

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—September 15, 2025

The Prayer Time began with groups of two to three elders going to stations around the church to specifically pray over various spheres of our church. The groups went to pray in the Sanctuary, the Choir Room, the Youth Room, the Creative Beginnings hallway, and the Office hallway. This was followed by a discussion of those within the congregation in need of prayer followed by a roundtable of prayer.

The Local Mission Team received session approval of \$1000 to the church plant Living Hope Fellowship in Mills River from their Local Missions Designated Fund.

Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool Board brought several requests to the session including: updates to the 2025-2026 CBCP Handbook; the request for a serving elder to serve on the Board; and a couple of recommendations for staff pay and training requirement changes.

For Facilities, it was reported that several improvements within the church laid out in our capital campaign are being done by Reach Global volunteers as we have a very large number of volunteers with us this week.

The Treasurer and the session discussed the status of the continuing search for an accounting firm to do the planned two-year audit of the church accounts. Two local accountants are being interviewed with their suggested costs of \$7,500-\$8,000. Church Audit specialists from around the country run \$20,000+ to bring in. The various committees were told to get their 2026 Budget requests in to the Treasurer by September 26 in order to pull together the 2026 Budget.

Global Missions shared their planned allocations for missionaries in the 2026 Budget and plans to add new missionaries Ricky and Jessica Parlier from our presbytery to serve in North Macedonia.

For the Personnel Committee, Pastor Rob reported that neither of the two in-person interviewed candidates for Children's Ministry Director had panned out. In the discussion of the search for a Youth Director the session changed the job description to a 12–15-hour part-time position rather than full-time position that had originally been approved.

The Pastor further reported on the plans for the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene worship service on September 28. Daniel Hill of Mills River Living Hope Fellowship of the EFCA (the Reach Global sending organization) was approved as a speaker at the Anniversary. Pastor Rob also reminded the elders of the Chilli Cook-off on Wednesday the 17th. Communion servers were organized. He reported on several rather important discussions coming up at the Presbytery meeting on September 27-28 in Davidson, NC.

New Officers Elected at the Congregational Meeting on August 24

For the Board of Deacons:

Richard Thomas
Bob Thrower
Lynnette Stark
Linda Stephens
Steve Byrd (to fill a remaining 2 years)

For the Session as Elders:

Robert Wallace
Mimi Jamieson
Bill Halliburton
Marge Hever
Eloise Murray (to fill a remaining 2 years)
Dale Stephens (to fill a remaining 2 years)

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk of Session

