

Foothills Presbytery

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS

Foothills Presbytery Stated Meeting #97

November 10, 2015

9:45 am

Limestone Presbyterian Church

Gaffney, SC

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**Supplemental
Report of the Stated Clerk
November 10, 2015**

The Stated Clerk **reports:**

1. That he has received the news that Yukon Presbytery has concurred on Foothills Overture #6 (regarding changing the definition of abstentions) and that North East Georgia Presbytery has concurred on Overtures 1 through 8.
2. That he has received a report from the Discernment Task Force. (see attachment.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Gordon W. G. Raynal, Stated Clerk

DISCERNMENT TASK FORCE REPORT NOVEMBER, 2015

Your Discernment Task Force continues meeting at least monthly as it moves towards having recommendations for the Presbytery regarding future structure, staffing, and budget. Our work has been both complicated and clarified by a series of major issues consuming the Presbytery's energy and attention the past couple of years: (1) Gracious Dismissal work with a few congregations and the sorting out of the resulting financial implications; (2) Preparation for and voting once again on constitutional amendments; and (3) Intense debate and focus over the future of the Buc Outdoor Center.

Our expectation is to be ready to present recommendations to you in the first half of 2016 with the goal of implementing the plans approved by Presbytery beginning in 2017. We ask for your continued prayers for us in this work, and we also ask that you pray for yourselves and our churches as you prepare to consider what we present, that this will prove to be a unifying and energizing process to help the churches of Foothills Presbytery turn the corner into the future.

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*Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders who entered the Church Triumphant
in 2014 and 2015*

*Carmel Church
Jimmy Spearman*

*Central Church
Michael Anthony De Palma, Jr.
Eve Berry Stephenson
Hugh Edward Vincent, Jr.
Alice Westfall Little
Sally Osteen Cochran
William Robert McQuillan*

*Covenant Church
Ruffner Campbell
Vern Travaille*

*Easley Church
Cornelia "Neely" Bearden*

*Eastminster Church
Dean Coleman*

Fair Play Church

*First Church, Anderson
William Edward Chamblee*

*First Church, Greer
Dr. Frank Sullivan*

*First Church, Simpsonville
Stanley Thayer*

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First Church, Spartanburg

*The Reverend Dr. William LaClair Arthur
Herbert Dewitt Blackwood
Martha Cloud Chapman
Wendell Howard Tiller
Philip Francis Foster
Blanche B. "Bonnie" Gordon
Eunice Purnell Hodges
James "Jimmy" R. Gordon
Edward Patterson Perrin
Barbara Jean Brokaw Bylund*

*Florence Moore Memorial Church
Judge Kenneth M. Powell*

Fort Hill Church

*Leo Bidez
Jim Culpepper
Roger Koonce
Dean McFall
Davis McGregor
Robert "Bob" Wigger*

Fourth Church

Bob Albright

Glenn Springs Church

*James "Jim" H. McDade
William "Bill" West*

Good Hope Church

*William "Bill" Goldman
Louise Newby*

Grace Covenant Church

*Harold Bridges
Karl Rudy
David O. Johnson*

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John Calvin Church

*Donald "Donnie" Mooney
Roye Frances Webb
Don Hart*

John Knox Church

*Mary Stuart Hatch Taylor
Frank Neal Houston*

Landrum Church

Robert Ludwick

Limestone Church

Robert "Bob" Clinton Carroll, Jr.

McCarter Church

Della Padgett

North Anderson Community Church

*Evin Evans
Sally Herstine*

Pickens Church

Susan Neely Acker

Providence Church

*William Jackson "Jack" Ragsdale
Timothy "Tim" Wayne Everette
James Robert "Bob" Barr
Milton "Milt" Leroy Redd*

Seneca Church

*James A. Holmquist
Edward M. Krech
Paul Donald Rieck*

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St. Giles Church

*Joe Gaspard
Adrienne Davis
Wade Whitehurst*

St. Andrews Church

*Phillip William Villasor
Robert “Bob” Barnett*

Townville Church

*James McKellar
Claudia Timmons
Francis “Mac” Timmons*

Tyger River Church

Margene Means

Unity Church

Paula Rodrigo

Westminster Church, Greenville

Terrell Pollock

Retired Ministers

The Reverend James Dickenson

Foothills Presbytery
Examinations Commission Report
November 10, 2015

The Examinations Commission reports:

1. That it has examined the Reverend Gordon Turnbull, a member of Holston Presbytery, who has been called by the John Knox Church to be their Senior Pastor. Rev. Turnbull was examined in the areas of Personal Faith and Call to Ministry, Bible, Theology, Sacraments and Polity. Upon completion of his exam the Commission voted to approve the Call. He will begin his service at John Knox on November 15, 2015. Further the Examinations Commission approved his Terms of Call as follows: Salary - \$56,800; Housing Allowance - \$28,000; Deferred Compensation - \$7,000; Business/Professional Expense - \$8,000; SECA - \$7,038; Full Board of Pensions; 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave; Moving Costs – up to \$10,000. The Installation Commission will be reported at the Meeting. For his Call and Faith Statements see the Main Docket: pp 17-18.
2. That it examined Candidate for Ordination, Leslie Lang, a member of Middle Tennessee Presbytery. Having been recommended for the Validated Ministry position, Mere Christianity Forum at Furman University, by the Committee on Ministry and having been recommended by the Stated Clerk from Middle Tennessee Presbytery, which will complete her Ordination prior to the Foothills Meeting this day, Ms. Lang was examined for membership as a Teaching Elder in Foothills. She was examined in the areas of Personal Faith and Call to Ministry, Bible, Theology, Sacraments and Polity. Upon completion of her exam the Examinations Commission approved her Membership in Foothills Presbytery as an at-Large Member pending successful completion of her Ordination process. Further the Examinations Commission approved her Terms of Call from Mere Christianity as follows: Annual Salary - \$30,000; Retirement - \$1,500 a year; Medical Insurance - \$3,600; Professional Expenses - \$1,500; Payroll Taxes - \$1,200; Vacation – 3 weeks; Continuing Education – 1 week; 3 month Sabbatical every 6 years, upon review; Moving costs - \$1,000. Further, the Examinations Commission granted her approval to administer the Sacraments in her work with Mere Christianity. (COM will annually review this request.) See pp 19-20 for her Call and Faith Statements.
3. That it completed an Exit Interview, review of Foothills Presbytery's Pastoral Ethics Policy and transition conversation with Teaching Elder David Howell who has been hired as Stated Supply by the Session of Second Church, Spartanburg.

Respectfully submitted: Reverend Jean Weaver, Chair

CPM Report to Presbytery November 10, 2015

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports that:

1. On August 27, we:
 - a. Received reports and updates on students under care of CPM.
 - b. Met with Candidate Erin Foster Farry for Annual Consultation and Final Assessment. Erin has completed all of her degree and CPM requirements and is currently working for a non-profit organization. CPM unanimously approved Erin be Certified Ready to Receive a Call and rejoices with her completion of the preparation for ministry process.
 - c. Met with Inquirer Colin Pettigrew for Annual Consultation. Affirming Colin's continued sense of call and development in the preparation for ministry, CPM approved his annual consultation.
 - d. Reviewed and approved the annual consultation of Lauren Slingerland. Lauren is Finally Assessed and is currently living in Virginia, working as a teacher.
2. On September 24, we:
 - a. Received reports and updates on students under care of CPM.
 - b. Met with Inquirer Robert Bannan for the purpose of moving to Candidacy. In affirming his sense of call and his continued growth in preparation for ministry, CPM approved Robert's move to Candidacy and recommends him to be received at the Nov. 10 presbytery meeting.
 - c. Met with Inquirer Charlie Pratt for the purpose of moving to Candidacy. CPM moved to use the meeting as an annual consultation, appreciating a strong sense of call to ministry and growth in preparation for a move to Candidacy.
 - d. Received a report on changes that have been made to the format of the denomination's Ordination Exams including Bible Content Exam, and the administration of the Theology, Worship and Sacraments, Polity, and Exegesis examinations.
3. On October 22, we:
 - a. Received reports and updates on students under care of CPM.
 - b. Met with Candidate Landon Hammett for an annual consultation. CPM welcomed Landon's continued growth and sense of call. Landon's Annual Consultation was gladly approved with recommendations, encouragement, and support as he moves towards Final Assessment.
 - c. Met with Inquirer Jason Moore for the purpose of moving to Candidacy. In affirming his continued sense of call and his growth in preparation for ministry, CPM approved Jason's move to Candidacy and recommends him to be received at the Nov. 10 presbytery meeting.
4. On October 26, we:
 - a. Email vote by common consent to recommend nominees for 2016 PC (USA) Ordination Exam Readers to Presbytery: Patrick Jinks (TE), Dottie Metropol (TE), Debbie Foster (TE), Bill Burns (RE), De Calvert (RE)

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The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that:

- 1. Inquirer Robert Bannan be presented to Presbytery for vote to move to Candidacy.**
- 2. Inquirer Jason Moore be presented to Presbytery for vote to move to Candidacy.**
- 3. Presbytery approve the nominations from CPM for 2016 PC(USA) Ordination Readers: Patrick Jinks (TE), Dottie Metropol (TE), Debbie Foster (TE), Bill Burns (RE), De Calvert (RE).**

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Patrick Jinks and the Rev. Peggy Swann, Co-Moderators

Current Members of the Foothills CPM

RE = Ruling Elder TE = Teaching Elder

<i>Class of 2015</i>	<i>Class of 2016</i>	<i>Class of 2017</i>
TE Gene Lassiter	RE Bill Burns	TE Patrick Jinks
RE Ann Broom	TE Andy Casto-Waters	RE Beverly George
RE Peggy Clark	TE Joseph Gaston	TE Ralph May
Vacant	TE Dottie Metropol	TE Jennifer Sheorn
Vacant	RE David Quattlebaum	RE Fred Tolley
Vacant	TE Peggy Swann	Vacant

LeAnne White, Staff and Debbie Foster, ex-officio

List of Students Currently Under Care of Foothills CPM

Inquirers (8)

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Date of Inquiry	Name	Church	Educational Status	Liaison to CPM
09.17.09	Scott Neely	First, Spartanburg	2006 Grad of Harvard Divinity	Patrick Jinks
05.22.14	Andrew Whitehead	Westminster (Greenville)	Union Pres - Rich. (2 nd Yr 15-16)	Ann Broom
05.22.14	Robert Bannan	First, Spartanburg	Columbia Sem. (2 nd Yr 15-16)	D. Quattlebaum
07.24.14	Charlie Pratt	John Knox	Union Pres. – Chlt (3 rd Yr 15-16)	Gene Lassiter
08.28.14	Colin Pettigrew	Ft. Hill	Union Pres. – Rich (2 nd Yr 15-16)	Dottie Metropol
11.20.14	Jason Moore	First, Spartanburg	2015 Grad of Erskine Seminary	Patrick Jinks
02.23.15	Glenda Wickstrom	John Knox	Columbia Sem. (2 nd Yr 15-16)	Beverly George
03.26.15	David Randolph	Fourth	Columbia Sem. (2 nd Yr 15-16)	Chris Berardi

Candidates (6)

Date of Cand.	Name	Church	Educational Status	Liaison to CPM
08.27.15	Ginger Shuler	First, Spartanburg	Union Pres. – Chlt (3 rd Yr 15-16)	A. Casto-Waters
11.18.10	Chris Bailey	Westminster (Greenville)	2014 Grad of Princeton Sem.	Bill Burns
11.12.13	Erin Foster Farry*	Fourth	2014 Grad of Princeton Sem.	Chris Berardi
08.17.13	Charmaine Smith-Miles	Midway	Union Pres. – Chlt (5 th Yr 15-16)	J. Fouse-Sheorn
08.17.13	Landon Hammett	First, Spartanburg	Union Pres. – Chlt (6 th Yr 15-16)	Dottie Metropol
02.16.10	Lauren Slingerland*	First, Greer	2011 Grad of Columbia Sem.	Dottie Metropol

(* Signifies “Certified Ready for Ordination Pending a Call”)

(Signifies Call Pending)

(> Signifies request to withdraw from Ordination Process)

Students Presented Before Presbytery: Faith Statements

Jason Moore (1st Presbyterian - Spartanburg)

I grew up in the rural farming community of Hebron, South Carolina. Here we had more churches than stoplights, and more animals than people. After graduation, I attended the University of South Carolina where I graduated with a BA in English. After a short stint as a substitute teacher, I served as a Youth Director and Director of Christian Education, and began attending seminary. After four years of full-time ministry, I joined the Marine Corps, and was

commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December 2004. Over the next eight years, I served as a Logistics Officer, including combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. In August 2013, I answered God’s call to ministry and having been serving as the Youth Director at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg. My wife, Melanie, and I have been married for ten years and have two children—Clara (6) and Benjamin (3).

Statement of Faith

There is one God in three Persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I often think of God the Father

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as Creator, the Son as Savior and Lord, and the Holy Spirit as Sustainer and Counselor. They are equal, eternal, immutable, holy, righteous, loving, and just. They are all fully God, distinct from each other, and yet exist in perfect unity and harmony. This, of course, is a profound I believe that God created me for his own glory, and that God has effectively called and redeemed me. As I follow and seek to emulate Christ, he continues to sanctify me, until I am There is nothing I can do to merit God's favor; it is purely God's grace that grants me salvation through faith in the atoning death of Christ. Though I cannot earn his love, I am empowered through the Holy Spirit to respond to his grace and live a life of faithful obedience, and complete the work He has planned in advance for me to do. My relationship with God colors everything I do. It has rearranged my priorities and commitments, and it touches every decision I make. I believe that God has revealed Himself in creation. Yet General Revelation alone could not save us from our sin. Thus, God lovingly reveals himself in the person of Christ and in the sixty-six canonical books of our Bible. Here, everything that is necessary for our salvation and the living of the Christian life is laid out before us. This Word is true, authoritative, complete, and sufficient. Furthermore, I believe that the Holy Spirit superintended the writing of this holy Word using the talents, skills, and personalities of the writers. The Holy Spirit also helps us to understand God's Word. In addition, many faithful men and women have come before us and worked together to provide summaries of the essential doctrines of our faith. Thus, the creeds and confessions found in our Book of Confessions can guide us in our understanding of Scripture. Even so, they are--and must always be--subordinate to God's Word. I believe the Church is the gathering of God's people. The Church is a hospital for sinners; it is not hotel for saints, or merely another social action club. The true Church is where the Word is proclaimed, and the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) are rightly administered. These Sacraments are gifts from God—visible signs of his invisible grace. Christians are made for community, and our faith is strengthened through the teaching, admonishment, and encouragement of one another. Thus, having been claimed, fed, and nurtured, the Church sends us out into the world share God's grace and make disciples of Christ.

Robert Bannan (1st Presbyterian - Spartanburg)

I believe in one God, that manifests himself in three separate ways: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is a sense of mystery around the Trinity, and I will admit, it is hard to wrap my head around the mystery. I do share belief with the Council of Nicea and their term "homoousios," which means "of the same substance."

Therefore, I believe God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are "of the same substance, yet manifests themselves in different ways, but all three members are fully God." I believe that Jesus is God's son, sent to this earth to be the Savior of the world. For this reason, I also believe in the incarnation, that Jesus was fully God and fully human. I believe we can speak of Jesus' human and divine natures distinctly, even though they coexist in the person of Jesus. In Jesus Christ, God became human, and

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because of this, we are reconciled to God and given salvation. I believe that Christ's death and resurrection was not only to "save" us, but to free us from sin and death, give us peace with God, forgive us of our sin, and through our faith in Jesus, we are justified as righteous in God's eyes.

I agree with the writer of Job in regard to the Holy Spirit: "The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the almighty gives me life (Job 33:4)." I think the Holy Spirit is the way in which God manifests himself in the world today. I believe the Spirit is how God relates to us, how we sense God's presence, and how God moves us toward action. I believe the Holy Spirit is the only means through which we can believe in Jesus. As the Apostle Paul wrote: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3)." I really like Jesus' word, in the Gospel of John, for the Holy Spirit. He uses the Greek word "παρακλητος," which means "one who is called to someone's aid" or a "helper." Therefore, I see the Spirit as a helper that draws us close to God and helps us to understand his will for our lives. Ultimately, I believe the way the Spirit works is a mystery.

Speaking of the Spirit, I believe that the Holy Scriptures were written by people who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. I believe that God is made known to us, in and through the Scriptures. God reveals himself and makes himself known through the writers of scripture. I also think it is important to remember that the scriptures were written by human beings in their own time, place, and context. Even though the writers of Scripture were guided by the Holy Spirit, they fully shared in the human limitations of their own cultures and time periods. Therefore, I believe that the Scriptures were written by fallible human authors and are not a book of infallible facts, but is the story of salvation.

I believe the church is the embodiment of what the New Testament writers refer to as ἐκκλησία. This word has nothing to do with a building or an organization. This means as believers in Christ, we are "called out" to be one body in Jesus Christ. I also believe that the church is made of God's "elect." The concept of being chosen (the doctrine of predestination), is still hard to wrap my head around completely; yet, knowing that it is God who chooses us first, who "calls" us, and who comes to us is in line with the scriptures. I believe the church is also Militant and Triumphant, meaning the church embodies both those here on earth and those who have died and are with God in heaven.

I believe the church has two sacraments: Baptism and Communion. I believe the sacraments are as St. Augustine said, "An outward sign of an invisible grace." Both baptism and communion are commanded by Christ in the Gospels and serve as an instrument to convey the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For Baptism, I believe it is a sign that we are adopted into the family of God and are children of God's grace. I agree with John Calvin in the sacrament of baptism is the New Testament's counterpart to us receiving God's covenant and this reception can be at any age. Baptism is a reminder to me that salvation rests not on anything we do or know, rather solely on the grace of God. The other sacrament, Communion, is given symbolically. I agree with Calvin's

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metaphor, “Thus, when bread is given as a symbol of Christ’s body, we must at once grasp this comparison: as bread nourishes, sustains, and keeps the life of our body, so Christ’s body is the only food to invigorate and enliven our soul. When we see wine set forth as a symbol of blood, we must reflect on the benefits which wine imparts to the body, and so realize that the same are spiritually imparted to us by Christ’s blood.” I believe that Jesus Christ is present at the table, not physically present in the elements themselves. When we present the elements as “This is my body” and “This is my blood,” I believe we are sneakily figuratively not literally.

Finally, in regard to eschatology or “the end times,” I believe that God is not only guiding history, but at some point in time, He will bring all things, as we know it, to a conclusion. We do not have vast knowledge of the end of times, but I do believe Christ will return (Matthew 24:44), no one knows when that time will come (Matthew 24:36), and that Christ will establish a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1).

Nominating Committee Report

November 10, 2015

Presbytery Moderator-in-Nomination

Ms. Nan Jones, (Fort Hill)	2016-2017
Mr. De Calvert, (First Spartanburg)	2017-2018

Presbytery Council

Ms. Nancy Welch, (First Greer), Chair

Committee on Ministry

Rev. Patricia Gwinn (1) (Fourth)	Class of 2018
Mr. John Broadwell (1) (Honea Path)	Class of 2018
Rev. Annette Graham (2) (Good Hope)	Class of 2018
Mr. Mike Turner (2) (Unity)	Class of 2018
Ms. Julianne Taylor (2) (St. Giles)	Class of 2018
Rev. Mike Johnston (2) (AnMed Health)	Class of 2018

Committee on Preparation

Rev. Stan Reid (1) (Grace Covenant)	Class of 2018
Rev. Gene Lassiter (2) (Landrum)	Class of 2018
Ms. Ann Broom (2) (Eastminster)	Class of 2017

Equipping the Saints Team

Rev. Matt Matthews (1) (St. Giles)	Class of 2018
Rev. TJ Remaley (1) (St. Giles)	Class of 2018
Ms. Ginna Lister (1) (Easley)	Class of 2016
Rev. Rose Nance (1) (Salem)	Class of 2018
Ms. Whitney Moss (1) (First Greer)	Class of 2018
Rev. Julie Meredith (1) (Safe Harbor)	Class of 2018

Examinations Commission

At-Large Members:

Ms. Patty Felton (1) (Fountain Inn)	Class of 2018
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Finance and Stewardship Team

Mr. Dennis Latham (1) (Easley)	Class of 2018
Rev. John McCallum (2) (Midway)	Class of 2018
Ms. Cindy Smith (2) (John Knox)	Class of 2018

Governing Body Team

Rev. Robert Brozina (1) (Covenant)	Class of 2016
Rev. Marc Mason (2) (Trinity)	Class of 2018

Nominations Committee

Mr. Dick Christopher (1) (Central)	Class of 2018
Rev. Jim Caprell (1) (First Simpsonville)	Class of 2018
Rev. Aaron Ochart (1) (Faith)	Class of 2016
Mr. Jimmy Cheeks (1) (Nicholtown)	Class of 2017

Permanent Judicial Commission

Mr. Jeff Smith (2) (First Greer)	Class of 2021
Rev. Laura Conrad, (1) (Fort Hill)	Class of 2021

Unity and Community Team

Rev. Bill Lancaster (1) (Fourth)	Class of 2018
Ms. Cyndi Banks (1) (Pickens)	Class of 2018
Mr. Dennis Mitchell (2) (Trinity)	Class of 2018

GA Commissioners

Ruling Elders:	Ted Morrison (St. Giles) Lee Close (First Spartanburg)
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Teaching Elders:	Rev. Mike Hoyt (Fourth) Rev. Debbie Foster (FP Staff)
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Alternate Teaching Elder:	Rev. Bill Lancaster (Fourth)
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GA Overtures Advocates:	Rev. Tom Evans (First Spartanburg) Rev. Gordon Raynal (FP Staff)
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Buc Outdoor Center Transition Board Report November 10, 2015

The BTB **reports:**

That after a ten month comprehensive study (January – October 2015) of the BOC the BTB has come to the following conclusions:

1. The business model utilized for the past decade is not a sustainable model for the current and future operation of the BOC.
2. After exploring a variety of options for the future, the BTB recommends Foothills Presbytery consider:
 - A. Formation of a 501c3 non-profit organization
 - B. Sale of the property
 - C. Land conservancy gift or sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tompkins, Chair

Equipping the Saints Team Presbytery Report Nov 2015

Curriculum & Resources (Pat Shufeldt, Pressley Cox)

- The team is considering how best to promote Resources Center offerings. Descriptions are also being posted to the Foothills Faith Builders and Smaller Worshiping Communities Facebook groups. Communication is a challenge in multiple areas.
- Discussion about whether to purchase VBS kits for the Resource Center next year. Cost this year was around \$700, and the kits were little used.

Hospitality/Welcoming (Eldena Moore, Beth Neidenbach)

- Shared list of who is new to FP and who is transferring or retiring. There a large number of changes recently within Foothills Presbytery. There was some discussion of how to support staff who are new to Foothills Presbytery.

Pastoral Support & Peer Groups (Trish Gwinn, Allyson Helvie, David Howell)

- Joys and concerns are now being shared by email. There was discussion about needed policies for sharing and committee member Allyson Helvie will obtain permissions to share and review information before distribution by LeAnne White in the presbytery office.
- Sept. 15 was the first gathering of pastors in the Greenville area from Foothills Presbytery, at Blockhouse restaurant.
- Churches in the presbytery have been asked to participate in join mission project for Thornwell Home for Children to supply age-appropriate Bibles for their children. Bibles may be brought to the November Presbytery meeting.
- The Lake Cluster has met and that the group has moved from an all women to all clergy in area.

Courses & Workshop Development (Jennifer Walker, Steve Phillips)

- Spirituality workshop – Jennifer Sheorn & Joseph Gaston both committed to working on this w/ Pressley Cox.
- Presbytery meeting, February 16, 2016 – Ray Jones has accepted invitation to preach and to do a workshop after the meeting and one later that day for the small(er) church group.
- Notebook Brigade continues to meet. Next meeting November 14th at McCarter Church.

Shared Mission (Ann Coleman, Ken Schafer) – EtS will partner with the Mission team as they welcome Ray Jones into Presbytery in Feb. Ann Coleman and Ken Schafer agreed to attend the next Mission Team meeting 11/16.

Technology & Communications (Aaron Ochart)

- During the Foothills Presbytery meeting, on November 10 there will be two TED-style speakers for “PresbyXpress”. Scott Neely (formerly at 1st Spartanburg; now Project for Community Transformation, Spartanburg) and Theresa “T” Gains (North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta) have both agreed to speak. The Team is working on arranging

for video recording of both presentations, with the videos added to the Foothills website following the event.

- Spring event – Looking at First Spartanburg for a longer TED-style event, since they have more flexibility for space and recording. In rethinking the format for this day, the team is considering several short talks in the morning, followed by more in-depth talks by the same speakers in the afternoon. Based on hearing the short morning presentations, attendees would then choose which sessions to attend during the afternoon. Potential speakers were discussed.
- Communications policies – The team is investigating the availability of policies from the denomination or other sources to guide the Presbytery and individual churches on social media or website policies. Perhaps EtS and Foothills could host an event for all churches to learn about creating communications policies/plans.
- Web site – updates continue. Overall positive feedback about new site. Password: PCUSA2015
- **APCE 2016 Annual Event** – Jan-27-30, 2016 (Chicago) – An application for financial assistance was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Foster, chair

**Foothills Presbytery
Governing Body Team report
November 10, 2015**

The Governing Body Team **reports** the following:

Session minutes have been read from forty-five of our sixty-one churches. Those not yet read are: Belton, Bethesda, Landrum, Lickville, Mattoon, Nazareth, Pelzer, Richland, Rock Hill, Seneca, Unity, Walker's Chapel, Westminster (Westminster), Williamston.

The Governing Body **recommends** the following:

That the Rev. Charles Blakely be elected as Recording Clerk for 2016.

That the Rev. Gordon Raynal be elected as Stated Clerk for 2016.

That the Rev. Deborah Foster be elected as Associate Stated Clerk for 2016.

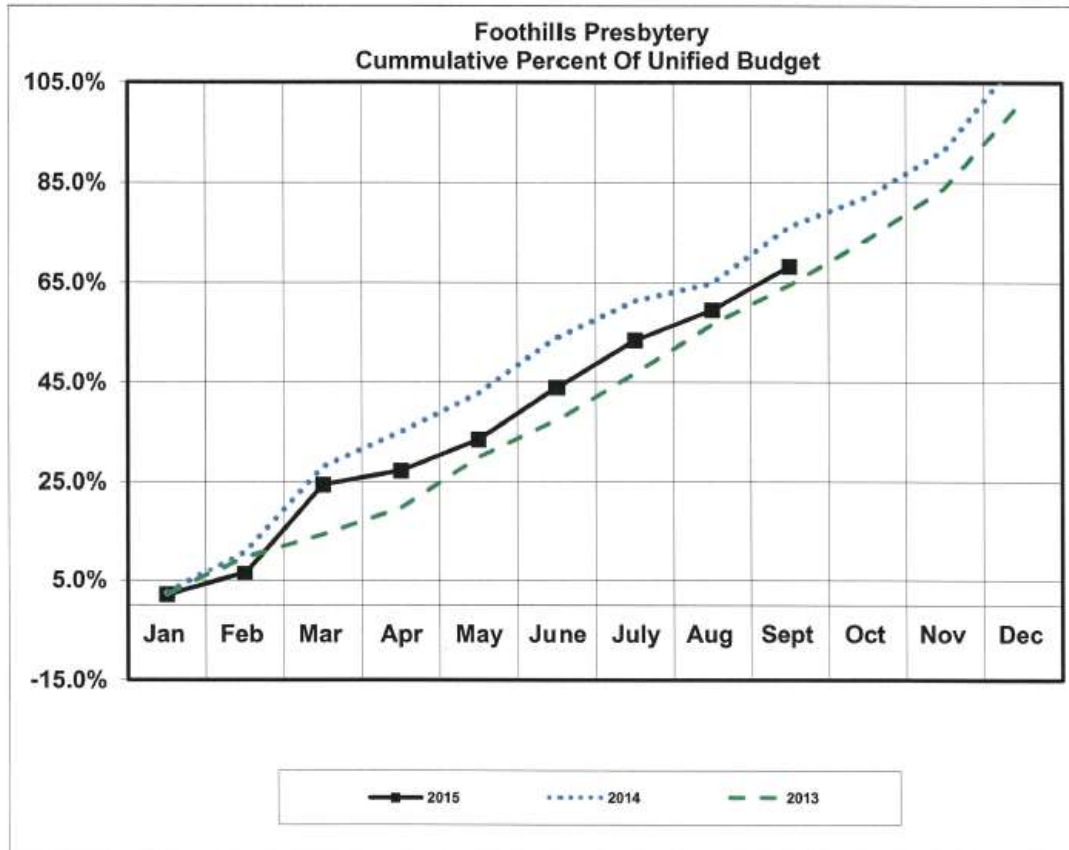
We give thanks to the all the staff of Foothills Presbytery for their fine work, devotion and ministry to the churches and individuals in their care. Thank you Donna, Warren, LeAnne, Debbie and Gordon

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jim Caprell, Chair

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY UNIFIED GIVING

	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL BUDGET	\$737,061	\$674,411	\$635,112
From Prior Year Budget % Change	-14.3%	-8.50%	-5.83%
End of Year Over/(Under) Bud	\$9,051	\$72,421	
End of Year Budget Received	101.23%	110.74%	



	2013 Budget		2014 Budget		2015 Budget	
	Cumulative	Percent	Cumulative	Percent	Cumulative	Percent
January	\$ 16,090	2.2%	\$ 16,690	2.5%	\$ 13,100	2.1%
February	\$ 72,452	9.8%	\$ 72,946	10.8%	\$ 41,169	6.5%
March	\$ 105,945	14.4%	\$ 188,724	28.0%	\$ 155,227	24.4%
April	\$ 145,213	19.7%	\$ 235,674	34.9%	\$ 173,056	27.2%
May	\$ 220,127	29.9%	\$ 287,811	42.7%	\$ 212,429	33.4%
June	\$ 275,050	37.3%	\$ 362,845	53.8%	\$ 278,932	43.9%
July	\$ 344,247	46.7%	\$ 412,710	61.2%	\$ 339,252	53.4%
August	\$ 416,554	56.5%	\$ 436,896	64.8%	\$ 377,596	59.5%
September	\$ 474,968	64.4%	\$ 513,680	76.2%	\$ 433,375	68.2%
October	\$ 542,191	73.6%	\$ 553,423	82.1%	\$ -	0.0%
November	\$ 618,201	83.9%	\$ 616,584	91.4%	\$ -	0.0%
December	\$ 746,112	101.2%	\$ 746,832	110.7%	\$ -	0.0%

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Providence	161	7.53	1,212	982	3,100	2,118	215.7%
Bethesda	19	0.00	0	0	100	100	100.0%
Carmel	22	45.45	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	100.0%
Fourth	827	78.60	65,000	16,250	32,500	16,250	100.0%
Mattoon	22	0.00	0	0	305	305	100.0%
North Anderson	72	27.78	2,000	1,000	1,000	0	100.0%
Westminster West	76	0.00	0	0	3,000	3,000	100.0%
Fountain Inn	174	28.74	5,000	4,167	7,875	3,708	89.0%
Honea Path	64	15.63	1,000	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%
Flat Rock	32	31.25	1,000	750	900	150	20.0%
First Simpsonville	75	27.56	2,067	1,272	1,501	229	18.0%
Florence Moore	35	29.29	1,025	500	550	50	10.0%
Roberts	91	21.98	2,000	1,500	1,650	150	10.0%
Glenn Springs	140	35.00	4,900	3,600	3,900	300	8.3%
St. Giles	389	53.98	21,000	5,000	5,400	400	8.0%
First Greer	518	54.05	28,000	21,000	22,500	1,500	7.1%
Midway	112	23.21	2,600	1,950	2,047	97	5.0%
Salem	15	10.00	150	150	157	7	4.7%
Belton	149	45.30	6,750	3,378	0	(3,378)	0.0%
Central Anderson	613	69.82	42,800	32,100	32,100	0	0.0%
First Woodruff	65	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Fort Hill	789	50.26	39,655	29,741	29,741	0	0.0%
Good Hope	78	25.64	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	0.0%
Inman	71	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
John Calvin	33	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Landrum	37	27.03	1,000	1,000	0	(1,000)	0.0%
Lickville	43	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Nazareth	270	37.78	10,200	7,650	7,650	0	0.0%
Nicholtown	16	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Pelzer	40	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Pendleton	136	23.53	3,200	800	800	0	0.0%
Richland	29	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Rock Hill	8	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
St. Andrews	180	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Townville	50	50.00	2,500	1,250	1,250	0	0.0%
Tyger River	212	2.36	500	0	0	0	0.0%
Unity	29	56.90	1,650	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%
Varenes	60	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Walhalla	96	10.42	1,000	0	0	0	0.0%
Walkers	36	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Westminster Gvl	1,627	46.10	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0.0%
Westminster Sax	35	8.57	300	300	0	0	0.0%
Grace Covenant	210	42.84	8,997	5,999	5,998	(1)	0.0%

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Covenant	138	18.12	2,500	1,667	1,666	(1)	-0.1%
Fair Play	84	81.85	6,875	5,438	5,400	(38)	-0.7%
Seneca	347	66.22	22,977	17,675	16,023	(1,652)	-9.3%
Second Sptbg	186	53.76	10,000	7,500	6,750	(750)	-10.0%
John Knox	690	14.49	10,000	5,400	4,800	(600)	-11.1%
Eastminister	196	7.20	1,412	1,030	882	(148)	-14.4%
Mt. Zion	90	38.89	3,500	3,500	2,900	(600)	-17.1%
Trinity	461	5.61	2,588	2,156	1,642	(514)	-23.8%
Piedmont	48	101.56	4,875	4,500	3,375	(1,125)	-25.0%
First Anderson	730	23.29	17,000	8,500	6,000	(2,500)	-29.4%
First Spartanburg	2,495	51.10	127,500	84,000	50,000	(34,000)	-40.5%
Bethel	50	16.00	800	600	200	(400)	-66.7%
McCarter	53	18.87	1,000	1,000	250	(750)	-75.0%
Easley	852	36.38	31,000	16,500	0	(16,500)	-100.0%
Liberty	36	16.67	600	200	0	(200)	-100.0%
Limestone	121	61.98	7,500	4,500	0	(4,500)	-100.0%
Pickens	272	14.71	4,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	-100.0%
Williamston	58	34.48	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	-100.0%
TOTAL	14,663	40.21	589,633	388,705	342,612	(45,793)	-11.8%
First Greenville	0	0.00	113,856	92,132	56,091	(36,041)	-39.1%
Individuals	0	0.00	10	10	505	495	100.0%
Nell Townsend	0	0.00	1,333	1,333	2,667	1,334	100.1%
Russell Memorial	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	100.0%
Westminster Fwd	0	0.00	42,000	31,500	31,500	0	100.0%
	0	0	157,199	124,975	90,763	(34,212)	-27.4%
TOTALS	14,663	50.93	746,832	513,680	433,375	(80,005)	-15.6%

Foothills Presbytery
Unified Revenues and Expenses

	2015 Annual Budget	2015 YTD Budget	YTD Actual 9/30/2015	YTD Variance	Remaining Annual Budget
Revenues					
Unified Revenues					
Governing Body Team (07)	\$ 379,255	\$ 260,855	\$ 258,855	\$ (2,000)	\$ 120,400
Campus Ministry Team (05)	100,000	68,784	68,213	(571)	31,787
Outdoor Ministries (02)	100,000	68,782	68,256	(526)	31,744
Committee on Preparation (09)	23,050	15,853	15,730	(123)	7,320
Cultural Context Team (03)	-	-	-	-	-
Equipping the Saints (22)	13,290	9,139	9,059	(80)	4,231
Mission Team (08)	6,000	4,127	4,074	(53)	1,926
Presbytery Youth Council (12)	6,000	4,127	4,074	(53)	1,926
Presbytery Benevolence Causes	4,000	-	2,731	2,731	1,269
Committee on Ministry (10)	2,745	1,889	1,863	(26)	882
Congregation Transformation Team (06)	-	-	-	-	-
Racial Ethnic Cabinet (13)	772	532	519	(13)	253
New Church Development Team (01)	-	-	-	-	-
Presbytery Operation Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unified Revenues	<u>635,112</u>	<u>434,088</u>	<u>433,374</u>	<u>(714)</u>	<u>201,738</u>
Expenses					
Unified Expenses					
Governing Body Team (07)	379,255	284,436	301,670	17,234	77,585
Campus Ministry Team (05)	100,000	75,006	81,206	6,200	18,794
Outdoor Ministries (02)	100,000	68,782	64,640	(4,142)	35,360
Committee on Preparation (09)	23,050	16,269	375	(15,894)	22,675
Cultural Context Team (03)	-	-	-	-	-
Equipping the Saints (22)	13,290	9,963	5,718	(4,245)	7,572
Mission Team (08)	6,000	4,500	1,869	(2,631)	4,131
Presbytery Youth Council (12)	6,000	5,470	3,410	(2,060)	2,590
Presbytery Benevolence Causes	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Committee on Ministry (10)	2,745	2,061	-	(2,061)	2,745
Congregation Transformation Team (06)	-	-	-	-	-
Racial Ethnic Cabinet (13)	772	576	400	(176)	372
New Church Development Team (01)	-	-	-	-	-
Presbytery Operation Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unified Expenses	<u>635,112</u>	<u>467,063</u>	<u>450,288</u>	<u>(7,775)</u>	<u>175,824</u>
Net Income (Loss)					
Governing Body Team (07)	-	(23,581)	(42,815)	(19,234)	42,815
Campus Ministry Team (05)	-	(6,222)	(12,993)	(6,771)	12,993
Outdoor Ministries (02)	-	-	3,616	3,616	(3,616)
Committee on Preparation (09)	-	(416)	15,355	15,771	(15,355)
Cultural Context Team (03)	-	-	-	-	-
Equipping the Saints (22)	-	(824)	3,341	4,165	(3,341)
Mission Team (08)	-	(373)	2,205	2,578	(2,205)
Presbytery Youth Council (12)	-	(1,343)	664	2,007	(664)
Presbytery Benevolence Causes	-	-	2,731	2,731	(2,731)
Committee on Ministry (10)	-	(172)	1,863	2,035	(1,863)
Congregation Transformation Team (06)	-	-	-	-	-
Racial Ethnic Cabinet (13)	-	(44)	119	163	(119)
New Church Development Team (01)	-	-	-	-	-
Presbytery Operation Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (32,975)</u>	<u>\$ (25,914)</u>	<u>\$ 7,061</u>	<u>\$ 25,914</u>

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Piedmont	48	101.56	4,875	4,500	3,375	(1,125)	-25.0%
Fair Play	84	81.85	6,875	5,438	5,400	(38)	-0.7%
Fourth	827	78.60	65,000	16,250	32,500	16,250	100.0%
Central Anderson	613	69.82	42,800	32,100	32,100	0	0.0%
Seneca	347	66.22	22,977	17,675	16,023	(1,652)	-9.3%
Limestone	121	61.98	7,500	4,500	0	(4,500)	-100.0%
Unity	29	56.90	1,650	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%
First Greer	518	54.05	28,000	21,000	22,500	1,500	7.1%
St. Giles	389	53.98	21,000	5,000	5,400	400	8.0%
Second Sptbg	186	53.76	10,000	7,500	6,750	(750)	-10.0%
First Spartanburg	2,495	51.10	127,500	84,000	50,000	(34,000)	-40.5%
Fort Hill	789	50.26	39,655	29,741	29,741	0	0.0%
Townville	50	50.00	2,500	1,250	1,250	0	0.0%
Westminster Gvl	1,627	46.10	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0.0%
Carmel	22	45.45	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	100.0%
Belton	149	45.30	6,750	3,378	0	(3,378)	0.0%
Grace Covenant	210	42.84	8,997	5,999	5,998	(1)	0.0%
PRESBYTERY AVERAGE		\$ 40.21					
Mt. Zion	90	38.89	3,500	3,500	2,900	(600)	-17.1%
Nazareth	270	37.78	10,200	7,650	7,650	0	0.0%
Easley	852	36.38	31,000	16,500	0	(16,500)	-100.0%
Glenn Springs	140	35.00	4,900	3,600	3,900	300	8.3%
Williamston	58	34.48	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	-100.0%
Flat Rock	32	31.25	1,000	750	900	150	20.0%
Florence Moore	35	29.29	1,025	500	550	50	10.0%
Fountain Inn	174	28.74	5,000	4,167	7,875	3,708	89.0%
North Anderson	72	27.78	2,000	1,000	1,000	0	100.0%
First Simpsonville	75	27.56	2,067	1,272	1,501	229	18.0%
Landrum	37	27.03	1,000	1,000	0	(1,000)	0.0%
Good Hope	78	25.64	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	0.0%
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First Anderson	730	23.29	17,000	8,500	6,000	(2,500)	-29.4%
Midway	112	23.21	2,600	1,950	2,047	97	5.0%
Roberts	91	21.98	2,000	1,500	1,650	150	10.0%
McCarter	53	18.87	1,000	1,000	250	(750)	-75.0%
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Liberty	36	16.67	600	200	0	(200)	-100.0%
Bethel	50	16.00	800	600	200	(400)	-66.7%
Honea Path	64	15.63	1,000	1,000	1,500	500	50.0%
Pickens	272	14.71	4,000	2,000	0	(2,000)	-100.0%
John Knox	690	14.49	10,000	5,400	4,800	(600)	-11.1%

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Walhalla	96	10.42	1,000	0	0	0	0.0%
Salem	15	10.00	150	150	157	7	4.7%
Westminster Sax	35	8.57	300	300	0	0	0.0%
Providence	161	7.53	1,212	982	3,100	2,118	215.7%
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Trinity	461	5.61	2,588	2,156	1,642	(514)	-23.8%
Tyger River	212	2.36	500	0	0	0	0.0%
Bethesda	19	0.00	0	0	100	100	100.0%
Mattoon	22	0.00	0	0	305	305	100.0%
Westminster West	76	0.00	0	0	3,000	3,000	100.0%
First Woodruff	65	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Inman	71	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
John Calvin	33	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Lickville	43	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Nicholtown	16	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Pelzer	40	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Richland	29	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Rock Hill	8	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
St. Andrews	180	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Varennnes	60	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Walkers	36	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	14,663	40.21	589,633	388,705	342,612	(45,793)	-11.8%
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Nell Townsend	0	0.00	1,333	1,333	2,667	1,334	100.1%
Russell Memorial	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	100.0%
Westminster Fwd	0	0.00	42,000	31,500	31,500	0	100.0%
	0	0	157,199	124,975	90,763	(34,212)	-27.4%
TOTALS	14,663	50.93	746,832	513,680	433,375	(80,005)	-15.6%