

FPC SESSION NOTES - STATED MEETING - MONDAY – JULY 27, 2026

This was the first Session Meeting with the class of 2029 Elders. The Class of 2029 was welcomed and Session discussed Committee Leadership, Committee Goal Setting, and Elder Responsibilities.

Session approved the baptism of George Hunter Plott, son of Hunter and Mary Katherine, on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

Finance and Endowments: Session approved \$13,500 from the 1820 Fund to pay for emergency drainage repair and restoration of landscaping in the Rose Garden. Jonathan Hood reported YTD revenue under budget through June of (\$126,790) combined with expenses running under budget (\$87,889) to net the church (\$38,899) in the negative at the end of June. See financial table.

College and Adult Faith Formation: Jacqueline Morgan, Chair, presented a proposal to extend the lease on the current space utilized by UKirk Ministry for three years with a very modest 3% increase. We also can extend the lease for another 3 years at no additional cost. The monthly rent will be \$2,126 per month, an increase of \$61.57 and is included in our budget. Our landlord is Weaver, Rentals, LLC and the generosity they have shown this ministry is appreciated. Session approved.

First Presbyterian Preschool Board of Managers: Requested Session's approval of its current Board of Managers. It acknowledged that the approval process by Session had slipped through the cracks and asked for approval for its current 2026 Board and a slate for the 2027 Board will be coming to Session in the Fall. Session approved.

Personnel: Charlotte Bowers announced the selection of Lauren Howard to fill the newly created position of Director of Children & Family Ministry. Beginning August 1, Lauren will combine the part-time Children's Director duties with the position that she currently holds as Director of UKirk Ministry. Congratulations to Lauren!

Properties: Forest Wilson gave a comprehensive update to Session regarding the work on-going to define, with the assistance of Architecture Works plus multiple experts, the preservation and restoration project for the church which includes the envelope/exterior of the building (waterproofing) and the sanctuary (ceiling tiles, flooring, acoustics, accessibility, and preservation of stained-glass windows, including the Chapel). This is a complex project, but Elder Wilson made it clear that it was the goal of the committee for the congregation to experience the minimum time possible without access to the Sanctuary when the work finally begins. That date is to be determined as is the budget for the work and how we will pay for this work. Session expressed sincere gratitude for the work of the committee and the care that Elder Wilson is giving to this project.

Stewardship: Cal Holt reported that Stewardship 2026 is underway with a theme, "For the Love of FPC" and we have a plan for implementation which was shared with Session.

Mission: Mary Burns reported that the "Rise Against Hunger" rice packing event is scheduled for August 23rd (Sunday) at 2:00 pm. Also, FPC will have a "Serve Day" on September 12 where we gather and then disburse to several of our supported agencies for a morning of serving. She further shared an impressive list of 23 non-profits that the Tuscaloosa County Missions Committee is supporting with grants in 2026.

Fellowship: The Committee announced the FPC Annual Picnic will be on Sunday, October 4 at the Buddy Powell Pavillion from 4 – 6 pm.

Next Stated Meeting: August 24, 2026 at 5: 30 pm.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 2026	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over (Under)
General Pledges	\$742,166	\$783,407	(\$41,241)
Non-Pledges	\$130,661	\$200,000	(\$69,339)
Other Income	\$59,000	\$75,209	(\$16,209)
Total Income	\$931,826	\$1,058,616	(\$126,790)
Expenses	\$970,727	\$1,058,616	(\$87,889)
Net Income (Expense)	(\$38,900)	\$0	(\$38,899)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

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NEXT SCHEDULED COMMUNION:

August 2, 2026

NEXT PRESBYTERY:

August 20, 2026
First Pres. Church,
Tuscaloosa