

**Stated Meeting of Session
First Presbyterian Church of Orlando
March 28, 2006**

The meeting was called to order and opened in prayer by Dr. David Swanson at 6:00 pm in the King Parlor of FPCO. As part of the Session meeting, dinner was served. The following two items were addressed during dinner.

Bentley Stewart, who was raised in this church, gave his testimony and expressed his desire to become an Inquirer and seek ordination as a Presbyterian minister. He is a student at Reformed Theological Seminary.

Derrick Chambers, who is an intern with FPCO, gave his testimony and expressed his desire to become an Inquirer and seek ordination as a Presbyterian minister. He is a student at Reformed Theological Seminary.

M/S/P that FPCO support Bentley Stewart and Derrick Chambers as Inquirers under the care of the Central Florida Presbytery

Attendance:

Present: J. Alexander, W. Armstrong, S. Bell, C. Bolan, L. Boozer, A. Burchak, D. Carter, J. Cash, P. Cawthon, K. Clayton, M. Collier, C. Cook, R. Divine, C. Dixon, J. Fox, L. Heard, C. Herron, F. Langston, C. McAlpin, D. McComb, E. Mosley, L. Mycoff, D. Neff, M. Oldham, R. Parkhouse, J. Pinel, J. Prevost, J. Ramb, G. Rich, M. Sand, P. Scheck, L. Schultz, B. Cain, D. McClellan, D. Swanson, C. Thorp, K. Wright

Excused: B. Amos

Absent: C. DeLoy, P. Ellis, D. Ferber,

Others Present: R. Bedell, J. Christian, J. Jenkins, P. Lindrum, K. Mangascle, N. Pacheco, L. Needham, R. Sentell, T. Smith, C. Welker, S. Wiepking, B. Wood, and members of the congregation.

A quorum was declared present.

M/S/P That the minutes of the February 19, 2006 Congregational Meeting be approved and that the minutes of the February 28, 2006 Session meeting be approved with the following changes:

- a. **Add the word “Missions” after “Immeasurably More” and before “Taskforce” in the last motion under the Senior Minister’s Report. The amended motion is as follows:**

M/S/P that the Immeasurably More Missions Taskforce be made a commission of the Session to work over the four years of the campaign to collect receipts, develop projects with agencies, communicate with the congregation, develop avenues for church membership involvement, and allocate funds.

b. Reflect the attendance of K. Clayton.

M/S/P That the docket be approved.

Correspondence

Charles Cook reported the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Walt McCanless in response to the invitation to the 130th Anniversary Celebration stating that he would be unable to attend.
2. Letter from David Mason in response to the invitation to the 130th Anniversary Celebration stating that he would be unable to attend.

Statistics

Membership as of January 31, 2006	4,624
Transfers into the congregation	12
Transfer into the congregation	-1
Reaffirmation of faith	11
Reaffirmation of faith	+1
Profession of faith	1
Profession of faith & baptism	0
Restored to the roll.....	0
Total	24
Transfers from the congregation.....	7
Deaths	4
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Removed from the roll	0
Placed on the inactive roll.....	0
Total	11
Membership as ff February 28, 2006.....	4,637

New Members:

* (Ms. Julia Deloach was on the January monthly recap as joining by transfer of letter, but she will now be joining by reaffirmation of faith.)

- Mr. Derrick Chambers – Reaffirmation of Faith
- Mr. Dan Hitt – Reaffirmation of Faith
- Mrs. Dan (Marie) Hitt – Reaffirmation of Faith
- Mr. Bryan Youmans – Kempsville Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Mrs. Bryan (Simone) Youmans – Kempsville Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Mr. Dan Mcdonald – Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington, Ohio
- Mrs. Dan (Joji) Mcdonald – Worthington Presbyterian Church Worthington, Ohio
- Mr. Doug Hayes – Eastminister Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia

Mrs. Doug (Cynthia) Hayes – Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia
Mr. Philip Jones – Brookwood Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Georgia
Mr. Tommy Limbaugh – St Luke's United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida
Mrs. Tommy (Marcia) Limbaugh – St Luke's United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida
Dr. Elizabeth Youmans – Kempsville Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Ms. Elizabeth Long- Markham Woods Presbyterian Church, Lake Mary, Florida
Ms. Amy Anzovina – Reaffirmation of Faith
Mr. Scottie Cahill – Reaffirmation of Faith
Mr. Tom Eastwood – Reaffirmation of Faith
Mrs. Tom (Julie) Eastwood – Reaffirmation of Faith
Ms. Betty Sue Harris – St Luke's United Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida
Mr. Robert Mauldin – Reaffirmation of Faith
Mrs. Robert (Diana) Mauldin – Reaffirmation of Faith
Mr. Jeff Sternberg – Reaffirmation of Faith
Mrs. Jeff (Marilyn) Sternberg – Reaffirmation of Faith
Mr. Christopher Baker – Profession of Faith

Dismissed:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Gina Perez) Calhoun – dismissed to University Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida
Mr. and Mrs. Don (Betty Lou) Meikle – dismissed to First Presbyterian Church, Deland, Florida
Mr. and Mrs. William (Marilyn) Ast – dismissed to First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, Florida
Mr. Chuck Olson – dismissed to St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winter Park, Florida

Deaths:

Mrs. Evelyn Wincey died 2/2/06
Mrs. Eda Murphy died 2/9/06
Mrs. Eva Noyes died 2/12/06
Mr. Thomas S. Kline died 2/28/06

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Meredith) Clayton, have a son, Joseph Benjamin Clayton, born 8/2/05
Mr. and Mrs. Rick (Jessica) Pullum have a son, Andrew Baldwin Pullum, born 9/13/05
Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Melinda) Livingston have a son, Sterling Maxwell Livingston, born 2/26/06

Child Baptism:

Emily Katherine Severson on 1/8/06
Jacob Bradley Baker on 1/8/06
Jeffrey David Phillips, Jr. on 1/8/06
Joseph Benjamin Clayton on 2/5/06
Isabella Grace Mascioli on 2/5/06
Joseph Michael Bongiorno III on 2/19/06
Nicholas Fenway Giglio on 2/19/06
Andrew Baldwin Pullum on 2/19/06

Senior Minister's Report

Dr. Swanson:

1. Reported that FPCO has had two great weekends with the 130th Anniversary Celebration and the Immeasurably More kickoff desserts and programs.
2. Turned the floor over to Case Thorp to provide clarification on the authority and responsibility of the Immeasurably More Missions Task Force [Commission]. Case Thorp clarified that the task force was made a commission at the February 28, 2006 session meeting. He clarified that a "commission," while under the authority of the session, operates differently from a committee. This commission will have the authority to make decisions and send money to entities designated under the Immeasurably More Campaign umbrella.

Consent Agenda

Evangelism & Outreach

- 1 – 1** New members received in February:
Sandra Hutnick – Profession of Faith
Bob & Pat Jenkins – Reaffirmation of Faith
W. David Rogers III – Reaffirmation of Faith
Chuck & Melissa Price – Reaffirmation of Faith
Neal Pitts – Reaffirmation of Faith
Teresa Pitts – Reaffirmation of Faith
Charles & Brienne Klask – Reaffirmation of Faith
David & Jackie Crisler – Transfer Letter – St. Paul's Presbyterian
Brian & Kristin Heaney – Profession of Faith
Michele Metziner – Reaffirmation of Faith
Bill & Grace Nelson – Reaffirmation of Faith
Nan Ellen Nelson – Reaffirmation of Faith
Brad & Becca Schmidt – Reaffirmation of Faith
Frederick & Jane Shew – Transfer Letter – Fairfield Glade Methodist Church
Lindsay Warden – Transfer of Letter – Oakland Presbyterian Church

Worship

- 3 – 1** to approve Rev. Dr. Don DeBevoise for Hawkins-McKee wedding on 10/14/06

Missions

- 4 – 1** To approve the Missions Committee
Administration Team: Andy Burchak, Rose Cahill, John Cash, Dawn Neff, Kim Penney, John Pinel, Case Thorp
Central Europe: Dawn Neff, Chris Bolan, Rob Bullock, Carol Ivey, Wanda Javaheri, Patsy Metcalf, Darrell Shea
Latin America: Kim Penney, Dennis Michels, Jonathas Moreira, Guy Neff, Kent Sterchi
Muslim World: Rose Cahill, Myrtle Amundson, Jean Harp, Chris Joes, Julie Jones, Jill Young
Urban/Local: John Pinel, Bill Alexander, Ken Blevins, Jean Huddleston, Tim Lemons, Dick Magee, Raye Roth, Julie Washburn, Nancy Kirk (ASOM), Sandy McCall (CC), Sue Fulford (ICCC)

M/S/P That items on the Consent Agenda be approved.

Congregational Care

M/S/P That Congregational Care will coordinate with a representative from each of the following committees: Evangelism & Outreach, Worship & Culture, Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, Support, Missions, Personnel, and Young Adults & Families, a Fellowship Luncheon for the Heart of Mercy Church on Sunday, July 30, 2006 immediately following the 11:00 am Service.

Discipleship

Pam Cawthon reported that the committee is working on a ministry action plan to support the strategic plan, work and vision of the church with the help of Donna McClellan.

Evangelism

Chip Dixon:

1. Reported that this year's Upward Basketball program had 35 coaches and more than 325 players participating.
2. Referred to the Worship & Culture Committee a request that:
 - a. A date be set in the fall to recognize and welcome teachers and students at the Weekday School and The Christ School in worship.
 - b. A reception be held immediately before the service.
3. Reported that Cross Culture with David Swanson will begin airing on WRBW – UPN TV 65 on Sunday, April 2, 2006 at 9:30 am.

Missions

John Cash:

1. Reminded the Session about the Infant Child Care Center's golf tournament on Friday, April 7, 2006.
2. Reminded the Session about the Taste of Compassion on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.
3. Provided an update on the One By One organization that addresses sexual brokenness.
4. Reported that the Outlook forum had made a response to the Report of the Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity (PUP report).

Personnel

Paul Scheck:

1. Reported that background checks would be done on all elders and deacons. This is the same process that all volunteers go through. Paul distributed release forms that are to be returned to his mailbox within 30 days.
2. Reminded the session and staff to be sure that all adjustments to compensation packages that are outside the originally authorized package be approved prior to being offered to potential candidates.
3. Reported that David Foust has been hired as the Creative Producer of the new Genesis service on Sunday mornings.

Worship and Culture

Mark Sand:

1. Discussed the new Service of Healing and Wholeness. David Swanson clarified that while elder involvement in these services will be beneficial and encouraged, it is not a mandatory. Those elders who would like to participate in praying with those coming for prayer will be required to attend training. It is anticipated that training sessions will be held two times per year.

M/S/P that the “Service of Healing and Wholeness”

Will begin on Sunday, September 17, 2006

Will be offered the third Sunday of each month

Will be held in the sanctuary at 4:00 pm

Will be staffed by a pastor and a representative from Music and Arts

Will have four prayer teams to conclude the service, each staffed by at least one elder, and one deacon

2. Reported that the committee realized that new third service, Genesis, would need two additional staff rather than just one worship leader. There is a need for a producer/non-musician first and a musician second. David Foust has been hired as the Creative Producer. David has a background in contemporary worship. The salary required to fill this position was \$5,000 greater than the budgeted amount approved. Dr. Sand reported that additional salary approval is needed to fill the second position (musician) and the third position of a full-time administrative assistant.

Support

Dave McComb:

1. Reported that while FPCO has gained momentum financially, there are still some major capital expenditures that will be required to maintain the current ministries.
2. Confirmed that the two additional positions for the new service should be delayed for 90 days while the Personnel and Support Committees review the budget impact of this need.
3. Approved the search to fill these positions.
4. Reported that the budget will be reviewed quarterly to address necessary changes.
5. Addressed concern by Mark Sand regarding the space needed to support the new service. Keith Wright said that there is a space planner working on this issue and that one of the constraints is that the media center (thought to be a potential location) must be located on the 1st floor of a building. This means that potentially two different spaces will have to be moved to address the needs for the new service.

Young Adults & Families

Leigh Mycoff reported that the committee is working closely with the strategic planning committee in areas related to Young Adults & Families.

Staff Matters

Browning Wood:

1. Introduced Jonathan Christian who is the new high school coordinator and Jeremiah Jenkins who will begin work on April 9, 2006 to work with middle school students.
2. Reported that the summer Jamaica and Tex Mex mission trips have been cancelled so that these trips would not be competing for support with the Immeasurably More campaign.
3. Reported that the youth will be going to those areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and that the plan for the future will be to alternate domestic and international mission trips each year.
4. Reported that the family mission trip scheduled for April to the Dominican Republic is still going forward.

Regina Sentell:

1. Reported that she had performed personality tests for twenty high school seniors.
2. Asked that members of the Session mark December 2, 2006 on their calendars for a marriage conference conducted by Les and Leslie Parrot. Additionally, Les Parrott will be coming to Orlando in October to meet with area pastors and talk about the upcoming conference.
3. Reported that Divorce Recovery is now under her oversight and that a new class will begin on April 5, 2006.
4. Reported that there has been a significant increase in the percentage of clients at the Church Street Counseling center from FPCO.

Seth Weipking:

1. Reported that the Sunday school class for young married couples is underway.
2. Reported that he is working on developing a mission trip to Africa.

Kathy Mangascle:

1. Reported that the childcare went well during the Immeasurably More desserts.
2. Reported that the plans are being made to accommodate the anticipated additional nursery needs for Easter Sunday.
3. Reported that Camp Wee Ones is in the planning stages.
4. Reported that she met with the entire staff of the College Park Presbyterian Church to assist them in developing their early childhood ministry program.

Lori Needham said that she is spending approximately 90% of her time on the Immeasurably More campaign but is continuing "Gift Quest."

Jean Huddleston:

1. Reported that the After School Outreach Ministry is teaming with the Orlando Housing Authority and Mayor Richard Crotty's Reaching Out to City Kids in an effort to reach more children.
2. Reported that she is working on an evangelism project to get 1000 small books into neighborhoods to be distributed to children.

Jack Walston reported that the replacement of the sanctuary roof will begin in the next few weeks.

David Swanson:

1. Reported that Executive Presbyter Paige McWright will share her perspective on the Report of the Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity (PUP report) and removal of G-6 at the May session meeting. Dr. Swanson asked that members of the Session research and understand this topic to be able to address the issue at the meeting.
2. Reported that several members from FPCO will be attending the General Assembly meeting this summer. Dr. Swanson will be attending the New Wine Skins meeting following General Assembly. This meeting will serve as a forum for debriefing following the General Assembly meeting.
3. Asked that members of the Sssion review the Vision Points from the Immeasurably More prayer booklet to see how each committee has a role in fulfilling these visions.
4. Reminded the Sssion that we will be examining approximately 100 youth from the confirmation classes at the April session meeting.
5. Reminded the Session of the scheduled Congregational Meeting on April 8, 2006 to dissolve the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to change the terms of call for the pastors. Jack Prevost will moderate this meeting.

John Cash reported that the Congregational Nominating Committee met to discuss the process for nominating new elders and deacons. Pam McComb provided guidelines to the committee for accepting nominations between now and April 27, 2006.

M/S/P That the meeting be adjourned.

John Pinel closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Cook, Clerk of Session