Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life...”

121-16

CANDIDATES – TE Joey Sherrard

Prayer opened the report by TE Sherrard.

- 1 INFORMATION – Update of roster of Candidates Under Care
Joey Sherrard reported that our list of candidates has increased in number with some accumulation of those who have graduated but do not have calls. A review and contact by their committee with each candidate will be forthcoming.
- 2 INFORMATION – Update on the CEEP Process
The chairman provided highlights of the changes in the CEEP process.

121-17

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK – TE Bill Dudley

Prayer was offered by the Clerk.

- 1 MOTION – To provide Presbytery endorsement of the following Teaching Elders of our Presbytery to General Assembly’s Nominating Committee:
TE David Strunk as GA Moderator-Elect, and
TE Jeff Chadwick to GA World Outreach.

Seconded

APPROVED

2. INFORMATION – RE Gary Buchanan, chairman of our Presbytery Council will be endorsed by his Session at Valleybrook Church, Hixson, TN to serve on General Assembly Nominating Committee.
3. INFORMATION – To receive from General Assembly, information regarding the Next Generation Leadership Summit April 9, 2024. The Stated Clerk requested pastors and Ruling Elders to distribute such information to their churches with encouragement of their staffs and lay leadership to attend.

ADDENDUM 5
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121-18

RECESS OF MEETING

The Presbytery recessed from the Sanctuary to Fellowship Hall for lunch and a continuation of the meeting.

121-19

EVANGELISM and OUTREACH COMMITTEE – TE Johnny Long/TE Jeff Chadwick PRAYER opened the committee report.

1. INFORMATION – Update on Indonesia project
Report was given on continued commitment of Presbytery for the support and witness being given in Indonesia. Related to the report, a brief video was presented to the Presbytery from Daniel, our Indonesian Mission Partner, and one for whom our churches are praying.
2. MISSION TRIPS
Two more mission trips are being planned to Indonesia in 2024 and 2025:
November 2024 (POW)
February 2025 (POSE)
3. PRAYER TIME closed their report.

121-20

CHURCH HEALTH INITIATIVE – TE Tim Filston

The Presbytery engaged in a most meaningful equipping time as TEs Tim Filston and Jonathan Schwartz taught on Church Revitalization and Evangelism. During the lunch TE Filston provided a most inspiring teaching on church revitalization to a receptive body of commissioners. He was followed by TE Schwartz who taught on Evangelism and the high priority given in Scripture. He continued with instruction on how churches can develop a culture of evangelism among their people and concluded his presentation using the model of the “3 Circles” and ways to incorporate the “3 Circles” into a church’s life. Both leaders were affirmed by the interest and involvement of the commissioners.

121-21 OLD BUSINESS
The Stated Clerk reported there was no Old Business.

121-22 NEW BUSINESS
The Stated Clerk reported the same for New Business.

121-23 COMMITTEE ON THANKS – RE Julie Graiser and TE Bryant Harris
MOTION – To approve the resolution of thanks read to the court.

ADDENDUM 6
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121-24 ADJOURNMENT was about 1:45 PM with closing prayer being
offered by RE Tony Pemerton, Moderator-Elect.

NEXT MEETINGS

122nd Stated Meeting
May 5-6, 2024
New Hope Church and
Bethany Church – Kingsport, TN

123rd Stated Meeting
October 4-5, 2024

ADDENDUM 1

PETITION TO ORGANIZE



FROM: RESURRECTION CHATTANOOGA
United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 3218
Address


CHATTANOOGA, TN 37404
City, State, and Zip

TO: Presbytery of South East

DATE: 1/3/24
Presbytery approved

2/3/24
Conference approved

3/3/24
Annual Conference approved


Sign of Congregational Leader
RE CHET BURGE
Applied to: Annual Conference Jurisdiction

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PETITION TO ORGANIZE



COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

We, the undersigned, do covenant together to organize a particular congregation of the
Evangelical Presbyterian Church. On this the 5th day of Feb, 2024
we declare our willingness and commitment, in reliance upon God, to walk together as an
organized church based on the faith and government of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

We promise to be faithful to one another, to the Lordship of Christ, and to the support of the
whole Church. We affirm our willingness to be obedient to the order and doctrines of our Lord's
Church, submitting ourselves to the government and discipline of the Church and endeavoring to
promote its purity and peace.

SIGNATURES

[Signature]
Congregational Minister/Presbytery

[Signature]
Congregational Clerk/Presbytery

[Signature]

[Signature]
Dear friend,

PETITION TO ORGANIZE



DECLARATION OF ORGANIZATION

We, the undersigned, members of the Southeast, do hereby
testify and declare that we who have convened together are now constituted an organized
Church according to Scripture and according to the constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian
Church in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SIGNATURES


Commission Moderator
1/10/24
Date signed

TE Andrew Cornett
Commission Clerk
2/3/24
Date signed

Signature of Presbyterian Commission action:

PETITION TO ORGANIZE



CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

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| 1 | Russell Van Horn | 26 | KEVIN MEADOWS |
| 2 | Edna Van Horn | 27 | Tim OWENS |
| 3 | Seth Van Horn | 28 | EMILY OWENS |
| 4 | Jesse Van Horn | 29 | BETH POTTER |
| 5 | Abby Van Horn | 30 | CRANIE POTSON |
| 6 | Griffin Moon | 31 | LARRY CASH |
| 7 | Achel Moon | 32 | SHERI CASH |
| 8 | Porter Moon | 33 | CRAN CASH |
| 9 | Silas Moon | 34 | Jim WAKIM |
| 10 | Hudson Moon | 35 | AMY WAKIM |
| 11 | Grant Shaffer | 36 | DAVID WAKIM |
| 12 | Shade Shaffer | 37 | ANTHONY WAKIM |
| 13 | Michael Watson | 38 | DRAN WAKIM |
| 14 | Michael Underwood | 39 | Kevin Drew |
| 15 | Alicia Underwood | 40 | TREVOR McDaniel |
| 16 | Hope HENCHY | 41 | SHAWN McDaniel |
| 17 | STEVEN HENCHY | 42 | LUCY McDaniel |
| 18 | PIPER HENCHY | 43 | ADAM McDaniel |
| 19 | Pepper Underwood | 44 | NEVAN McDaniel |
| 20 | MIKE MAUNEY | 45 | JOHN McDaniel |
| 21 | MEG MAUNEY | 46 | Scott Ferguson |
| 22 | JEFF NICKEL | 47 | MARGARET Ferguson |
| 23 | MIMI NICKEL | 48 | TRICK OWENS |
| 24 | Phil MEADOWS | 49 | JOHN HOLCOMBE |
| 25 | Phillip MEADOWS | 50 | BRW HOLCOMBE |

PETITION TO ORGANIZE



CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

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| 51 | <u>Olivia Johnson</u> | 76 | <u>Jon Jon Wesołowski</u> |
| 52 | <u>Tyler Johnson</u> | 77 | <u>Megan Wesołowski</u> |
| 53 | <u>Kelly Johnson</u> | 78 | <u>Finn Wesołowski</u> |
| 54 | <u>William Johnson</u> | 79 | <u>Scott Webb</u> |
| 55 | <u>Caleb Allen</u> | 80 | <u>Shannon Webb</u> |
| 56 | <u>Cressie Allen</u> | 81 | <u>Tori Clark</u> |
| 57 | <u>Dora Miller</u> | 82 | <u>Ada Clark</u> |
| 58 | <u>Carmy Bryant</u> | 83 | <u>Emme Clark</u> |
| 59 | <u>Bailey Bryant</u> | 84 | <u>Torin Rogers</u> |
| 60 | <u>Jonah Tyree</u> | 85 | <u>Declan McDaniel</u> |
| 61 | <u>Bella Tyree</u> | 86 | |
| 62 | <u>Theo Tyree</u> | 87 | |
| 63 | <u>Trey Gardener</u> | 88 | |
| 64 | <u>Julie Gardener</u> | 89 | |
| 65 | <u>Joche Henchey</u> | 90 | |
| 66 | <u>Camy Trigg</u> | 91 | |
| 67 | <u>Brenda Trigg</u> | 92 | |
| 68 | <u>Rebecca Marsh</u> | 93 | |
| 69 | <u>Steve Marsh</u> | 94 | |
| 70 | <u>Greg Marsh</u> | 95 | |
| 71 | <u>Adam Marsh</u> | 96 | |
| 72 | <u>Madison Bumpus</u> | 97 | |
| 73 | <u>Adam Bumpus</u> | 98 | |
| 74 | <u>Hampton Prev</u> | 99 | |
| 75 | <u>Nathanial Moore</u> | 100 | |

RE Johnny Long (1)**
Signal Mountain Church, TN

RE Harry Jones (1)
First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE

CHURCH HEALTH & GROWTH
CLASS/2024

(6 members in 3 classes with 4 RE and 2 TE)
CLASS/2025

CLASS/2026

TE Alan Edick (2)
Cedar Springs, Knoxville, TN

TE Lucas Waters (2)**
First Church, Stanton, KY

RE

RE Alan Hawkins (2)
Faith Church, McDonough, GA

RE

RE Jarrell Reeves (1)
Signal Mountain Church, TN

CHURCH PLANTING-RECEIVING
CLASS/2024

(6 members in 3 classes with 4 RE and 2 TE)
CLASS/2025

CLASS/2026

TE Eric Geil (2)**
ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

RE

TE Bryant Harris (2)
Mars Hill Church, Acworth, GA

RE Steve Rowe (2)
Trinity Grace, Loganville, GA

RE Powell Jones (1)
First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE

RECORDS & SESSION MINUTES (6 members in 2 classes – no term restriction)

TE Keith Gallagher **
Retired Active

TE Tommy Jordan
Cornerstone Church, Franklin, NC

RE Thomas Goode
Community Evang, Knoxville, TN

RE Debbie Goodman
First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE Susan Fryar
Lookout Valley Church, TN

TE Toby Pope
Grace Church, Franklin, NC

RE Delon Wigley
Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA

TRUSTEES (with Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer)

CLASS/2024

CLASS/2025

CLASS/2026

RE Jim Bethel
ChristChurch, Dalton, GA

RE Powell Jones
First Church, Thomasville, GA

RE John Graham
First Church, Rome, GA

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – Project 2028

TE Andy Cornett	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
TE Will Johnson	Evangelist – without call
TE Dave Strunk**	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN
TE Ryan Van Horn	Resurrection Church, Chattanooga, TN
RE Ken Bell	Church of the Redeemer, Maryville, TN
RE Bob Bethel	ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
RE Bob Berry	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE	First Church, Rome, GA
RE	First Church, Thomasville, GA
RE Matthew Everhart	from any Presbytery church – Hope Fellowship, Chickamauga, GA
RE	from any church in Presbytery
RE Diane Mizell	Presbytery Treasurer, Ex Officio

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – Resurrection Chattanooga Church Plant

RE	
TE Matt Christian	ChristChurch, Dalton, GA
TE Andy Cornett	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE Scott Ferguson	Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain, TN
RE Chet Burge**	All Souls Fellowship, Decatur, GA
RE Piers van der Merwe	Cedar Springs Church, Knoxville, TN

MODERATOR TE Margaret Ferguson

MODERATOR-ELECT RE Tony Pemerton

PAST MODERATOR RE Gary Buchanan
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**Descending Overtures from the 43rd General Assembly
Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

DESCENDING OVERTURE 43-A

That the *Book of Government* 17-5 be deleted, with the following sections renumbered, and the *Book of Government* 6-8D and 18-3H be amended. [Rationale: This amendment clarifies the authority of the Session alone over all financial matters of the Local Church and eliminates outdated, ambiguous, or confusing references to financial responsibility of the Board of Deacons.]

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 17-5	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 17-5 Amendments <i>in bold italics</i>
<p>BOG 17-5 Treasurer</p> <p>A. Where the responsibility for the finances of the local church falls to the Board, it shall appoint a Treasurer to handle the financial matters of the congregation. This person may or may not be a Deacon.</p> <p>B. Where the Session retains responsibility for financial matters, it shall follow this stipulation: the Treasurer shall report to the appointing body at each stated meeting, keeping a careful record of financial matters. The appointing body shall be responsible for an annual audit of the finances of the church.</p> <p>BOG 17-6 Meetings</p> <p>A. Frequency The Board shall meet at least quarterly unless otherwise provided for by the Session. It shall meet at the call of the Moderator, or when ordered to convene by the Session. When requested in writing by one-fourth of the Board, the Chairman shall call a meeting. The purpose shall be clearly stated. No business other than that stated in the call may be transacted.</p>	<p>BOG 17-5 Meetings</p> <p>A. Frequency The Board shall meet at least quarterly unless otherwise provided for by the Session. It shall meet at the call of the Moderator, or when ordered to convene by the Session. When requested in writing by one-fourth of the Board, the Chairman shall call a meeting. The purpose shall be clearly stated. No business other than that stated in the call may be transacted.</p> <p><i>[Subsequent sections to be renumbered]</i></p>

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 6-8 D	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 6-8 D Amendments <i>in bold italics</i>
<p>D. If a local church does not elect Trustees (or if Deacons have not been given the responsibility of property), the Session, or a designated portion of the court, shall serve as the Trustees of the local church.</p>	<p>D. If a local church does not elect Trustees (or if Deacons have not been given the responsibility of property), the Session, or a designated portion of the court, shall serve as the Trustees of the local church.</p>

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 18-3H	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 18-3H Amendments <i>in bold italics</i>
<p>H. To determine the budget of the church and the benevolence objectives of the congregation.</p>	<p>H. To determine <i>and oversee the finances of the local church including the budget</i> and the benevolence objectives of the congregation.</p>

DESCENDING OVERTURE 43-B

That the *Book of Discipline* be amended by adding the following statement to the end of *Book of Discipline* 1-1. [Rationale: Church Discipline is not designed to deal with criminal acts apart from the authority of the civil magistrates. (Westminster Chapter 23-4). This preface to our practice of Ecclesiastical Discipline does not replace our responsibility to obey civil authorities and to protect the victims of abuse.

Current <i>Book of Discipline</i> 1-1	Proposed <i>Book of Book of Discipline</i> 1-1 <i>Amendments in bold italics</i>
<p>1-1 Definition of Church Discipline</p> <p>There are two kinds of authority vested in the church; the responsibility of order and the authority of jurisdiction.¹⁹⁶ Both kinds of authority are given the church by the Lord Jesus Christ to instruct and guide her members and to promote her purity and welfare. Discipline is the exercise of the responsibility of order, particularly in regard to the reprovng of the erring.¹⁹⁷ As the exercise of such authority may adversely affect the membership rights of an individual who has been accused of an offense, the authority requires the use of ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</p> <p>The word “discipline,” when used in the <i>Book of Discipline</i>, chapters 1-11, shall therefore refer to the use of ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</p>	<p>1-1 Definition of Church Discipline</p> <p>There are two kinds of authority vested in the church; the responsibility of order and the authority of jurisdiction.¹⁹⁶ Both kinds of authority are given the church by the Lord Jesus Christ to instruct and guide her members and to promote her purity and welfare. Discipline is the exercise of the responsibility of order, particularly in regard to the reprovng of the erring.¹⁹⁷ As the exercise of such authority may adversely affect the membership rights of an individual who has been accused of an offense, the authority requires the use of ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</p> <p>The word “discipline,” when used in the <i>Book of Discipline</i>, chapters 1-11, shall therefore refer to the use of ecclesiastical judicial procedures.</p> <p><i>Church discipline does not supersede or negate the legal responsibility to report cases of suspected abuse to civil authorities according to local and state requirements.</i></p>

ADDENDUM 4

	2023 Budget	Pr'd 2024 Budget
EPC Gen Assembly & Benev	10,000.00	10,000.00
Special Projects	3,000.00	2,000.00
OFFICERS		
St. Clerk Travel	6,000.00	6,000.00
Asst. Stated Clerk travel	3,000.00	3,000.00
Moderator Travel	1,000.00	800.00
Commisssons	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gen Oper	6,000.00	6,000.00
Webmaster	1,500.00	1,200.00
Web Maintenance	800.00	600.00
Leadershp	1,000.00	1,000.00
St Clerk Salary	53,435.16	55,572.57
Asst. SC /Tres. salary	26,436.00	27,493.44
PSE Tax Liability	8,615.64	6,354.60
Other (Audit etc.)	3,900.00	3,900.00
Church Health Coordinator	-	-
Church Health expenses	-	8,000.00
Project 2020 transfer		
Ministerial Care		
Travel & sub Cmte expense	1,500.00	1,500.00
Backgr cks	150.00	150.00
Administrator	2,000.00	2,000.00
Church Planting/Receiving		
Travel	1,500.00	3,000.00
Misc	300.00	300.00
Evangelism/Outreach		
Travel & meals	500.00	500.00
Mission Partner	12,000.00	10,000.00
Indonesia/Engage 2025	5,000.00	5,000.00
Evangelism Three Circles	1,000.00	1,000.00
Church Engagement & Promo materials	1,500.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
Church Health/Growth		
Travel	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sustentation	12,000.00	12,000.00
Misc.	500.00	500.00
Records and Minutes Review		
Office	75.00	75.00
Travel	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	165,411.80	172,145.61



ADDENDUM 5

EPC National Next Generation Leadership Summit 2024

A national gathering of ministry workers paid or volunteer, in the EPC to foster connections and conversations and help develop long term ministry relationships to equip those who care for children, youth, and young adults in our churches across the denomination.

DATES/TIME:

Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 pm to Thursday, April 11th at 12:00 pm

LOCATION:

Hosted by: *Central Presbyterian Church, 7700 Davis Dr, Clayton, MO 63105*

(plan to fly into St. Louis Lambert International Airport, transportation to hotel will be provided, details to come)

Hotel Accommodations: Clayton Plaza Hotel

(hotel details & bookings will be coordinated by the EPC Next Gen Council)

COST:

Registration \$600 covers lodging, meals, programming, and travel once there.

Travel to ST Louis will be on the participants or their churches/presbyteries to arrange.

WHO TO INVITE:

Up to 8 Next Generation (children/youth/young adult ministry) workers from your presbytery. Decide as a presbytery how many you would like to budget to send to this Summit at \$600/person for registration. Then approach individuals working (as paid staff/volunteers/ordained/or not) in childrens, youth, or young adult ministry. Your presbytery can choose to send individuals who have attended the summit in the past or to send new people to engage in the conversation - although we do encourage you to send at least one person who has attended before to continue the work we've already started.

If you need to verify who previously attended one of the summits from your presbytery, you can reach out to April Hair by email [here](#). Once you've identified those individuals, please invite them, and send them the registration link below to get signed up.

PROCESS OF INVITING:

Please decide on how many next gen worker representatives you'd like to budget to send and extend the invitation to them by December 1, 2023. Please advise them to register before the deadline of **February 1, 2024**.

REGISTRATION:

Link to registration: <https://cvent.me/nV8oey>

You (presbytery) may register and submit payment on behalf of your participants OR you may forward the link to your invited participants, and they can register themselves. Please know that the registration fee of \$600 will be collected at the time of submitting the online registration form (a credit card will be required to accept payment at the time of registration). Any invitees who register themselves will then go through your normal presbytery channels to be reimbursed for their registration fee.

ADDENDUM 6

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

TE Bryant Harris, Chairman, opened with prayer and presented the Committee on Thanks report.

On behalf of the Presbytery of the Southeast, we give thanks to ChristChurch for hosting our 121st stated Presbytery meeting. We give thanks to the staff and members of ChristChurch who once again have shown us hospitality and have made us feel welcomed throughout our time together. For the members of the Presbytery staff who provide assistance, encouragement and support throughout the year and help our Presbytery meetings to run smoothly... we give to you our thanks and appreciation.

We have been blessed to worship together today, setting the spiritual tone for our meeting and reminding us that all that we do here and in our churches is for the Glory of God. We give thanks for the joyful celebration of Resurrection Chattanooga being received and welcomed as an “official” local congregation. We were blessed with reports from our church planters, with news of ongoing efforts through the Kentucky Relief ministry and God’s continued work through the Indonesia project. In thanksgiving for the hard work of the committees of Presbytery which further God’s Kingdom work in our midst and throughout the world... sharing the Good News of Jesus both near and far...

May we now return home to each of our churches with a renewed sense of shared ministry and an abiding sense of God’s grace. It is God’s grace which sustains us, encourages us and sends us back into the world with the hope that we have found in Jesus.

With thankful hearts, the Committee on Thanks: RE Julie Graiser and TE Bryant Harris