

**FLORIDA PRESBYTERY FALL STATED  
MEETING  
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FROSTPROOF, FLORIDA  
OCTOBER 25, 2011**

The meeting started at 10:00 AM with our **Worship Service** led by Rev. William “Buzzy” Elder.

The message of the day was brought by Rev. Tom Schneider from the book of Philippians 1:12-30 on **what is your top priority?**

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper was served by Rev. William “Buzzy” Elder and the Elders of First Presbyterian Church of Frostproof.

The offering for the Morrison Student Aid Fund was then taken and The Worship Service was closed in Prayer by Rev. William “Buzzy” Elder.

Moderator Lorin Bice called the morning **business session** to order.

A motion to adopt the **agenda** as printed was received, seconded and approved.

Moderator Lorin Bice asked if there was any discussion on the **minutes** of April 26, 2011 and the called meetings of June 8, 2011 and September 15, 2011. There was no discussion and a motion was made to approve the minutes of all three meetings. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Moderator called for volunteers to serve on **The Session Review Committee**. Rev. Steve Reynolds, Rev. Rob Patrick and Rev. Ray Cameron volunteered to serve on the committee.

**The Treasurers Report** was given by Mr. Steve Richardson. A motion to approve the report was received and the report was approved.

**The Report of Council** was given by Bob Siegel. There were no recommendations and the report was approved.

Rev. Ken Priddy, **ONA Director of Church Renewal**, was introduced by Moderator Bice to speak to the Presbytery on Renewal. He discussed what can be done to bring renewal back to our churches. We need balance toward Spiritual and Strategic revitalization and initiative. Rev. Priddy invited everyone to come to Jump Start, a Basic Church Vitalization seminar to be held at Hope Church in Lutz, Florida on Saturday morning 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

The Moderator asked Rev. Rob Patrick and Rev. Matt Joldersma to pray for the reception of the message given by Rev. Ken Priddy.

At the request of Moderator Bice the **Nominations Committee** Chairman Jac Coad gave his report asking that we each review all of the current standing committee's makeup and contact him with potential nominations for each committee. The Nominations committee recommended that Rev. Ray Cameron be elected **Principal Clerk** of the Florida Presbytery with his term to begin at the Spring Meeting of 2012. The recommendation was approved.

Moderator Bice asked for a motion to approve the committee report. The motion and a second was received. The report was approved.

A motion was received from the floor to Commend Rev. Jack Coad for the fine work he has done as Chairman of the Nominations Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

Moderator Bice called on Rev. Kim Payne, Chairman of **Christian Education**, to present his report. He gave the report for information purposes without recommendations. Rev. Payne stated that the Senior and Middle School retreat planning were well under way and that they were scheduled for: Middle School retreat January 20-22, 2012 and the Senior High Retreat for Jan 6-8, 2012. The Junior retreat is still in the early planning stage and will be announced soon. Moderator Bice asked for a motion to approve the committee report. A motion was received and the report was approved.

Moderator Bice called on Rev. David Walkup to give the **Missions Report**. Rev. Walkup gave the report informing us that the mission house in Colombia was not sold and the mission house at Bonclarken was sold. He stated that there have been many successes in the mission field with many adjustments being made due to political changes and financial circumstances. A motion to accept the report was received by Moderator Bice and the report was approved.

12:00 PM Moderator called on Rev. William "Buzzy" Elder to give directions for our **break for lunch** and to give thanks to the Lord. The morning session ended at this time.

1:00PM Moderator Lorin Bice called on Rev. Andrew Shoger to open the **Afternoon Business** session with **prayer**.

Moderator Bice called on Rev. Bob Johnson to give the **Stewardship report**. Rev Johnson brought up the denominational ministry fund of Synod and how, due to lack of funds, there was a need to cut back funding of the budget. He stressed the importance of giving to our DMS fund and keeping our ARP Ministries front and center in all the Church Congregations. Rev. Johnson stated that we need to keep our hearts for giving to our denomination first in these trying financial times. The ARP Church needs our faithfulness more than ever. A motion was received from the floor to approve the report. The report was approved.

Moderator Bice asked the Chairman of **Church Extension Committee**, Rev. Mark Bolhofner to give the committee report.

Recommendation 1. That the Call from Florida Presbytery Church Extension Committee to Rev. Stephen Reynolds as a Church Planter (having already served 6 months residency) be approved and that the terms of his call be amended to add " In the event of total disability, as defined in the Synod's insurance program, we promise: to continue the provisions of this call during the prescribed waiting period for commencement of benefits from Synod's insurance program and to continue the provisions of this call for a period not to exceed 3 months from the onset of total

disability. And, that in the event of death we promise to continue the provisions of this call dealing with annual salary, housing, and group insurance for a period of 3 months. The recommendation was approved.

Moderator Bice asked Rev. Jac Coad to give the report of **Minister and His Works Committee**, before continuing with Recommendations from Church Extension Committee.

Rev. Jac Coad gave the Minister and His Works Committee report by starting with the examination of Rev. Tom Schneider.

Rev. Coad called on **Rev. Tom Schneider** to introduce himself and give us a brief history of himself, before being examined. Rev. Tom Schneider completed his presentation and at the direction of Rev. Coad, the examination began with Rev. Coad having Elder Chris Hardeman ask the questions on the English Bible section of the examination. Rev. Coad then called on Rev. Drew Severance to ask the questions on Theology. Lastly, Rev. Jac Coad called on Rev. David Walkup to ask the questions on Church History (ARP).

Rev. Coad moved that Tom Schneider's **examination be sustained**. The motion was seconded and approved.

Recommendation 2. That **the call** from the Florida Presbytery Church Extension Committee to **Rev. Tom Schneider** for a six month residency in church planting beginning January 1, 2012 (Amended that in the event of total disability, as defined in the Synod's insurance program, we promise to continue the provisions of this call during the prescribed waiting period for commencement of benefits from Synod's insurance program, and to continue the provisions of this call for a period not to exceed 3 months from the onset of total disability. And that in the event of death during the terms of this call we promise to continue the provisions of this call dealing with annual salary, housing, and group insurance for a period of 3 months.) be approved **pending a transfer of ministerial standing credentials** from the Southwest Presbytery of the PCA to our Presbytery. The recommendation was approved.

The Moderator asked Rev. Drew Severance and Rev. David Walkup to pray for Rev. Tom Schneider, his wife Carolyn and the new work, the Church plant in Northport.

It was announced that Rev. Dennis Rupert was to be installed at Morningstar this Sunday October 30, 2011.

Rev. Mark Bolhofner prayed for Rev. Steve Reynolds in the Fort Meyers Church Plant as they transition to the position of Church planter. The Chinese Church and Rev. Jeff Liu were also lifted up, that Elders would be on board. Rev. Bob Hovey and Charlie Lewis's Church Plants were also prayed for. Rev. Bob Hovey prayed for Rev. Steve Reynolds and the Fort Meyers area Church Plant

Rev. Kim Payne requested that Tim Wohlers be ministered to in prayer. Moderator Lorin Bice asked Rev. Payne to proceed and pray for Tim and his family to become a church planter or any other position in the church.

At the request of Moderator Bice a motion to approve the Church Extension Report was received and approved.

Minister and His Works report was also moved for approval and it was approved.

The Moderator asked Andy Hunt to report on the **Ad Hoc Committee on Pleasant Hill/Parkway**. It was noted that due to Florida corporate law a fourth person was needed on the board of directors and Moderator Bice added himself to the committee.

Andy Hunt moved that we approve the increase of funding (\$1200) for Insurance increases to properly cover the building. The motion was seconded and approved.

Moderator Bice, as a committee member, stated that we do not have a formal offer yet, but we think we will be getting an offer. Do we want to move aggressively? The floor was opened to discussion. Many suggestions came forth in discussion. The Moderator said that they would proceed to get the best offer possible and bring it back to Presbytery as soon as possible.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Drew Severance to report on his **Reach One Ministry**. Rev. Severance stated that the group has grown to 30 Men and they meet over lunch to discuss and pray for those that they are mentoring (one on one). Rev. Severance stated that the group is about putting yourself in front of those that need to meet Christ. Rev. Drew Severance asked for continued prayer and he encouraged us to consider starting something like this in our churches.

Moderator Bice asked Rev. Ken Priddy to continue with his discussion on Church Renewal. Rev. Priddy invited everyone to attend the Seminar at Hope Church on Saturday.

During the lunch break the Session Review Committee reviewed the session minutes of the following Churches: SonLife, Lake Wales, Faith Church(Merritt Island), North Creek, Frostproof, Christ Community (Apollo Beach), Christ Presbyterian (Bradenton), and Trinity.

Our next Stated Meeting will be at Hope Church, Lutz Florida on April 24, 2012.

Moderator Lorin Bice received a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved.

Moderator Bice asked Rev. Buzzy Elder to give the closing prayer and to lead us in the singing of Psalm 155 Christian Unity.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Siegel  
Clerk of The Florida Presbytery

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**STUDENTS:** BROOKS PIPHER.

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