

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Evan Pitts and a quorum declared. He then turned the meeting over to the Worship Leader for scripture, song and prayer. The meeting agenda was reviewed and followed by the approval of prior meeting minutes that had been sent out previously and copies made available after the morning service. Minutes were approved. Mike Metzler gave the attached Treasurer's Report showing April collections of \$55,643 and expenditures, \$42,413. Year to date figures are collections totaling \$386,124 and expenditures \$279,079; the surplus equal to \$107,045. Mike stated that an incorrect posting to Music has been corrected and that line item is still within budgeted funds. Motion and second to accept and passed.

The following eleven new members were presented by the clerk and motion and second made to accept. Mark Hoover, Carla Carter, Mary Beauchamp, Shayna Kearney, Trish Kearney, Jim Jenkins, Alicia Jenkins, Jakob Jenkins, Emma Maroon, Bonita Swanigan, Peggy Willis. We have received a letter of request for transfer of membership for Thomas Harris to Westside Baptist, Gainesville. Motion made to grant request, seconded and passed. It was announced that former member Larry Bland passed away recently.

Church Staff Reports:

Worship Leader: Jon reported that College and Young Adult groups are going smoothly and he expressed thanks to all who serve in these ministries. This group has new curriculum and we are following the Matthew 29:18 creating new disciples. Future events are being planned for this group. Music is steady. Youth is involved in a SALT opportunity allowing them to step into leadership roles and equipping these students to serve. Social Media is also holding steady. The Audio Visual ministry team has positions to fill so if you are interested in serving in this area, please let Jon know.

Nursery/Young Children: Lisa reported that with the addition of two new families, the Children's area is growing rapidly, especially during second hour. We have three new volunteers for childcare but need additional helpers. If interested, please contact Lisa. Children's Church is growing as well and we are thankful for the growth in Clubhouse also. VBS is coming soon and we are looking forward to a great week together. Promotion will be the Sunday before school starts in August.

Pastor Jesse reported that we are waiting on approval of the Security Grant to enter into a planning and bidding process, and are currently working to identify the exact security work that will be done.

Lisa reported on Children and Jesse added that Team Kid is going well on Wednesday evenings. He added that we hosted a VBS training at the end of March and it was a great time spent with

other churches working on upcoming VBS. Approximately 100 were in attendance. An end of the school party will be held on Wednesday, June 4th.

Youth Weekend was in February with 32 students participating. Summer camp sign-ups are happening now and a local mission opportunity is being planned as well.

A Prayer Workshop was held yesterday with 25 in attendance. It was opened to other local churches as well.

Good Friday service in April at Newnansville Cemetery went very well. The Family Easter Egg Hunt at the Chiarelli home was enjoyed by all who attended.

Membership 101 was held on May 4th with 11 prospective members in attendance. Morning worship is averaging 261 for 2025, a 27% increase for the year. Our two Easter services had an attendance of 410. Weekly Sunday School attendance is also up and we celebrated 2 baptisms so far in 2025.

Upcoming in our church, as has been mentioned earlier, are VBS in June, Student camp in July, Promotion Sunday and Membership 101 coming on August 10th.

Carol Hunn expressed thanks to Joe Raulerson and Bill Crane's class for assisting with the Membership 101 and Keenagers.

Bruce Haguewood reported for the Deacon Ministry that new members have been assigned a deacon and they will be reaching out and contacting members soon. At church year end, two deacons will rotate off so we will be taking nominations for deacons in the coming months.

Glenn Bryan reported for Nominating Committee that this team will be meeting soon to fill existing committees and teams. He announced that Bylaws are to be reviewed at mid-decade so the Bylaws approved in 2022 will be reviewed. Serving on this team will be Amanda Ellis, Ruthie Erickson and Matthew Farrell. Motion made to accept committee members, seconded and passed. Pray for these as they begin this process.

Teresa Kelly for Stewardship, reported that no action needs to be brought at this time. This team will start on the budget process soon and the fiscal year budget will be presented at the August business session.

Elio Chiarelli for Personnel, reported that this committee are having staff reviews and will include personal assessments and goal setting.

Robert Erickson for Building and Grounds, reported that the lights on the back lot have been replaced with LED's. A handrail has been added to the front steps of the sanctuary. The AC in the Family Ministry has had recent repair, in Rooms 302, 304,306. In February, repairs were

done to AC unit in 210 as well. Hydro tested Fire Suppression system at Kitchen stove is complete. Work continues on the columns in front of sanctuary.

Team reports were made available and everyone is encouraged to read these reports. They will be included as an attachment to these business meeting notes for May 18, 2025.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Sherry Cato brought concerns from church members about the church directory that she has been keeping up to date for 18 years. People have expressed concerns to her about the directory no longer being readily available. The picture directory was discontinued several years ago and the digital copy was eliminated from the website recently as well. Jon spoke to this expressing safety concerns in today's world over addresses, telephone numbers being available to whomever could get a copy or log into our website. Pastor Jesse also shared the concerns about keeping our members information secure. Much discussion followed, many expressing the desire to have an updated hard copy of directory for ease of sending cards, phone calls, etc. It was determined that members could request a hard copy from the church office following a written request. There was also discussion concerning the changes to the bulletin. Since the bylaws state that we are a congregational lead church, we should have gotten some advance warning of these changes, and perhaps been able to have a discussion before changes were made. Discussion concluded on this topic.

The moderator called for any other announcements and there were none so the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

EVAN PITTS, Moderator

Alice Bryan, Clerk