FPC Session Notes - Stated Meeting - Monday – October 26, 2026

Session approved a Resolution of Congratulations to Stillman College on its 150th Anniversary. This will be presented during the November 8th worship service.

Properties: Forest Wilson shared with Session a report of findings from our architect, Architecture Works, as related to the study of our needs and scope of preservation of the FPC building campus. Included were many pictures captured by drones of exterior masonry and roof damage that have led to the persistent leaking problems over the last few years. The conclusion is that the exterior repairs must be performed first before any work in the Sanctuary would be prudent and that the repairs must start asap to limit further damage. The good news shared was that all but one of the stained-glass windows can be repaired and preserved in place. It was premature to approve a budget as further scrubbing and review will be taking place over the next few weeks plus the work has not been put out for bid. Session engaged in a lengthy discussion and expressed gratitude to the Properties committee for the hours that have been put into this project thus far.

Long Range Planning/Stewardship Taskforce: Ellen Potts presented a joint recommendation from LRP and Stewardship to hire Horizons Stewardship for strategic planning and fundraising services to include guiding FPC in a Capital Campaign subject to a contract review by an FPC attorney. Four firms were interviewed, and Horizons was the choice of the taskforce. Horizons assisted FPC during its last capital campaign over 20 years ago. Session thoughtfully discussed and approved, subject to attorney review.

Stewardship: Cal Holt reported that as of our Session meeting 154 families had pledged in the amount of $1,376,667 in our Stewardship Campaign. Our goal for general pledges is $1,650,000. The Stewardship Committee has begun contacting members to encourage both an increase in the number and dollars pledged. Pledging helps the church plan accordingly and serve boldly. Prayerfully consider your pledge and deliver it soon. Committees are working on 2027 budgets.

Finance: Jonathan Hood reported financials through September (see table). We are behind in where we need to be in revenue (pledges and giving) – and we have expenses that need to be met. Our net deficit to budget is ($154.5K). All were encouraged to catch up on giving.

The first installment for the Horizons Stewardship contract is $11,800 due upon contract signing. Upon the recommendation of Finance Committee, this amount was approved by Session to come from the First Fund, an endowment that is dedicated for unbudgeted items that arise and can be approved at the discretion of the Session.

Youth: Bebo Patton reported that the FPC Youth had 82 events for youth since August 1st with events throughout the week in addition to Sunday youth group meeting. Attendance remains good and they are very mission minded.

Children and Family: Chairman Susan Campbell presented a recommended slate for the 2027 FPC Preschool Board for Session's approval. **Session approved** and was pleased to see the number of FPC members involved on the Preschool Board. * indicates an FPC church member.

President: Tim Gilliam* *Co-Chair:* Libby Patton *Secretary:* Dana Plott* *Treasurer:* Bryan Whisenant
Board Members: Christy Adams*, Caroline Richey*, Molly Gwin, Hillary Jones, Vicki Nevin*,
Vicki Holt*,
Elder Rep Susan Campbell*, FPC Pastor Emily Frandsen
FPP Director Sara Bates, FPP Assistant Director Ashley Jones, FPP Teacher Rep Paula Hardin
Parent Committee Chair Caroline Hickman

The next stated meeting of the Session is Monday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Baptisms Approved by Session:

1. Lily Garayanala, daughter of Roni and Lydia, on Sunday, November 22.
2. Olivia Juneau, daughter of Travis and Elizabeth, on Sunday, December 13.

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Elder Class of 2027

Mary Burns
Jonathon Hood
Tony Hubbard
Sara Kaylor
Elaine Kizzire
Jacqueline Morgan
Kristi Thomson
Forest Wilson
Graham Patton (Y)

Elder Class of 2028

Charlotte Bowers
Mark Byars
Susan Campbell
Sydney Cook
Laura Crissey
Steven Deal
Cal Holt
Bebo Patton

Elder Class of 2029

Renee Agee
Craig Cilimberg
Tommy Danner
Angela Hamiter
Brent Hardin
Kit Moss
Ellen Potts
Jim Rosenfeld

Monthly Financial Report

SEPT. 2026	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over (Under)
General Pledges	$1,089,520	$1,175,111	($85,590)
Non-Pledges	$204,849	$300,000	($95,151)
Other Income	$100,203	$112,813	($12,610)
Total Income	$1,394,573	$1,587,924	($193,351)
Expenses	$1,549,034	$1,587,924	($38,891)
Net Income (Expense)	($154,460)	($0)	($154,459)

Current Membership:

778

Next Scheduled Communion:

November 1, 2026

Next Presbytery:

November 19, 2026
Independent Pres. Church, Bham