

**Reynolda Church
Minutes of Stated Session Meeting**

September 15, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm

Elders present, (P), Absent (A):

P Senior Pastor – Alan D. Wright
P Associate Pastor – Christopher E. Lawson

Elders

P Tom Hull	A Grant Kerber	P Marion Blackwell
P Barrett Johnson	P Karan Reavis	P Katherine Currie
P Charles Redden	P Gary Schambach	A Jeff Deaton
P Bill Rice	P Mickey Thigpen	P Bill Stuart

P Jack Sherard – Clerk of Session
P Mickey Thigpen – Executive Director
P Bruce Hayes – Assistant Pastor
P Dylan McKeeman- Assistant Pastor
P Tina Whitman – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Rick Peacock, Juan Suarez, Deborah Suarez, Nick Moore

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The Stated meeting of the Session of Reynolda Church for September 15, 2011, was called to order by Pastor Lawson. The Session opened with a time of praises and prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mickey Thigpen and seconded by Katherine Currie to accept the agenda with the addition of: 1) Personnel Update-Executive Session, 2) Visit by church member, 3) Dylan McKeeman's letter of good standing. Passed unanimously.

Omnibus Motion

Motion by Marion Blackwell and seconded by Barrett Johnson to accept omnibus motion. Passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

The next Stated Session meeting will be October 20, 2011, at 6:30 pm. The next Mid-Atlantic Presbytery meeting will be September 23-24, in Lands, SC. Currently Pastor Wright, Pastor Lawson, Bob Roach, Bill Rice and Jeff Deaton are planning on attending this Mid-Atlantic Presbytery meeting.

There will be a congregational meeting on September 18, 2011.

Administrative Commission Report

Dylan McKeeman began with prayer. He presented the Administrative Commission Report for Bob Bruce. He updated the Session on his plans for the immediate future for the worship teams. He is also currently contacting each member of the worship teams.

Rick Peacock began with prayer. Mickey Thigpen shared with the Session a thank you letter from the pastor of New Creation Church, EPC of Joplin, Pastor Cliff Mansley. Rick shared the work that was done during the recent mission trip to Joplin. Pastor Wright thanked Rick and his team for their service.

Senior Pastor's Report

Pastor Wright began with prayer. He shared with the Session his recent time at an FCCM conference. He also shared the new vision of the Kerygma Network.

Encounter will begin next Wednesday night, September 21, 2011. This will be a time of Spirit led worship, teaching, ministry and healing. Marion Blackwell added to the discussion.

Suarez ministry update

Pastor Lawson welcomed Juan and Deborah Suarez. Juan began with prayer.

Juan and Debbie shared about their hearts for the Hispanic population of Winston-Salem, and the Session agreed to pray and carefully consider this ministry possibility in future months.

Karan Reavis prayed for Juan and Deborah and this ministry.

Entered Executive Session

Left Executive Session

Executive Committee Report

Contract clarification on shared media-Tabled.

Pastor Wright shared that on October 21-22, 2011, he would lead a conference in Kanas City. He is requesting the Session cover him with their prayers during this weekend.

Pastor Hayes updated the Session on new discipleship processes. A new three week class, "Discoveries," will inform visitors about Reynolda Church. From this class, Alpha, Gospel in Life, New Members Luncheon and Group Link would be offered. "Discoveries" would be offered during the months of January, April and September.

Motion by the Executive Committee: "To suspend the use of the current membership agreement or any membership agreement other than the five questions required by the Book of Order until such time as the Session is able to give careful consideration to the contents thereof." Passed unanimously.

Recommendation from Executive Committee: "To authorize the solicitation of a love offering celebrating Lisa Shirley's 30 years of service to select members of the church." Passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee is recommending the following policy changes.

Existing Policy:

Missionaries in Residence

Reynolda Church will regularly have members of its church body who raise full-time support and serve a vital role within the programmatic strategy of the church. Although these members do not receive benefits or compensation from the general budget, they shall be considered staff members in full-standing as relates to the Administrative Commission and operational budgetary consideration. Missionaries in Residence are approved by the Session.

Recommended Change in Policy:

Missionaries and Artists in Residence

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Passed unanimously.

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Future of the Deacon Ministry-Tabled

Executive Director Report

Mickey Thigpen began with prayer. Mickey reviewed the Operating Income and Expense Report. He then reviewed August 31, 2011 Balance Sheet. Discussion followed.

Read and approve minutes.

Adjourned with prayer at 9:52 pm.

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Administrative Commission Reports

August 18, 2011
September 1, 2011

Outreach Report

August 25, 2011

RECOMMENDATIONS

NONE

**Reynolda Church (EPC)
Clerk's Report for Stated Session Meeting
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1) Letter of Transfer from Reynolda Church EPC requested by other churches:

**Tom & Julie Kimball to Pine Chapel Morvarian Church, 324 Goldfloss St.,
Winston-Salem, NC 27127**

2) Acknowledgement of Transfer from Reynolda Church EPC received:

NONE

3) Acknowledgement of Transfer to Reynolda Church EPC received:

**Stewart & Kathy Simmons, from Calvary Baptist Church, 5000 Country Rd.,
Winston -Salem, NC 27104**

**Joan Johnson, from Calvary Baptist Church, 5000 Country Rd., Winston -
Salem, NC 27104**

**Vonda Wadhams from Pinedale Christian Church, 3395 Peters Creek Parkway,
Winston-Salem, NC 27127**

4) Names returned to Active Roll from Inactive Roll at member's request:

NONE

5) Names removed from Reynolda Church's roll at member's own request:

**Felita Phipps - In response to the recent letter sent to Inactive Members - She has
joined a church closer to her home - BLESSINGS from her to RPC!**

BIRTHS - Rachel Estes - August 4, 2011 - daughter of Chuck and Julie Estes

INFANT BAPTISM - NONE

ADULT BAPTISM - NONE

WEDDINGS - Kristen Huff and Chris Gibson - August 6, 2011

DEATHS - NONE