

SALEM PRESBYTERY
SEVENTY-NINTH STATED MEETING

Bethel Presbyterian Church
McLeansville, North Carolina

July 19, 2008

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DOCKET

Vision

With a devoted faith in Jesus Christ, Salem Presbytery has accepted God's call to witness to the way of our risen Savior and to serve Christ's own in the world. Undergirded and guided by God's spirit, we seek together to strengthen the worship, work and witness of Presbytery, our congregations and all our faithful to be the people of God spanning barriers of race, gender, class and ethnic background

Mission

Salem Presbytery is called to fulfill the MISSION and GOVERNING responsibilities given us by Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church as interpreted by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); that every one of us will be strengthened and equipped as faithful disciples of Jesus throughout the world.

Minister and Elder Commissioner Seating

Ministers and Elder Commissioners who are authorized to vote at this Presbytery meeting are asked to sit in the forward portion of the sanctuary. Speakers are requested to sit in the front of the sanctuary.

√ Denotes Order of the Day. * You may stand for these parts of the liturgy. () Corresponds to numbers in Packet materials.
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| 8:00 | Registration | |
| 8:45 | Orientation for new Commissioners | |
| 8:50 | Music | |
| 9:00 | CALL TO ORDER | |
| | ELECTION OF STATED CLERK FOR THIS MEETING, S. Curtis Patterson | Sandra Greene |
| | ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY | |
| (A) | Stated Clerk Report | Curtis Patterson |
| | Communications | |
| | Quorum | |
| | New Business to be added to docket (afternoon) | |
| | <u>Write out</u> proposed motions and give to Stated Clerk before the meeting begins. | |
| (B) | Approval of Docket | |
| | Bills and Overtures Committee | |
| (C) | Consent Agenda | |
| | Welcome from Host Church | Benjamin E. Williams |
| | Moderator's Welcome & Report | Sandra Greene |
| | Corresponding Members | |
| | Elders attending for the first time | |
| 9:15 | CHORAL INTROIT: "How Beautiful" Medley (Twila Paris) | Bethel Choir |
| | CALL TO WORSHIP: | Benjamin E. Williams |
| | One: Lord, you have been our refuge | |
| | All: from one generation to another. | |

One: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the sea were born,
All: from age to age you are God.
 One: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,
All: so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
 One: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,
All: and prosper the work of our hands.
 One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *In Unity We Lift Our Song* (Sing the Faith, 2221)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**O God, we are called into your service every minute of every day,
 but our expertise lies in making excuses. You call us to share our resources, and we
 clench our fists and worry about having enough. You call us to prayer and study,
 and we overbook our days and complain we don't have time. You call us to faithful
 service, and we seek what is convenient for us.**

**Forgive our excuses and call us again into your love, your abundance and your service.
 Amen**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sandra Greene

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalms 33:1-5

Sandra Greene

ANTHEM

Betty Garvin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 12: 4-12

Catreliia Hunter

SERMON: Celebrating the Gifts of God

Catreliia Hunter

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION OF WILLIE D. GARVIN

Dale Walker

Sam Stevenson

Norman M. Whitney, Sr.

A GIFT OF THANKS:

Norman M. Whitney, Sr.

LITURGY:

Norman M. Whitney, Sr.

One: Life in Christ is a pattern of call and response. God calls us to life.
 God calls us to service. God calls us to rest.

All: God calls us today.

One: Like Abraham and Sarah, we are called to leave our comfort zone
 and move toward a new life of abundance and grace.

All: God calls us today.

One: Like Moses, we are called to follow God into situations we could never
 imagine before.

All: God calls us today.

One: Like the prophets, we are called to topple kingdoms, make justice work,
 protect the disadvantaged, speak truth to power.

All: God calls us today.

One: Like the disciples, we are called to leave the practices of the secular
 world and follow the way of Christ.

All: God calls us today.

One: Like Willie Garvin, we are called to live as faithful servants, trusting

in God's promise that God is there, ready to help.

All: **God calls us today.**

One: As we listen to our call, we take strength and wisdom from the saints who work with us. We give thanks for Willie and we are inspired to follow her example, to listen to God's call for our own lives, and to serve the way Willie has served.

All: **God calls us today.**

One: We respond to that call as God's children, praying together as Christ taught us to pray...Our Father...

*HYMN: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Black Caucus Choir will sing during Communion

Sandra Greene & Benjamin E. Williams

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION:

Benjamin E. Williams

God - Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
we're grateful for the sacrifice
made for our sins by Jesus Christ
and pray that he would be our host

As we gather to receive
this sacred meal in his name.
Wipe away our nagging shame;
grant our troubled souls reprieve,

O Christ our heavenly High Priest!
By the peace your cross imparts,
cleanse our consciences and hearts
and make us ready for the feast.

As we eat and drink in faith,
may these gifts of bread and juice
be set apart from common use
to be a vehicle of grace:

Though only wine and only bread,
let them be our spirits' food
in Jesus' body and his blood -
the stuff by which our faith is fed.

Now your covenant renew:
you in us, and we in you.

ANTHEM: Black Caucus Choir

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

Catreliia Hunter

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Black Caucus Choir

10:50	BOARD OF PENSIONS	Helen Locklear
11:00	PEACE AND JUSTICE PRESENTAION	Barbara Clawson
11:10	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Introduction of Business Manager	Beth Utley
11:20 (D)	EQUIP SUPPORT TEAM	Jay Banasiak
11:30	RECOGNITION OF ASSOCIATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR	
11:35	GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Steve McCutchan, Joanne Hull, Ronald Shive, Dale Walker, Diane Givens-Moffett, Charles Rose, Carolyn Sprinkle, Linda Saleeby, Wayne Green, Theresa McGraw, Sara Pugh	
12:05	GENERAL PRESBYTER REPORT	Sam Marshall
12:15 (E)	SALEM COUNCIL REPORT	Norman M. Whitney, Sr.
12:25 (F)	HUNGER ACTION ADVOCATE REPORT & LUNCH BLESSING *HYMN 269 (vs. 1 & 3) <i>O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand</i>	Barbara Clawson
12:30	LUNCH	
1:30	RECONVENE MEETING in Sanctuary *HYMN #369 <i>I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me</i>	
1:35	CANDIDATE PREACH: Candidate Canessa Stafford: Sermon Title: "God's Funny Farm" Scripture: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	
1:50	MINISTRY TEAM (G) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE	Tempe Fussell
	(H) COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY	Dale Walker/Stephen Scott
2:45 (I)	PEACE, UNITY, AND PURITY REPORT	
3:45 (J)	NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Wayne Robertson
3:50	NEW BUSINESS (identified in morning)	
3:55	BENEDICTION AND CLOSING HYMN	Sandra Greene

REPORTS FOR THIS MEETING:

- (A) Stated Clerk Report
- (B) Docket
- (C) Consent Agenda
- (D) Equip Support Team
- (E) Council Report
- (F) Hunger Action Report
- (G) Examinations Committee
- (H) Committee on Ministry
- (I) Peace, Unity, and Purity Report
- (J) Nominating Report
- (K) Committee on Preparation for Ministry