

# Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church

Stated Session Meeting

April 18, 2006

7:00 p.m.

## Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The Session of Saint Andrews met at the church at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Rev. Mike Nevling, Moderator. Kent Zotter served as Clerk. A quorum was present.

**Elders in Attendance:** Loretta Bishop, Melinda Carr, Bob Lollar, George McKellar, Jennifer Green, Lisa Way, Judy Ice, Monty Parker, Mike Schley, Mark Whitley, Gary Wires, Michael Marshall and Kent Zotter.

**Elders Excused:** Sherry Hay, Bob Hill

**Others in Attendance** Pat Cash

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved by acclamation.

**Devotion-** Loretta Bishop led the devotion "Waiting with open hands". She spoke of suffering around the world. We are so blessed but all of us are in need of God. We must become empty to become full. We must seek God, know Christ and keep our eyes on that goal.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup> stated Session meeting and the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 called Session meeting. **A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Reflections on Peace, Unity, Purity Report-** a brief discussion followed. Mike spoke of authoritative interpretation. Standards and essentials were mentioned as well. This document will go before the General Assembly on June 15, 2006. The issues raised in the PUP report are important to the life of the church as well as to those individuals within the church.

Helpful comments from Session members: "It's a good attempt to address other groups within the church." "Praise for the individuals who developed the report." "Everyone is precious in God's sight."

Concerns voiced by Session members: "There is no black & white explanation of the issues." "These are issues that can cause the church to split." "I'm confused by what to believe." "Report tended to be middle of the road. "

**Pastor's Report-** Mike submitted a written report. Some of the highlights included mention of baptisms in April and events scheduled for May. The Session will spend some time talking about Stephen Ministry at the next stated Session meeting.

## **Clerk's Report**

### *Membership Changes*

The Clerk reports Todd & Alexandria Schray to the inactive roll.

The Clerk reports the following Letters of Transfer:

- John Welch, Jr. to Covenant Presbyterian, Wendell, NC
- Mary Alice Shelton to Preston Hollow Presbyterian, Dallas, TX
- Georgia Liermann to Alamance Lutheran, Alamance, NC
- Billie C. Stefansky to Hayes Barton UMC, Raleigh, NC

Motion OK

### *April Baptisms*

- Nathan Bailey Myers, son of Ken & Beth Bailey Myers
- Marshall Tadlock, son of Scott & Melissa Lawrence
- Katherine Grace, daughter of Samuel & Levy Duffort
- Abby Grace, daughter of Miller & Amy Lawson

Motion OK

### *April 2006 Confirmands*

- Victoria Rachel Bell
- Benjamin D. Cook
- Elizabeth Michelle Huddleston
- Audrey Diana Hum
- Kimberly Bennett Koenig
- Michael Daniel Koenig
- Diane E. Lovelace
- Kaitlin Elizabeth Murphy
- Hannah Jennings Parker

- Adam Andrew Raby
- Benjamin M. Smith
- Caroline Frances Teachey

These young people were presented into the life of the church on April 9, 2006 at the 11:00 am service.

### Communications

- Gary Wires will offer a devotion and refreshments for the May 16, 2006 Session meeting.
- We continue to look for another Elder representative to the New Hope Presbytery Meeting on October, 21, 2006 in Greenville, NC

**Diaconate Report-** Pat Cash submitted a written report. New Deacons are getting acclimated into church life at SAPC. The Boy Scouts will assist in worship on May 7, 2006.

Cameron Green is organizing a blood drive with the American Red Cross. The project may become an Eagle Scout project for Cameron and is scheduled for May 22, 2006.

May 21, 2006 is Youth Sunday. A pancake breakfast is scheduled for June 18, 2006 as a youth fundraiser.

**Old Business-** no report

**New Business -** no report

### Committee Reports

**Worship & Music-** A written report was submitted. Highlights of the report include:

- A Pastor's Report by Mike Nevling and a Music/Art Report from Sharon Lowman.
- Elements of the Easter Sunday Service were discussed.
- Motion to accept Ken Myers and Stan Martin. **A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.**

**Mission-** A written report was submitted. The Mission Committee has not met since the March meeting, but is scheduled to meet on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Mickens family has received notice from FEMA of their eligibility for housing assistance for a period of one year.

The Gulf Coast Mission Trip II was a success. Twelve participants from SAPC attended. The group was joined by others who provided all sorts of repair work for Mrs. Beatrice Ducre at her home in Lacombe, LA.

The Gulf Coast Mission Trip III is scheduled for May 21-27 to Pascagoula, MS. Stan Martin will provide leadership.

Jeff Spainhour, Director of Staff of Hope, indicated that parts of Kenya are still officially in a drought.

**Adult-** no report

**Youth-** a written report was submitted.

Ashley Hum and Ashley Long are requesting permission to lead a bible study starting June 27, 2006. The topic will be taken from the book Discovering what the Future Holds by Kay Arthur and Georg Huber. The Youth Committee will bring the motion to Session at the May meeting.

The search for a new Youth Director continues. Response has been encouraging.

**Children-** a written report was submitted.

The report included many interesting issues involving the children of SAPC to include missions, communications, fellowship and Vacation Bible School to name a few.

**Finance-** a written report was submitted.

**Stewardship-** no report

**Membership-** A written report was submitted. The committee discussed the following:

- New Member Reunion
- Friendship Bread
- New Member Class (beginning April 23, 2006)
- Congregational self-study
- Communications with absent members
- Identifying inactive members

**Personnel-** Loretta Bishop indicated that the new Business Administrator, John Montague will meet with his Search Committee and the Personnel Committee to see how they might assist John.

**Facilities-** A written report was submitted. Several projects around the church have been completed or are in the process of completion/evaluation. They include concrete steps at the side entrance, new gutters, new parking lot signage, new garage door on the annex, repair of partitions in the Fellowship Hall, asphalt seal coating & repainting of parking lots, refurbish the church playground and talk with architects about plans for the Narthex.

**Long Range Planning-** A written report was submitted. The LRPC met on April 12, 2006 and discussed:

- Congregational Survey Review
- SAPC Covenant (CIP) Review
- Motion for Duke Ellis as new member, John Montague as ex officio

**Communications-** A written report was submitted. The committee will consider these key objectives:

- Promote church activities among SAPC members
- Promote church activities to the larger Raleigh community
- Improve communication among committees at SAPC
- Promote awareness of communication tools

**Preschool-** A written report was submitted. The committee discussed:

- The status of the Preschool
- Finances and designated funds

**Nominating-** The Nominating Committee has begun its work. The committee understands its purpose and that of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (to be seated). The Nominating Committee has identified the different demographic groups within SAPC and has gathered names of potential members for the APNC. The goal of the Nominating Committee is to have the APNC members in place as soon as possible.

Presbytery is requiring that SAPC perform a self-study before preparing a Church Information Form. Ultimately the goal would be to start accepting Personal Information Forms from potential candidates by Fall 2006.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. Mike closed the meeting at 9:18 pm with concerns and prayer. The next stated Session meeting will be on May 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Zotter  
*Clerk of Session*

The Rev. Mike Nevling, D. Min.  
*Moderator*