

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—August 18, 2025

The Facilities Committee's report touched on the problems which were run into while replacing some of the old pipes which have delayed completion of this part of the church repairs. Some of the pipes had to just be reinstalled completely from the ground up due to asbestos insulation discovered on the old pipes. They therefore have avoided disturbing the asbestos and protected the now fragile terra cotta brick work inside the walls, but it has slowed the work's completion. \$6,000 from specified designated funds was approved to cover the cost of caulking and sealing all the windows in the Education Wing to stop continued water damage to the walls.

The Treasurer, Steve Spangler, discussed our current financial state which shows Income at only a couple thousand dollars below Expenses. That's not historically too bad a place to be at this point in mid-summer. That was followed by a substantial discussion of stewardship generally. It was reported that there is really a significant cost associated with conducting a full audit, as approved by the session at the start of 2025. Estimates are running at 15,000- \$30,000.

The Global Mission Committee's Andy Morris reminded the session of the upcoming September 7 visit by Leah Doty of Wycliffe, and the plans were discussed. Also, Chris Matthews will be leading a mission trip to Cuba in October. It was agreed that we should make the availability of this trip known to the congregation.

The Discipleship Committee's Mimi Jamieson reported on the sign-ups from the surveys to begin forming new Discipleship Small Groups; and also on the sign-ups for the Haynes' small group offering on "The Incomparable Jesus." running through the fall.

The Clerk led discussion of a celebration of Pastor Rob's five-year anniversary which was planned for after the congregational meeting on August 24 and an appreciation gift approved. Pam Van Tassel and Steve Spangler were elected as commissioner to the presbytery meeting September 26-27 at Storyhill PC in Davidson

The Personnel Committee reported on the status of the search for a new Director of Children's Ministry. They are getting closer with at least two good second interviews scheduled.

The Pastor reminded the session of the Family Fellowship Committee's September 17th. Chili Cook-Off. He then proposed that we hold a special joint service on September 28th as the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene. The focus will be on the praise of God in all that He has been accomplishing throughout this tragedy.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk of Session