



Session Highlights

"The fundamental responsibility of church leaders is to shepherd God's flock" – The Shepherd Leader, author Timothy Z. Witmer.

Greetings Bethel Church family and friends!

The Session's primary function, the office of elder, is to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge. Our particular flock is Bethel Church; however, in addition, we are the temporary Session for the Indian Land Presbyterian Church plant led by TE Michael Lee. We have quarterly stated meetings with ILPC, with Michael as moderator, and we have a small oversight committee (RE Larry Falls, RE Calvin Reese, TE Chris Donnelly, and myself) that meets regularly with Michael, which is what I will highlight. We meet, together with TE Dean Faulkner and RE Joe Sprouse from South Charlotte PCA, to hear about the progress he is making at ILPC – he is doing a great work – expounding and preaching the Word of God and administering the Sacraments. While we are eager to hear the updates for ILPC (new members, regular public worship, chili cookoffs, small groups, ministry challenges, etc.) we are there to encourage and to shepherd. In addition to the required oversight, our desire is to express to Michael how much we appreciate him and his family and the ongoing work of ILPC!

December Session Meeting Highlights:

RE Neil Allen provided a report on the Phase 2 Building project. This week is all about the roof trusses. They



have been delivered, off loaded, and are currently being assembled and erected.

RE Bill Johnson provided a report on the Cannon Foundation. We have received approval for 2 grants– 1 for our building project and 1 for Mentors and Moms. We are very grateful for The Cannon Foundation and their generosity.

Calvin Reese and Steve Britt provided a report on the December 4, 2025, Called Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery held at Christ Ridge PCA. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the call from Christ Ridge PCA to TE Ben Thomas as Senior Pastor.

Other items of business were:

The Session spent time discussing the church roll, as is required by our BCO.

Ministry reports were received and discussed from Chris, Mark, Isak, and Matt.

The Session received the 2026 Sermon Planning Calendar as prepared by TE Chris Donnelly.

The Session approved the 2026 Standing Committees & 2026 WIC Council.

The Session approved the 2026 Communion dates – Feb. 1, May 3, Aug. 2 and Nov. 1st.

The Session approved the 2026 Congregational luncheon dates–Feb. 1, May 3, June 7 Homecoming, Aug. 2, and Nov. 1st.

The Session thanked and commended the outgoing Class of 2025 Officers for their faithful service to the congregation – RE Steve Britt, RE Cary Grant, and RE Dean McCarter. RE Calvin Reese led the session in prayer for our outgoing officers.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your shepherding elder if there are any questions, concerns, and most importantly, any prayer requests.

Peace,
Neil Allen
Clerk of Session

this week

Sunday's
sermon:

*Christmas in the New Testament:
The Name Above All Others – Part 3*

Philippians 2:1-11

events

Kids' Quest
Christmas Caroling
12/21 @ 5:00 pm

Youth
12/21 at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
12/24 at 6:00 pm

volunteer schedule

Infant Nursery
Rebecca Wallace and
Kimberly Richards

Toddler Nursery
Laura, Brent, and
Macie Clinton

Worship Training
Grace Benes and
Ilse Wallace