

Presbytery of the Southeast “Did You Know?”
October 1-2, 2021

Information from the 114th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on October 1-2, 2021:

- **The meeting was held at Valleybrook EPC Hixson, TN.** Valleybrook was a gracious host and modeled how a “small” church can be creative and flexible in use of facilities to host a stated meeting. The Valleybrook Pastor Tracy Edwards and members hosted the Friday evening worship by providing music and the Lord’s Supper with candidate James Latham preaching. The contribution at the worship (\$6,652) was designated for EPC hurricane relief and will be matched with presbytery funds and sent to EPC General Assembly office (\$13,304 was sent).
- Several candidates were examined:
 - o **TE Ryan Randolph** was examined and received by transfer from the Great Plains Presbytery, EPC. Ryan has been called as Pastor to Crosswalk Church (Knoxville) and will be installed on November 14th.
 - o **Candidate James (Jimmy) Latham** was examined for ordination and approved as Assistant Pastor for Student Ministries at FPC-Rome, GA. Jimmy will be ordained and installed on November 14th.
 - o **Candidate John Macere** preached the Saturday morning devotion and was examined for ordination to serve as an out-of-bounds evangelist in our Presbytery. He will be ordained and installed at All Souls Fellowship (Decatur, GA) on a fall date to be set.
 - o **TE Paul Manuel** was examined and received from another reformed body. Paul will serve as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Signal Mountain Pres, TN. He will be installed on December 5th.
 - o **The Presbytery examined and commissioned REs Wayne and Nancy Hood** (Wilson Station PC, TN) to serve in defined areas of need as CPs in our presbytery.
 - o **We also examined and commissioned RE Matthew Everhart** to serve Hope Fellowship Church (Chickamauga, GA) as their Commissioned Pastor.
 - o **RE Mason Leaf** (Cedar Springs, Knoxville, TN) was received as a Candidate-Under-Care
- **TE Bill Dudley led as we memorialized Dr. Walter Turner** (Covenant PC, Rome, GA) and his service to our Lord and His Church. We were honored with the presence of Walter’s widow Margaret and their daughter Claire. A duet was presented by TEs Toby Pope (cello) and Tommy Jordan (piano) appropriate for the occasion.
- The **financial report** was approved and the first reading of the 2022 budget was heard.
- **Committee reports were delivered** and will be available in the minutes when distributed. **Committee chairmen** for 2022 were nominated by Council and elected, these are named in the minutes.
- **Project 2028 report** was given and Church Planting Resident Matt Koehn was introduced, Matt will be in residence at Church of the Redeemer (Alcoa, TN) for two years.
- **All Descending Overtures** were read, voted upon and each approved overwhelmingly.
- **RE Jim Bethel** (ChristChurch, Dalton) was re-elected as trustee of the presbytery Class of 2024,
- **RE Gary Buchanan** (Valleybrook, Hixson, TN) was elected as Moderator-elect for 2022,
- **TE Jeff Chadwick** (retired, Rome, GA) was elected and installed as Moderator for 2022,
- **The 115th Stated Meeting of PoSE will be on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at ChristChurch (Dalton, GA).**

Did You Know?:

- Make a note that **New Life Gathering** is now meeting at Bridgewater Place 205 Bridgewater Road in West Knoxville, TN.
- **New Life Gathering (Knoxville, TN) is collaborating** with other churches and pastors for hands-on work in Knoxville working to reduce the violence that is being experienced in this city. If you are interested in being involved in this work or need more information please contact Rev. Scott Jackson at New Life Gathering.
- **The Little Pigeon River in Haywood County, NC** flooded on August 19th causing loss of lives and much property damage. **Providence EPC (Waynesville, NC) is located** in Haywood County. No church members were adversely effected and were able to help neighbors and others in this disaster relief effort.
- **Bethany PC (Kingsport, TN)** will have their annual Apple Butter Cook Off and Community Day on Sat, October 16th. Contact Pastor Dan (daniel.cheevers@gmail.com) for details on purchasing apple butter.
- **Pastor Searches** posted on the EPC “Ministry Opportunity” website (epc.org):
Associate Pastor of Student and Family Ministries at First Pres-Thomasville, GA and
Pastor (Part-time) at Wilson Station PC in Englewood, TN
Other churches in our presbytery are seeking pastors, those announcements are not posted on the EPC website.

We would like to have information from local churches with items such as those above to distribute. Please send that info to Palmer Griffin (pgriffin@optilink.us), Church Health and Growth Committee