

Minutes
of the
Tennessee - Alabama
Presbytery

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod

Fall Stated Meeting

Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church

1607 Firestone Ave, Muscle Shoals, AL

September 21-22, 2007

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Friday Evening Session

The meeting was convened at 7:58 PM with prayer by Moderator C. W. Todd.

Ruling Elder Charlie Kocisek brought greetings on behalf of the Muscle Shoals Church.

The roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

Church	Minister	Ruling Elder
Bethel		Curt Mitchell - D
Camden		Max Bagget - D
Cleveland Street		Jerry Gooch - D
Covenant Family Fellowship	Kerry Ptacek	James Bradley SAT -Del
Connections Mission	Bob Illman	Tom Neve Matt Ligon
Fayetteville	C.W. Todd	Teddy Ray TPE - D
Hopewell	C.W. Bradley	Jim Patterson - D
Lincoln		Jim Kidd - D
Madison	Roy Hulling	
Muscle Shoals	Stephen Jordan	Charles Kocisek - D
Pressly Memorial	P.J. McClung	Fred Hartin Tony Fendley -D
Prosperity AL		Burns Sanderson - D
Prosperity TN	Charles Dana Crowell C.F. Edgar (Asst.)	Steve Weber - D
Joyce Edgar	Eric Lockamy - WW	

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Spring Stated Meeting and the Adjourned Meeting at Bonclarken as published on the Internet. Carried.

Consideration of the Synod directive to presbyteries to study the Vision Committee Report was deferred to the Saturday session by consent.

Motion: To adopt the program as printed subject to necessary change: Carried. The program was marked Appendix One and filed.

Motion: To excuse Garet Aldridge from this meeting. By consent.

The request from the Hopewell Session to defer its offer to host Presbytery in the fall of 2008 was postponed until the Saturday session by consent.

A communication from Treasurer Jim Patterson was referred to the Stewardship Committee for recommendation.

Jim Patterson presented the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: To amend by deleting the item \$16,627.09 under Income, and to approve as amended. Carried. The report was marked Appendix Two and filed.

The chair called upon Marty Taylor, Chairman of the Synod Board of Stewardship to greet the court on behalf of the board. The report was received by the members and delegates with approbation.

Adjourned with prayer and benediction by P.J. McClung.

Sat Morning Session

C.F. Edgar lead the singing of Bible Song 156 and prayer at 8:39 AM.

The chair called upon Bob Illman to bring the morning devotion.

The roll was constituted with a quorum present. (See table).

The chair called upon Eric Lackamy, candidate with World Witness, to make a missions presentation on his prospective mission to Rio Verde, Mexico.

Recess called for forty-five minutes at 8:54 AM.

Recess out at 9:53 AM.

Charles Edgar introduced Barney Heyward to the court as a minister with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church with interest in a possible affiliation with the Presbytery.

Personal privilege was extended to Dana Crowell, who spoke favorably and in support of hearing Mr. Heyward's testimony.

Mr. Heyward addressed the court and gave the background of his ministry and his life for consideration.

Bob Illman was given the privilege of the floor. He made favorable comments with respect to Mr. Heyward.

Stephen Jordan was given the privilege of the floor. He spoke favorably as well.

Motion: That Bob Illman confer with the Stated Clerk to write a letter requesting information from the EPC Presbytery as to his (Mr. Heyward's ministerial) status. Carried without dissent.

Jim Kidd reported for the Stewardship Committee.

Motion: That the report be received and its recommendation be adopted. Carried. It was marked Appendix Three and filed.

There was no report from the Covenant Discipleship Committee.

The Outreach Tennessee - Alabama report was read by Max Bagget.

The report was received as information, marked Appendix Four and filed.

The Minister and His Work Committee report was read by Charles Bradley after introductory remarks by C.F. Edgar. Its recommendations were considered seriatim.

1. That Jeff Becker be dismissed from the roll of presbytery without censure. **Carried.**
2. That the presbytery be advised that there is a leadership and communication breakdown (at Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church) and that all outreach plans and major planned expenditures be immediately suspended at Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church. **Carried.**
3. That the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church congregation be asked to consider its relationship with its pastor and that it also evaluate the advisability of continuing a relationship with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. **Carried.**
4. That the provisional session be suspended and that its duties be delegated to a commission to deal with all matters pertaining to Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church. The commission comprised of Tom Neve, Steve Weber, Bob Illman and Charles Edgar, with Mr. Edgar serving as chairman. **Carried.**

The Minister and His Work Committee report was received as a whole by consent. It was marked Appendix Five and filed.

Fred Hartin read the Committee on Nominations report.

The Nominations Committee report was approved on motion and its recommendations adopted. It was marked Appendix Six and filed.

Nominate Matt Ligon to serve as treasurer until 2010. **Carried.**

Nominate Jim Kidd to serve on the Nominations Committee until 2013. **Carried.**

The presbytery recognized Jim Patterson for his service as treasurer.

Steve Weber reported for the Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records. On motion, the report was received as information, marked Appendix Seven and filed.

The moderator appointed a committee to review the Synod Committee on Vision consisting of himself, C.W. Bradley and Bob Bender.

Steve Webber read the Resolutions Committee Report, it was received as information, and on motion marked Appendix Eight and filed.

Invitation was received from Camden to host the Spring Stated Meeting, March 21-22.

Motion: That Kevin Doty chair the Christian Education Ministries Committee and to serve on the corresponding Board of Synod and that C. W. Todd serve as Presbytery's representative on Synod's Minister and His Work Board. Carried.

The Report of the TN/AL Presbyterial was received as information and by consent, was marked Appendix Nine and filed.

A season of prayer was observed by the court after concerns were shared by the members and delegates

Adjournment followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

Attest:

Charles W. Bradley, Stated Clerk

Appendix 2

Tennessee Alabama Presbytery - Treasurer's Report

Fall 2007	Additions	Subtractions	Balance
Income			
Beginning Balance			\$10,677.69
*Dues	\$311.00		\$10,988.69
ONA	\$0.00		\$10,988.69
Interest	\$0.00		\$10,988.69
Designated Offering - Madison	\$250.00		\$11,238.69
New Church Development	\$500.00		\$11,738.69
Total Income	\$561.00		\$11,738.69
Expenditures			
Madison - Designated	\$250.00		\$11,488.69
Clerk expenses	\$77.40		\$11,411.29
Connections Mission	\$4,000.00		\$7,411.29
Total Expenditures	\$4,327.40		
Available Balance - Checkbook			\$7,411.29
Savings			
Opening Balance			\$34,365.10
Interest Income	\$611.73		\$34,976.83
Total Savings			\$34,976.83
Total Assets			\$42,388.12

Appendix 3

Stewardship Committee Meeting

September 22, 2007 9:00 AM

Present were Messrs Bradley, Kidd, Smith and Gouch.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Gouch.

Motion: The committee recommends that the \$100 per month contributions from local churches in support of Connections Mission be given directly to the mission. Carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Smith.

Appendix 4

Outreach Tennessee Alabama Committee Meeting

Motion: To recommend that Bob Illman continue to encourage Pastor/Elder swaps within the Presbytery with Connections Mission.

Appendix 5

Minister and His Works Committee Meeting
August 28, 2007 at Fayetteville A.R.P. Church

Attendance: Glenn Beech, CF Edgar, Bob , Charles Bradley, C.W. Todd.

Opened with prayer by C. F. Edgar at 10:38 AM.

Discussion: Brief discussion of Madison, with no report or recommendation.

Discussion: Muscle Shoals congregation is making progress in their work together.

The committee agreed to meet with Barney if he is able to attend the Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Recommend: That Jeff Becker be dismissed from the roll of the presbytery without censure.

Dismissed with prayer at 11:41 AM.

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Recommendation: That the presbytery be advised that there is a leadership and communication breakdown and that all outreach plans and major planned expenditures be immediately suspended.

Recommendation: That Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church congregation be asked to consider its relationship with the pastor and to also evaluate the advisability of continuing a relationship with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Recommendation: That a commission be formed to deal with all matters pertaining to Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church. The commission comprised of Tom , Steve Weber, Bob Illman and Charles Edgar, with Mr. Edgar serving as chairman.

Committee heard a report from Pastor Roy Hulling on the work at Madison Monrovia A.R.P. Church.

Appendix 6

Nominations Committee Meeting

Sept 21, 2007

Present were Messrs Hartin, Hulling and Mitchell. Visitor Jerry Gouch sat in on the meeting.

Opened with prayer by Mr. Mitchell.

1. Motion: To nominate Bob Illman to the Committee for Christian Education Ministries to replace Sam Reneger for class of 2013. Carried.
2. Motion: To nominate Dana Crowell to the Outreach Tennessee Alabama Committee for the class of 2013. Carried.
3. Motion: To nominate Kerry Ptacek to the Stewardship Committee for the class of 2013 to replace Charles Bradley. Carried.

Meeting dismissed with prayer by Mr. Hulling to reconvene on September 22nd.

Meeting on September 22nd.

Present were Messrs Hartin, Hulling, Mitchell and Ptacek. Visitor Jim Bradley also sat in on the meeting.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Hulling.

1. Motion: That P.J. McClung fill the unexpired term of Paul Shannon on the Minister and His Works Committee until 2009. Carried.
2. Motion: Nominate M. Smith to the Minister and His Work Committee for the class of 2013, and to remove Mr. Smith from the Stewardship Committee. Carried.
3. Motion: To remove Blake Field from the Outreach Tennessee Alabama Committee for reasons of ill health.

Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Hulling.

Appendix 7

Tenn/AL Presbytery Meeting, Muscle Shoals, Alabama

21-22 September 2007

Minutes of the Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records

1. The committee on Sessional Records met on both the 21st and 22nd of September 2007 during the Tenn/Al Presbytery meeting.
2. The members of the committee are listed below:
 - a. Mr. Teddy Ray, Chair, Fayetteville ARP church
 - b. Mr. Steve Weber, Recording Secretary, Prosperity TN ARP church
 - c. Rev. Stephen Jordan, Muscle Shoals ARP church
 - d. Mr. Max Baggett, Camden ARP church
3. Rev. Jordan opened the meeting with prayer.
4. The Session records of 12 churches were to be reviewed during this meeting. Listed below are the names of the churches with comments regarding each church's records.
 - a. Bethel ARP church: records approved.
 - b. Camden ARP church: records not available for review.
 - c. Cleveland St. ARP church: these records were submitted to the Minister and His Works Committee for further review.
 - d. Covenant Family Fellowship ARP church: records approved.
 - e. Fayetteville ARP church: records approved.
 - f. Hopewell ARP church: records approved.
 - g. Lincoln Memorial ARP church: records approved.
 - h. Madison-Monrovia ARP church: records approved with comment that some of the records required the church's Clerk of Session signature.

- i. Muscle Shoals Presbyterian ARP church: records approved.
- j. Pressly Memorial ARP church: records approved.
- k. Prosperity AL ARP church: records not available for review.
- l. Prosperity TN ARP church: records approved.

5. The two churches that did not have records available for review were requested to bring them to the Spring 2008 meeting of the Presbytery for review.

6. Mr. Teddy Ray closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by:

/signed/

Steve Weber

Recording Secretary

Appendix 8

Tenn/AL Presbytery Meeting, Muscle Shoals, Alabama

21-22 September 2007

Minutes of the Moderator's Committee on Resolutions

1. The committee on Resolutions met on the 22nd of September 2007 during the Tenn/Al Presbytery meeting.
2. The members of the committee are listed below:
 - a. Mr. Steve Weber, Chair, Prosperity TN ARP church
 - b. Mr. Teddy Ray, Fayetteville ARP church
 - c. Mr. Jim Patterson, Hopewell ARP church
 - d. Mr. Max Baggett, Camden ARP church
 - e. Mr. Jerry Gooch, Cleveland St. ARP church
 - f. Rev. Kerry Ptacek, Covenant Family Fellowship ARP church
3. Mr. Steve Weber opened the meeting with prayer.
4. The Committee developed, and propose for passage, the resolution delineated below:

Resolution:

Whereas the pastor and members of the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian ARP church, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, have provided comfortable and adequate meeting space, tasty nourishment, and warm reception to all which facilitated the Presbytery to meet in an efficient manner.

Therefore be it resolved that members of the Tennessee/Alabama Presbytery of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in a meeting duly assembled, do hereby express appreciation to the congregation of the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian ARP church, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, for their hospitality and generosity.

Be it further resolved that gratitude is also extended to the women of the church and the Session of the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian ARP church, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, for the refreshments and delicious meals.

Be it further resolved that appreciation is expressed to those who provided splendid music and otherwise participated in the agenda of the Tennessee/Alabama Presbytery, on this date, Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Submitted by:

/signed/

Steve Weber

Chair

Appendix Nine

September 2007

Greetings from the TN/AL Presbyterial,

We had a very successful meeting at Bethel A.R.P. Church in Oak Hill, AL on August 18th. Members from Bethel, Camden, Fayetteville, and Prosperity, TN attended as well as representatives from the new Connections Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL. A written report was also received from the group at Muscle Shoals. We enjoyed a wonderful time of Christian fellowship as our hosts entertained us with delicious food and true Southern hospitality.

Pam Crabtree of Fayetteville presented a program highlighting her short-term medical mission trip to Pakistan. Dressed in Pakistani attire, she gave an interesting account of the people she encountered, as well as insight into the culture of the country. In the afternoon, we were excited to have Sally Illman who is assisting her husband Bob in planting a church in the Madison/Limestone area of Alabama tell of their blessings and challenges. A donation was given to help the church purchase study books for the women. We also made a donation to the Pakistan mission field in Pam's honor.

The following were installed as new officers:

Cathy Pitts—President

Gene Templeton—Vice-President

Sherry Bartlett—Secretary

Margie Ligon—Treasurer

Department Chairmen:

Spiritual Life—Jane Shelton Dale

Historian—Roberta Kidd

Missions & Outreach—Bonnie Mitchell

Our Women's Ministries Group stands ready to assist you as you strive to fulfill our Lord's work and to lead our Presbytery in His ways.

Your sisters in Christ,

Cathy Pitts, President