Session Highlights February 17, 2025

Session was visited by Robert Howard, the Stated Clerk of our presbytery, the Presbytery of the Central Carolinas. He was making largely a pastoral visit to find out how we were doing after Helene. He also took the opportunity, since we were examining our new officers as they take up their duties, to talk about the session's responsibilities.

We were happy to welcome our new class of officers—everyone passed their exam! Due to the unusual and difficult situation this fall we are two months late and two elders short in getting our new year's session up and running. For a few years, we have had 12 elders—this year, only 10. I would like to extend an invitation to any members who might have a interest or skills to put to use in serving on a committee to consider contacting Mimi Jamieson 828 891-3702. She can pass your interest along to the elders leading our various ministry committees and perhaps answer any questions about a specific committee. Our committees are Facilities, Finance, Personnel, Local Outreach, Global Mission, and Discipleship.

Session created a new Disaster Relief Disbursement Task Force to oversee the disbursement of the approximately $100,000 in funds donated to our church for those needing help in the aftermath of Helene. Pastor Rob has been overseeing anything up to $1,000 and bringing larger amounts to the session for approval. The task force, chaired by Sherri Jones, has authority up to $10,000 and for anything above, they will make recommendations to the session. This will make expenditures less cumbersome and slow for those in need.

The Discipleship Committee is starting a new Lenten Season six-week series of small groups. The groups will meet Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00 on March 12 through April 16. Topics, teachers, and sign-ups are available at the church and on our website.

I want to give the session's heartfelt thanks to our elders going off session: Caryl Mobley, Steve Umberger, and Pat Johnson. It was a real pleasure to work with you.