

Minutes
of the
Tennessee - Alabama
Presbytery
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod

Fall Stated Meeting

Hopewell Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Friday Evening Session

The meeting was convened at 8:24 PM with prayer by Bob Illman.

Jim Patterson brought greetings from the host church.

The roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

Church	Minister	Ruling Elder
Bethel		Curtis Mitchell - D
Camden		
Cleveland Street		Jerry Gooch Matthew Gooch - D
Covenant Family Fellowship		
Connections Mission	Bob Illman	Matt Ligon (Sat)
Fayetteville	C.W. Todd	Teddy Ray - D
Hopewell	C.W. Bradley	Charles Mangum - D
Lincoln		
Madison	Roy Hulling	
Muscle Shoals	Stephen Jordan	Steve Weber -D
Pressly Memorial	P.J. McClung	Fred Hartin - D
Prosperity AL		
Prosperity TN		S. Eugene Reneger - D
Mark Linker WOC	Rev. Su Kim and family	

Motion: To waive the reading of the Minutes of the Spring 2008 Stated Meeting and the Adjourned Meeting 2008 at Bonclarken. Carried.

Motion: To adopt the program subject to necessary change. Carried. The program was marked APPENDIX I and filed.

Gordon Query, Moderator of the General Synod, brought greetings to the court and presented the theme for the year: The Indispensable Word, (Deuteronomy 8:3). He challenged members and delegates with the question: "Is the word of God penetrating our daily lives?"

Personal privilege was extended to Charles Edgar who commented on the Moderator's monthly article in the Magazine.

Matthew Gooch, a new Ruling Elder at Cleveland Street and the Reverend Su Kim and family, were introduced to the court.

Motion: That Kevin be excused from his committee assignment for work reasons. Carried.

Motion: To excuse Kerry Ptacek from the meeting. Carried

The Treasurer's Report was deferred until the Saturday session with consent.

Teddy Ray presented the report of the Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records.

Motion: To receive the report as information. Carried. The report was marked APPENDIX II and filed.

At the request of the Moderator, special prayer was offered for U. S. Army Chaplain Gabe Cotton who reported at the Adjourned Meeting at Synod that he is deploying to Iraq with 1st Cavalry Division.

By consent, Charles Edgar presented a draft memorial to Synod for delegates to study after adjournment and discuss during the Saturday session.

Motion: To adjourn. Carried

The benediction was pronounced by C.W. Todd at 8:49 PM.

Sat Morning Session

The meeting opened with the singing of Psalm 95 and an invocation by C. F. Edgar at 8:20 AM.

Matt Ligon brought the devotional from Judges 3:12-30, on the story of Ehud as an example of an unlikely deliverer.

The Moderator called the court to order with prayer.

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

Matt Ligon presented the Treasurer's Report. **Motion:** To receive the report as information. Carried. The report was marked APPENDIX III and filed.

The Moderator named a Special Moderator's Committee to propose a sexual harassment policy for adoption by Presbytery at the Spring Stated Meeting 2009, in order to comply with the Synod directive mandating that presbyteries adopt a policy if they do not have one. Bob Illman, Charles Bradley and Steve Jordan were named to the committee, with Mr. Illman as chair.

Motion: To extend the privilege of floor to Messrs Query, Kim and (Matthew) Gooch. Carried.

Recess was called for thirty minutes per order of the day at 8:40 AM.

Recess out at 9:43 AM.

The Report of the Committee on the Minister and His Work was read by Charles Bradley. **Motion:** To receive as information. Carried. The report was marked APPENDIX IV and filed.

A recommendation from the Minister and His Work Committee that Presbytery go into Executive Session was carried. Guests were excused and the Presbytery entered Executive Session at 9:55 AM.

Motion: To terminate executive session. Carried. The court allowed guests to return and resumed regular business.

The Report of the Commission to Muscle Shoals was read by Bob Illman. **Motion:** To receive as information. Carried. The report was marked APPENDIX V and filed.

There was no report from the Committee on Stewardship.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education Ministries was presented by Charles Mangum.

Motion: To receive as information. Carried. The report was marked APPENDIX VI and filed.

The report of the Committee on Outreach North America was presented by Teddy Ray. Motion to receive as information. Carried. The report was marked APPENDIX VII and filed.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by Fred Hartin. The recommendations contained therein were considered seriatim:

P.J. McClung to serve on the Minister and His Work Committee to 2014. Carried.

Steve Weber to serve on the Outreach Tennessee Alabama committee to 2014. Carried

That Charles Edgar serve on the Christian Educational Ministries Committee through 2009 to full the term of Charles Kosecik, followed by a full term ending 2014. Carried.

Sam Reneger to the Stewardship committee until 2014. Carried.

Matt Ligon to serve as Trustee to 2014. Carried

Motion: To receive the report as a whole. Carried. The report was marked Appendix VIII and filed.

Motion: To nominate Charles Bradley to serve as clerk until 2012. Carried. Elected by acclamation.

Motion: To nominate Matthew Gooch to serve on the Nominations Committee to 2014. Carried. Elected by acclamation.

The floor was opened for invitations to host the Fall Stated Meeting 2009, on September 18 & 19, 2009.

Motion: To accept the invitation of the Fayetteville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to host the Fall Stated Meeting 2009. Carried.

The Moderator announced that the Spring Stated Meeting for 2009 will convene at the Cleveland Street Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on March 20 & 21, 2009.

Motion: To accept the invitation of Camden Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to host Spring Stated Meeting for 2010 to be held March 19 & 20, 2010. Carried.

Motion: That Presbytery send an official note of sympathy to Jim Fee on the death of his son in a automobile crash in Fayetteville, TN. Carried.

Motion: To consider the proposed Memorial to Synod, calling upon Synod rescind the action of the 2008 General Synod that set aside *The 1979 Statement Concerning Scripture*. Second.

Motion: to Refer: To a special Moderator's Committee to consider it and bring a recommendation to Presbytery at the Spring Stated Meeting 2009. Carried.

The chair named Charles Edgar, Mark Linker, Calvin Todd, and Bob Bender to the committee.

The Moderator took prayer concerns from members and delegates. The court observed a season of prayer.

The court sang *The Song of Christian Unity*, after which the benediction was pronounced.

A luncheon was served on the grounds.

The Moderator's Committee on Resolutions read its report in conjunction with the meal. The report was marked APPENDIX IX and filed.

Attest:

Charles W. Bradley, Stated Clerk

<p>Tennessee Alabama Presbytery <small>Fall Social Meeting, Hopewell A.B. Presbyterian Church, September 19 - 20, 2008</small></p>	
<p>Officers of Presbytery</p> <p>Moderator Jerry Gooch 2009 Moderator Elect P.J. McClung 2010 Treasurer Matt Ligon 2010 Stated Clerk Charles Beasley 2009</p> <p>Trustees</p> <p>Max Ligon 2009 Stephens Jordan 2010 Jim Kidd 2011</p> <p>Committees</p> <p>Christian Education Ministries</p> <p>Kevin Doty c. 2011 C.W. Todd 2010 Charlie Mangum 2012 Bob Illman 2013</p> <p>Minister and His Works</p> <p>C.W. Todd c. 2012 P.J. McClung 2009 C.W. Bradley 2010 Glenn Beech 2011 Mike Smith 2013</p> <p>Nominations</p> <p>Fred Hartin c. 2010 Curtis Mitchell 2011 Roy Halling 2009 Charles Edgar 2012 Jim Kidd 2013</p> <p>Outreach Tennessee Alabama</p> <p>Teddy Ray c 2010 Glenn Beech 2009 Jim Patterson 2011 Max Baggett 2012 Dana Crowell 2013</p> <p>Stewardship</p> <p>Jim Kidd 2009 Emmitt Fowler 2010 Mike Smith 2011 Jerry Gooch 2012 Kerry Pacek 2013</p> <p>Moderator's Committee to Review Sessional Records</p> <p>Fayetteville Delegate, Chair Connections Delegate Madison Delegate Bethel Delegate Lincoln Delegate Garet Aldridge</p> <p>Moderator's Committee on Resolutions</p> <p>Prosperity, TN Delegate, Chair Camden Delegate Cleveland Street Delegate Presley Memorial Delegate Mark Linker Kerry Pacek</p>	<p>Welcome and Announcements</p> <p>MINISTER C. Mangum</p> <p>The Call to Worship</p> <p>MINISTER Psalm 66:5,8,9 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.</p> <p>The Voluntary</p> <p>O Worship the King Will & Jena Mangum</p> <p>The Responsive Invocation</p> <p>MINISTER: Remember us, O Lord PEOPLE: With the favor You bear to Your people MINISTER: O visit us with your salvation PEOPLE: That we may see the good of your chosen MINISTER: And rejoice with Your people this hour PEOPLE: That we may glory in Your inheritance MINISTER: And long for the glory that shall be revealed ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p> <p>* The Hymn of Praise</p> <p>PH 244 God Himself is with Us ABENBERG</p> <p>* The Confession of Sin</p> <p>MINISTER: seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Give unto God the glory, and confess your iniquity, and say:</p>

ALL: Almighty God, everlasting and merciful Father, behold, we were born in iniquity and in the guilt of Adam's sin were conceived and acknowledged all of our sins and transgressions to You. We have not believed Your Word; we have turned aside from Your way; our time and life is spent in vanity through transgression. In Your mercy and goodness remember, O Lord, those who are gathered here from the world; remember not the sins of our youth. O Lord forgive our sins and be merciful to us for Christ's sake. Amen

MINISTER: Now let us be comforted and glad, and hear the good tidings of the Gospel: If any man has sinned, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is a propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Believe the Gospel and live in peace.
Used by Martin Bucer in Strasbourg, during the Protestant Reformation

*** The Scripture Reading**
 MINISTER P. J. McClung

*** The Gloria Patri**
 GREATREX

*** The Lord's Prayer**
 ALL use "debt"

The Psalter
 PH 623 The Lord, My Shepherd, Rules My Life
CRIMSON

The Sermon
 MINISTER P. J. McClung

*** The Communion Hymn**
 PH 485 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire
MANDAH

*** The Confession of Faith**
 ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 The Table Address C. F. Edgar
 BS 242 vv.1&2. I Love the Lord
 The Table Service
 The Response
 BS 242 v.3 I Love the Lord

*** The Doxology**
 OLD HUNDREDETH

*** The Benediction**
 MINISTER:

*** The Congregational Response**
 May the Lord, the mighty God, bless and keep us forever.
 Grant us peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, the gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

The Voluntary
 Rise Up O Men of God. Will & Jena Mangum

Piano Accompaniment Benjamin Rentschler

Docket

Friday Business Meeting

Prayer of Constitution

Greeting from

Roll Call

● Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Presentation of Program

Presentation of Guests

Moderator of Synod Address

Correspondence

● Treasurer Report

Unfinished Business

Benediction

8:15 PM

Jerry Gooch

Jim Patterson

Charles Mangum

Charles Mangum

Charles Mangum

Jerry Gooch

Gordon Query

Charles Mangum

Matt Ligon

C.W. Todd

Saturday September 29, 2008

Invocation and Psalm

Devotion

Call to Order

Roll Call

Presentation of Guests

Business

Recess for Committee Work

Report from the Commission

Reports from Committees

Invitation for Fall 2009 Meeting

● Announcement of Spring 2009

Season of Prayer

BS #280 Song of Christian Unity

Benediction

8:15 AM

Charles Edgar

Matt Ligon

Jerry Gooch

Charles Bradley

Jerry Gooch

Bob Illman

C.F. Edgar

Mark Linker

Appendix 2

Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records

September 19, 2008

Present: Teddy Ray, Steve Weber, Max Baggett.

Meeting was called to order by Teddy Ray.

The sessional records of ten of the twelve churches were reviewed. One had two months of no closing prayer. Camden had a new clerk and he was no aware of some of the procedures. One church did not have a monthly meeting. All churches were notified of their missing procedures.

There was no report from Prosperity, AL and Covenant Family Fellowship.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Steve Weber.

Appendix 3

**Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery
Treasurer's Report
Spring 2008 Meeting**

Checking Account

Starting Balance: \$ 6911.29

Deposits: \$2947.82

Withdrawals: \$4111.36

Ending Balance: \$5747.75

CD Balance: \$45,278.38

Assessments Received From:

Camden

Bethel

Muscle Shoals

Hopewell

Fayetteville

Prosperity(TN)

Appendix 4

Minister and His Work Committee

Present: C.W. Todd, C.W. Bradley, P.J. McClung.

Opening prayer by C.W. Todd.

Interviewed Bob Illman about his work on the Commission to Muscle Shoals and his work with Connections Church.

Interviewed Stephen Jordan regarding his work at Muscle Shoals.

Interviewed Su Kim regarding the proposed Korean church plant in Huntsville.

Proposal was made for the Korean group to meet concurrently with Connections, with common worship and two concurrent preaching services if it is agreeable to the Session at Connections.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Appendix 5

Report to the Tennessee Alabama Presbytery, ARP
of the
Commission to Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church

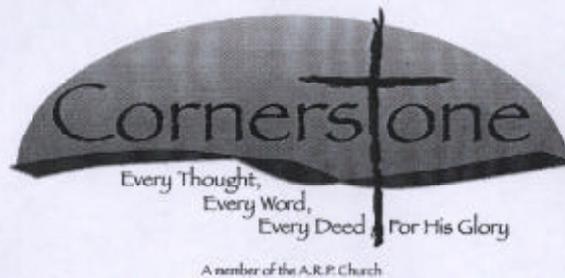
Your commission continues to meet monthly as the Session of Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church. A Budget has been set for the year, and finances are now consolidated with Commission member Tom Neve serving as Treasurer. RE Neve has established regular pay days, and installed accounting procedures that ensure financial accountability for the church records. In addition, credit cards have been issued to the Pastor and Youth Worker to facilitate cash management and monthly accounting. (Current Financials attached)

The congregation, at a July congregational/corporation meeting voted to change the name of the church to Cornerstone A.R.P. Church of Muscle Shoals. All of the necessary legal documents have been filed for this change to occur. In addition, new bylaws were adopted.

Your commission is satisfied with progress at Cornerstone, and has set a spring date to evaluate progress. We, along with TE Jordan are viewing this re-launch as a church plant. That means that at present we do not see obvious candidates for Elder in the immediate future.

Our plans, with your consent, are to continue doing what we are doing, and we ask you to pray that God would send new leaders to the church, so that we can rejoice with the congregation and ask your blessing on dissolving the commission.

/s/ Charles Bradley, Chairman



Appendix Six

Christian Education Ministries

Meeting September 19, 2008

Present: Charles Mangum and Bob Illman.

1. Communication from Synod C.E. Committee representative Bob Illman.
2. Since C.E. in T/A Presbytery churches varies greatly, committee needs to have a better idea of what is being done to effectually advise the Presbytery. Motion: To canvass churches as to what is being done and what needs to be done. Second and carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Charles Mangum.

Appendix Seven

Minutes of the Outreach Tennessee / Alabama Committee

September 20, 2008

Present: Teddy Ray, Bob Illman, Jim Patterson, Max Baggett.

Bob Illman gave a report of his work at Connections Presbyterian Church. They have also started various outreach programs.

Bob Illmand also gave a report of the work in Montgomery and Scott Mitchell. Their goal is to launch the church in the spring. Bob's two sons have been involved in the church.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bob Illman.

Appendix Eight

Report of the Nominations Committee

Meeting September 19, 2008

Present: Fred Hartin, chairman, C.F. Edgar, Roy Hulling, Curt Mitchell.

Visitors: Sam Reneger, Matthew Gooch.

Meeting was opened with prayer by C.F. Edgar.

Minister and His Work: Term expiring - McClung 2009.

Motion by Hulling nominating P.J. McClung for a full term expiring 2014. Seconded by Edgar. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Term expiring - Hulling 2009. Nomination comes from the floor of Presbytery.

Outreach Tennessee Alabama: Term expiring - Glenn Beach 2009, Motion by Edgar nominating Steve Weber. Second by Hulling. Carried. Term expires 2014.

Christian Education: Hulling nominated Edgar to fill unexpired term and full term 2014. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

Stewardship: Term expiring Jim Kidd 2009. Motion by Hulling nominating Sam Reneger. Seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried. Class of 2014.

Trustees: Term expiring Matt Ligon 2009. Mitchell motion to nominate Matt Ligon. Seconded Hulling. Motion carried.

Adjourned with prayer by Reneger.

Appendix Nine

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Fall Presbytery, 2008, Hopewell Church, Culleoka, TN

Present: ✓ Prosperity TN. Delegate Chair, *Eugene Renegar*
✓ Camden Delegate
Cleveland Street Delegate
Presley Memorial Delegate
✓ Mark Linker
Kerry Ptacek

Saturday: September 20, 2008

The meeting opened with prayer by *Eugene Renegar*

Whereas the pastor and members of Hopewell Church, Culleoka, TN. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church have afforded comfortable and adequate meeting space, have displayed a warm reception to all, and have permitted 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 Hopewell Church, Culleoka, TN, ARP Church 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 Hopewell Church, Culleoka, TN. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church for the refreshments and delicious meals.

Be it further resolved that appreciation is expressed to those who provided, *preaching,* *devotion, the* splendid music and otherwise participated in the agenda of Presbytery, this Saturday, September 20, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,
Prosperity Delegate

