

Minutes of Athanasius Presbytery
Rich Lusk, Minister of Presbytery
Alan Stout, Clerk of Presbytery
Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches
11 March 2014
Birmingham, Alabama

Churches and Members of Presbytery Represented:

Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge LA: Galen Sorey and Denny Dufour
Christ Church, Branchville AL: Ted Phillips and Keith Diamond
Christ Church of the Good Shepherd, North Augusta, SC: Joel Presley
Christ Church of Pace, FL: Rob Hadding and Joshua Marchlewski
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton MS: Mickey Schneider, Steven Wedgeworth in attendance
Providence Church, Pensacola FL: Uri Brito and Alan Stout,
St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville TN: Joe Thacker
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham AL: Jimmy Gill and Gilbert Douglas
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso FL: Ben Rossell

Church not represented:

Salem Reformed Church, Rome GA:

- I. Morning
 - a. Invocation. Rich Lusk
 - b. Psalm
 - c. Rich Lusk calls for the Quorum established with the Churches listed above.
 - d. Introduction of visitors.
 - i. Wes Baker, Peru Missions
 - ii. Brian Mclain, St. Mark Reformed Church;
 - iii. Grant Price, Christ Church Branchville, AL
 - iv. Joseph Norris (wife Sarah), Trinity Presbyterian (Birmingham)
 - v. Chris King (sons Michael and Knox), Christ Church Branchville, AL
 - vi. Daniel Ferrill, Christ Church Branchville, AL
 - vii. Jim Hunter, Providence Church Pensacola, FL
 - viii. Herman Gunter, Covenant First Presbyterian Church Live Oak, FL

II. Motions, Presentations, Church reports

Motion 14/11/03:01 to accept the agenda as printed: (Carried, 16-0)

Motion 14/11/03:02 to accept the November 2013 minutes (Carried, 16-0)

Motion 14/11/03:03 to seat the visitors and allow them to speak within Regular business (Carried, 16-0)

Presentations given by the following:

Wes Baker of Peru Mission

Peter Leithart – Trinity House

Steven Wedgeworth – Davenant Trust

Church Reports:

Christ Church Branchville – One elder retired. Two elders now. Attached Church report. Mid-week service and fellowship meal once a month. Missions work, including a group of younger people for a short term project in Peru. Conducted a relational apologetics course in the summer, culminating in door to door evangelism. Ministries to some single women. Assistance to adopting families. Business Mentor ministry. Ben Rossel Prays

Church of the Good Shepherd- Joel Pressley. Thankful for the labors of Presbytery in their lives. 12 member families, with a couple of regular visiting. Averaging 75 on Sunday worship. Two Courtships right now. One adoption going on right now, though bureaucratic problems are preventing bringing them from the Congo. Several births and baptisms. A couple of families embracing covenant theology and may be baptizing their children soon. Facing two or three family crises (details were provided). 5 men under consideration for the diaconate. Able to purchase the house right next door to the Church, turning it into the parsonage. Jeremy Sexton is anticipated to be coming in July. Request help in making that transition (bringing him in as pastor). Pray for the elders who have full time jobs and their efforts. Pray for relationships with Churches in the area. Ted Phillips prays.

Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge LA Denny Dufour. 26 families, two new. Galen continues to preach through Matthew. Elders are teaching in the Church as well. Several baptisms and one new member yet to be baptized. Hopefully breaking ground on a Church building in the spring. Classical school continues 52 children currently enrolled. Hopefully building a facility for that effort in the future. Prayer for one family with difficult problems (details were provided). Restarting the men's group that has been dormant for a few months after 10 years of activity.

Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church – Craig Beaton. Financial situation, downward trend over the last year. Had to put some things on hold, though there will be special offerings to support Pastor Timor in Russia. After the first quarter of this year the church will reevaluate the situation. Received encouragement from the churches of Presbytery. Several single men have joined including a disabled man. Excellent ministry opportunities for our Church. 13 member households. 55 – 60 on Sunday morning. Several families have recently stepped up to in the hospitality area. Toddler care, young children classes and an adult class. Bob Corneroli has been restored to the elder body as of the first Sunday in Lent. Currently only one deacon, looking at a couple other men. Bringing Jamie Soles into town, working with a local PCA Church. Joint Good Friday service with the Methodist Church who hosts them. It is possible that this Methodist Church may close. Pray for the Beaton family for financial stability.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton MS Mickey Schneider. Report of Mickey's stewardship. 28 families on the role of the Church. Most families have been in Mickey's home and met with deacons and elders as a type of consistory. Just began officer training when Mickey had heart surgery. This training continued and consisted of Biblical and practical efforts. Elected two new elders (four elders) and 4 new deacons (6 deacons). Steven Wedgeworth situation (details provided). Pastoral search committee called and will hope to call a pastor by May.

Break for lunch

Updates on Candidate and Mission Churches

Christ Church, Lakeland. The Church took a break for a while, but they have been back together for a couple months now. Things are going well. They have several candidates for pastor. Good amount in savings. They ask for prayers as Joe McGuire looks for new work. One man who might be considered as a deacon.

Covenant First Presbyterian Church Live Oak, FL Herman Gunther

Continue to meet on Sunday nights at 6:00pm. Increased attendance to over 25 from various churches in the area. Music ministry is increasing attendance as children are being taught how to sing. Regular fellowship. Friends of music concert series continues.

Old Business

Motion 14/11/03:04 Move that motion 13/07/11:04 passed at the November 2013 meeting be sent to Council. (Carried, 16-0)

New Business

Discussion on Council meeting. No motions.

The Presbytery discussed finding someone to take over the web page and Yahoo presbytery email list. Jimmy Gill volunteers.

Discussion of conducting a possible demographic survey of the Presbytery. General agreement that it would be useful. No motions.

Joe Thacker St Mark Reformed Church is hosting a conference. May 2-4th Rob Rayburn is coming to discuss Virtue. No motions.

Motion 14/11/03:05 to Adjourn with a hymn... (Carried 16:0)