

Session Business

October 12, 2025

1. Session approved the 2026 Preliminary Operating Budget presented by Fred Kate, Treasurer. The Debt Reduction proposed for 2026 is \$158,710, a decrease of \$32,854 from the 2025 Budget, which is a result of the debt reduction savings to date from the Capital Campaign. \$15,000 of the \$32,854 will be used to increase Programs, which includes an increase to Discipleship's budget to cover expenses for The Spark, and to create an account for "Other", which will be used for increased outreach and new programs. The remainder of the \$32,854 will be used to cover the increase in the Operating Expense portion of the 2026 Budget (Building & Grounds, Administration, and Personnel). This is in line with the stated purpose of the Capital Campaign, namely, to relieve the strain on the Operating Budget and provide funds for new programs and increased outreach.
2. Cheryl Nichols, Chair of Administration, advised Session that the Stewardship Campaign will begin November 2 and go through Dedication Sunday on November 23, 2025. The theme will be "Telling the Story", and the scripture will be Psalm 107:2, "Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story."
3. Session approved the following individuals for the Ad Hoc Committee for the Strategic Planning Committee – Randy Blanton, Steve Scheffler, Charline Muller, Jenny Peterson, Jay Hammonds, and Matthew Konze.
4. Rev. Saathoff advised Session that Carly Hart will be baptized on October 26, 2025. He also advised that Haley Baughman will present a Minute for Mission on November 30, 2025, and a lunch will be provided afterwards in the Family Life Center to give her the opportunity to provide more information regarding her work in Zanzibar, Africa. Catherine Scheffler advised Session that the Missions Committee will be giving Haley \$3,000.
5. Rev. Saathoff also advised Session that a memorial service for Irma Scott will be held November 1, 2025, at 1 p.m., at FPCC.

Upcoming Events:

- A. Next Session meeting:** Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in person, Room 105, and via Zoom.
- B. Subsequent Session meeting:** Sunday, December 21, 2025.
- C. Remaining Presbytery Meeting:** November 15, 2025 (Faith Presbyterian, Baytown)

Deaths:

September 16, 2025 - Mary Lee Gilstrap Spinks (non-member), mother of member, David Spinks
October 6, 2025 – Irma Scott