

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—March 2026

First, let me as Clerk apologize for not having done the Session Highlights for the last couple of months. So many things were time sensitive and are now past their “sell-by” date. On to March!

**The Deacon** representative reported that they are reorganizing their flocks since they will now be working with nine deacons instead of twelve.

**Finance Committee** Chair Larry Mobley said he had been prepared to offer a dire report with possible ways we can keep paying our obligations with our Expense to Income having a negative of nearly \$51,000 at the end of February. However, with one \$50,000 check and several \$1,000 checks so far in March, we are currently \$8,000 in the black again. He also asked that the above-budget amount for the new security system (nearly \$7K) be taken from our Legacy Fund.

**Facilities Committee** offered a complete written report on what has been accomplished over the last month and reported on a quote of a little over \$19,000 for the area of new carpet in the upstairs Hallway area. Funds for the renovation of our church are being taken from the Capital Campaign Fund to which many are still contributing even though the campaign was cancelled right before Commitment Sunday due to Hurricane Helene.

**Local Mission** asked to spend \$10,000 from the \$25,000 in their designated fund to help support the Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool which currently has slack enrollment.

**Personnel Committee** has been talking with Pastor Rob about his sabbatical leave and the session unanimously approved the committee’s recommendation for the Pastor taking his sabbatical time starting the summer of 2027. The committee and session will be spending time planning both the pastor’s time away and for the congregation’s growth during sabbatical time.

**The Pastor** reported the High-Top Mountain Band has offered to do a Blue Grass service on the Sunday after Easter, April 12 for a combined service at 11:00 am.

Session accepted an invitation to join the usual Reach Global Tuesday Prayer Time on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30. The prayer time will emphasize **our church** and it’s outreach into the community and the multiplication of our congregation.

The Pastor reported that he and daughter Aileen are planning to join our church plant partner Living Hope in Mills River on a mission trip to Costa Rico July 13-29. The mission for the trip will be to start a youth group as the beginning phase of a potential new church plant. Other church members are invited to join them. There is about \$12,000 in the Youth Mission Trip Designated Fund which might be used to help cover flight expenses.

There was discussion about Peter Sul’s ten-year anniversary as our Sexton, in conjunction with his painful oral health problems requiring implants and a permanent bridge at a cost of some \$17,000. We discussed ways the congregation might be able to help with the costs.

The session unanimously received with much regret the resignation of Elder Bill Halliburton who will be moving to Furman, SC by mid-April.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk