

September 21, 2024, Minutes
of
Covenant Presbytery
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Hosted by Sturgis Church, Sturgis, KY
Pastor Host – Rev. Curtis Franklin
Moderator – Rev. Bobby Spurling
Stated Clerk – Reese Baker
Recording Clerk – Sidney Milton

Includes
October 19, 2024, Called Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting
of
Covenant Presbytery
March 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
Milburn Chapel, West Paducah, KY

MEMORIAL ROLL

DECEASED MINISTERS

DECEASED ELDERS

Donnie Hunt (Sturgis)

March 29, 2024

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*Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4*

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To: All Who Receive Covenant Presbytery Minutes

From: Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery

Re: Covenant Presbytery Minutes for Regular Meeting on September 21, 2024
Covenant Presbytery Minutes for Called Meeting on October 19, 2024

Dear Friends:

Please contact me if you see any incorrect information. Typing errors are easily made; however, I would like to correct these things in future publishings. I apologize for mistakes made. I don't know of any, but I feel sure they are there.

May God bless,

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Standing Rules for Covenant Presbytery

1.00 General Regulations

- 1.10 NAME:** The name shall be "Covenant Presbytery," hereafter called "The Presbytery."
- 1.20 DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION:** The Presbytery is a governing body of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Synod of the Midwest.
- 1.30 BOUNDRIES:** The Presbytery includes Hopkins, Trigg, Henderson, Webster, Union and all counties that lie west of them in Kentucky including areas of Christian County five miles in diameter around the Hopkinsville Church and a corridor three miles wide along the little river, westward to the Trigg County line. The Presbytery also includes the following counties in Illinois: Alexander, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, and Williamson with the exception of the Lebanon South Church, one mile north of Galatia.
- 1.40 MEMBERSHIP:** The Presbytery consists of its ordained ministers, and all Cumberland Presbyterian churches located within its boundaries.
- 1.50 MANUAL OF OPERATION:** The Presbytery shall use the "Presbytery Manual of Operation" as a guideline for matters that are not covered by these Standing Rules.
- 1.60 SUSPENSION OF, OR AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES:** These Standing Rules may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.
- 1.70 BOARD OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Any board or committee making recommendations to the Presbytery shall indicate in their report any recommendation requiring a 2/3 vote for passage.

2.00 MEETINGS

- 2.10 DATE AND TIME:** The Presbytery shall convene in 2 regular meetings which shall be on the third Saturday of March and the third Saturday of September at 9:00 a.m. When the March meeting date falls in Holy Week, that meeting shall be delayed 1 week. The Presbytery shall also have such adjourned and called meetings as necessary.
- 2.15 WORSHIP:** Each stated meeting of Presbytery shall open with a worship service which includes a ten (10) minute devotional by the moderator and serving of Communion. After each noon recess the meeting shall be reopened with a ten (10) minute devotional led by a probationer designated by the Committee on the Ministry.
- 2.20 PLACE:** The place of all regular meetings of the Presbytery shall be chosen by invitation from the member churches.
- 2.30 ATTENDANCE:** All ordained ministers (other than those who have been permanently excused,) probationers, and elder delegates from each church in the Presbytery are expected to attend each meeting of Presbytery. If for a valid reason one is unable to attend, an excuse should be sent to the stated clerk requesting an excuse and stating the reason.
- 2.40 ENROLLMENT:** Prior to each regular meeting of Presbytery, the moderator shall appoint a Credentials Committee. During the period of registration thirty minutes prior to the stated time for the meeting, the committee will receive and certify the enrollment cards. Their report to the body, at the time set on the agenda, will serve as the opening roll call for the determination of a quorum.
- 2.50 AGENDA:** The agenda for each meeting of the Presbytery shall be prepared by the moderator, stated clerk, and pastor host.

2.60 HOST CHURCH: The host church shall be reimbursed \$200 for each stated meeting of the Presbytery.

3.00 OFFICERS

3.10 MODERATOR: The moderator shall be elected for a one year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. The moderator shall serve as an advisory member of all Presbytery boards and agencies. See the Presbytery Manual of Operation, Section 3.1 and the Rules of Order, Section 1. The moderator shall appoint someone to fill vacancies on boards and agencies until the next stated meeting. Prior to the stated meetings of Presbytery, the moderator shall appoint a Committee on Overtures and Resolutions to serve during the meeting.

3.20 VICE-MODERATOR: The vice-moderator shall be elected for a one year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. It is expected that the vice-moderator shall succeed the moderator, but this is subject to the will of the Presbytery. See the Presbytery Manual of Operation, Section 3.2 and the Rule of Order, Section 2.

3.30 STATED CLERK/TREASURER: The stated clerk/treasurer shall be elected for a three year term and may serve additional terms. The stated clerk may or may not be a member of the Presbytery. The stated clerk shall be an advisory member of all Presbyterial boards and agencies and in this capacity, serve the Presbytery as liaison for planning and budgeting. The stated clerk must be bonded and may not disburse any funds without proper authorization from the Presbytery. The stated clerk shall reimburse members of boards and agencies at the official mileage rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service, adjusting the rate on January 1st each year. Preliminary minutes, containing the agency reports and other relevant materials, shall be prepared by the stated clerk and sent to all ministers, probationers, and session clerks at least 15 days before stated meeting of Presbytery. All ministers, elder delegates, probationers, session clerks, agency members, CPWM officers, and other denominational entities who request them shall have electronic or paper copies of Presbytery minutes distributed to them. The minutes shall include a directory of ministers, probationers, church (with location), session clerks, agency personnel and the name of the church moderator for all churches without an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian pastor. Electronic copies shall be made available within 60 days from the stated meeting for those requesting that medium of distribution. Paper copies of minutes will be printed and mailed annually to include all meetings within that year.

3.40 RECORDING CLERK: The recording clerk shall be elected for a three-year term and may serve additional terms. The recording clerk may or may not be a member of the Presbytery. The recording clerk shall record the minutes of the meetings and assist the stated clerk in preparing the minutes for printing.

3.50 TRUSTEES: The members of the Board of Finance shall be the trustees for the Presbytery. The trustees shall be the legal agents of the Presbytery and shall act in that capacity when so directed by the Presbytery.

4.00 AGENCIES

- 4.10 DATE, TIME, PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:** All standing agencies of the Presbytery shall convene for their regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. six (6) Saturdays previous to the regular meeting of Presbytery, at the host church.
- 4.15 AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES:** For agency responsibilities not covered in these standing rules, refer to the "Presbytery Manual of Operation," approved by the 1988 General Assembly, and published by the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.
- 4.20 MEMBERSHIP BALANCE:** In electing members to Presbyterian agencies, care should be taken to maintain approximately a fifty-fifty balance of ministers and laypersons. There should be an appropriate male/female ratio and a fair geographic representation.
- 4.25 REPORTS OF BOARDS AND AGENCIES:** Reports of all boards and agencies shall be submitted to the stated clerk no later than four (4) Saturdays previous to the regular meeting of Presbytery.
- 4.30 BOARD OF MISSIONS:** The board shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms. The president of the Regional Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry shall be an advisory member of this board.
- 4.31 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be for three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.32 RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Presbyterian Fellowship and the Regional Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will be under the supervision of this board and shall channel their reports to the Presbytery through it. The board will maintain a file of all pastoral contracts, including both stated supply and installed relationships. The board will appoint moderators for all sessions not served by ordained Cumberland Presbyterian Ministers. For other responsibilities refer to the "Presbytery Manual of Operations," Section 5.25.
- 4.33** Any commission to install pastors must include at least one member from the Board of Missions.
- 4.34** Upon the closing of a church in Covenant Presbytery, the session clerk of the closed church is to be responsible to forward a complete membership roll of that congregation to the session clerk of the church specified to have the members attached to it.
- 4.35 BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** The board shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms.
- 4.36 TERMS OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.37 RESPONSIBILITIES:** The board shall be responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting the Presbyterian camping program, including retreats and conferences for all ages.

The board oversees sponsoring the ongoing youth fellowship program in Covenant Presbytery and encouraging the youth programs in the local churches.

The entire Christian Education Program of the congregations of Covenant Presbytery should be of concern by the board as they plan workshops, seminars, etc. to assist and encourage the local churches.

4.40 BOARD OF FINANCE: The Board of Finance shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms.

4.41 TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office shall be for three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

4.42 PRESBYTERY BUDGET: The Presbytery budget shall be a percentage of the current income received by the churches to be equal to the proposed budget. Income is the total amount that is given through the church and Sunday school treasuries. Exemptions are:

1. Money raised by the Youth Fellowship, CPWM, Men's Fellowship, and other auxiliaries of the church.
2. Memorial gifts.
3. Money that is borrowed by the church.
4. Gifts that are designated by the donor for a specific purpose such as the purchase of an organ.
5. Building fund money that goes toward the erection of a new sanctuary, church addition, or manse.

Regular maintenance that does not produce additional space, including remodeling, is not exempt.

Churches shall remit payments on apportionments to Presbytery on a monthly basis. Churches experiencing circumstances preventing timely payment of assigned percentage, shall contact the Board of Finance for possible assistance and to allow the board sufficient information for planning purposes.

4.42.1 COVENANT PRESBYTERY NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND: This fund shall receive all proceeds from property sold by Covenant Presbytery. Expenditures from this fund shall be restricted to grants made to official NCD projects within Covenant Presbytery for the purpose of purchasing property and/or building programs. Available funds in the account, not in immediate need, may be loaned as an "on demand loan" to congregations within Covenant Presbytery for building and/or remodeling.

4.43 RESPONSIBILITIES: The Board of Finance and their successors in office shall be the trustees of the Presbytery.

The board shall encourage the churches to give full support to the Presbytery and Synod budget and the Denominational "Our United Outreach" (OUO).

The board, in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions, shall plan, publicize, and implement seminars on stewardship, and utilize other means to develop good stewardship practices within the congregations of the Presbytery.

The board shall be the agency responsible for the maintenance of the Presbytery's physical assets such as real estate, office equipment, etc.

The board shall oversee the program of ministerial aid to needy ministers and minister's widows.

The board shall receive the proposed budgets of the other agencies, amending them as necessary, and submitting one unified budget to the Presbytery for action.

The board shall receive loan applications from churches in the Presbytery, making recommendation to the Presbytery concerning these requests.

All requests to the Presbytery for additional funding beyond the approved annual budget shall be directed to the Board of Finance for review, determination, and recommendation to Presbytery at any subsequent meeting.

(In an emergency the Board of Finance shall be endowed with the authority and responsibility of funding from surplus funds, the needs created by any such emergency. – action of Presbytery 4/7/01)

- 4.45 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:** The committee shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms. The committee shall include both ministers and laypersons with at least two members being elders.
- 4.46 **TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.47 **RESPONSIBILITIES:** The committee shall direct and nurture persons in preparation for the ministry. Those considering becoming candidates for the ministry shall be interviewed by the committee prior to their appearance before the Presbytery.

The committee also has responsibilities relating to the persons and ministries of the ordained ministers of the presbytery.

Any contractual pastoral relationship in Covenant Presbytery who is not an ordained CP minister or who is not an approved candidate for CP ministry should meet with and /or communicate with the COM prior to filling the pulpit.

There is an extensive description of the duties and responsibilities of the Committee on Ministry in the "Presbytery Manual of Operation," Section 5.4.

- 4.50 **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:** The committee shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms.
- 4.51 **TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.52 **RESPONSIBILITIES:** The committee shall review annually the session records of the churches and report its findings and recommendations to the presbytery. The session clerks shall send the session records for the previous year (or a certified copy) to the Judiciary Committee at the time and place specified by said committee.

The committee shall study all questions coming before the presbytery by appeal, dissent, or protest, and advise the presbytery on their legal and constitutional aspects. The committee shall make rulings on such judicial questions as are referred to it.

The committee shall impose discipline when a minister acknowledges to the Judiciary Committee an error or offense and consents to the discipline proposed by the committee. If the minister acknowledges the error or offense, but does not consent to the discipline, the Judiciary Committee must refer the matter back to the Disciplinary Commission.

The committee shall hold a hearing (following the directions set forth by the General Assembly) to determine guilt and, if appropriate, impose discipline in those cases where the minister does not acknowledge guilt and consent to discipline. The committee shall report its actions to presbytery. (This is a report only, not a recommendation to be voted upon by presbytery.)

The committee shall conduct a supplemental hearing upon a minister's request if new evidence is discovered. After a hearing, the committee may restore a minister who has been suspended or deposed if he or she meets the criteria of Rule 3.415.

The committee will hear and decide appeals from sessions under the presbytery's jurisdiction, and give a report of appeals to the presbytery.

4.55 HERITAGE COMMITTEE: This committee has been dissolved and will be reactivated if the need arises.

4.60 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: The committee shall be composed of six (6) members in three staggered terms.

4.61 TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office shall be three years and members will not be eligible to succeed themselves. Members of this committee may NOT serve on the Permanent Nominating Committee and other agencies concurrently. Members of this committee shall not be consecutively nominated to another agency. A member appointed or elected to fill the unexpired term of another person shall be eligible to serve a three-year term after completion of the unexpired term. The members should include at least one (1) minister and two (2) lay persons.

4.62 RESPONSIBILITIES: The committee shall make nominations to the October meeting of Presbytery: names to fill all vacancies on Presbyterial agencies, commissioners to General Assembly and their alternates, youth delegates to General Assembly and the alternate, delegates to Synod and their alternates, and youth delegates to the Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC) and their alternate. The Committee on Nominations should be especially sensitive to the need for including fair representation on all agencies and in all positions. (See standing rule 4.20.)

4.63 COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DELEGATES TO SYNOD: Election of General Assembly commissioners: The Presbytery shall elect one minister commissioner and one elder commissioner for every 1,250 active members on its roll as its commissioners to General Assembly. See Section 9.2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Constitution.

The election of commissioners to General Assembly will be as follows: three (3) commissioners on the part of the ministry and three (3) commissioners on the part of the elders shall be elected. Three (3) ministers and three elders shall be elected and listed in a 1, 2, 3 order to serve as alternate commissioners in the event any of the principle commissioners are unable to attend General Assembly.

The election of delegates to Synod will be as follows: three (3) delegates on the part of the ministry and three (3) delegates on the part of the elders shall be elected. Three (3) ministers and three (3) elders shall be elected and listed in a 1, 2, 3 order to serve as alternate delegates in the event any of the principle delegates are unable to attend Synod.

Reports from the commissioners to General Assembly and the delegates to Synod shall be given at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

4.65 DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION: The commission shall be composed of five (5) members elected on staggered terms.

4.66 TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

4.67 RESPONSIBILITES: The commission shall receive complaints made in writing from the victim or a person with reliable and compelling information or from the stated clerk of presbytery who has received the written complaint from one of the above persons.

The commission shall conduct an appropriate investigation of any written complaint. The commission shall not decide innocence or guilt. They investigate to determine if there is enough evidence for a hearing.

If the Disciplinary Commission, upon investigation, finds no basis for the charges, it shall close the matter and report that action to the accused, the complainant, and the Judiciary Committee.

If the commission finds that there are grounds to believe that an offense was committed by the accused, and the accused acknowledges the error or offense and gives evidence of a sincere effort to correct the matter, the commission shall so report to the Judiciary Committee and recommend appropriate disciplinary action.

If, upon investigation, the Disciplinary Commission determines that "there are grounds to believe that an offense was committed by the accused," they will refer the matter for a hearing before the Judiciary Committee. At this time, the commission should (1) appoint 1-3 members to represent the Disciplinary Commission in the hearing process (2) make a complete report of the investigation to the Judiciary Committee.

If the charges concern matters of potentially serious consequences, the Disciplinary Commission may at any time place limitations on the person's ministry or suspend the person from any position of ministry until the conclusion of the hearing and of any appeals.

If necessary, the Disciplinary Commission may appeal a disciplinary decision of the Judiciary Committee.

The commission may informally counsel a minister if there is an unwritten complaint against him or her.

4.70 INSURANCE COMMISSION:

4.71 TERM OF OFFICE:

4.72 RESPONSIBILITES: The commission shall deal with all presbyterial insurance needs and transactions including pastoral insurance.

5.00 OPERATING GUIDELINES

- 5.10 FINANCIAL REPORT:** The treasurer shall prepare a detailed annual report at the end of each fiscal year (calendar year), quarterly reports during the fiscal year, and such supplemental reports as the agencies of the Presbytery may need. The treasurer shall present the financial reports for an annual audit by a three person audit committee appointed by the Board of Finance each year.
- 5.20 MEMORIAL ROLL:** A memorial roll of deceased ministers and elders shall be carried in the Presbytery minutes each year. The stated clerk shall purchase a one hundred dollar Patron Membership in Theological Education in the name of each deceased minister. Also, the same patron membership is to be purchased for each deceased elder who has served as moderator of Covenant Presbytery. The certificates for the patron memberships shall be presented to the families of the deceased (or representative of the family) at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.
- 5.30 PRESBYTERY YEAR:** The Presbytery year shall follow the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.
- 5.40 NEW BUSINESS:** All resolutions, memorials, and other items of new business must be presented prior to the noon recess of the meeting of Presbytery.
- 5.50 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:** All meetings of the Presbytery shall be conducted according to the Rules of Order of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Any case not covered by these rules shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- 5.60 INFORMATION REPORT:** A form for churches to submit information needed by the agencies of the Presbytery will be available at the April meeting each year. The session clerk shall send this information to the stated clerk's office by August 1st each year.

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Church Locations

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Benton - At Purchase Parkway exit 41 go south onto Highway 641 spur for ¼ mile.
Take Highway 58 East ½ mile to church at corner West Oaks Subdivision.

Bethel - 4.5 miles west of U.S. 62 on KY 286, Kevil, KY.

Calvary - 1.1 miles west of U.S. 45 on KY Highway 58, Mayfield, KY.

Camp Ground - Union County, Illinois, at the intersection of Road 146 and Interstate 57,
go approximately ¼ mile west. Turn north (right) onto Camp Ground Road for 1
mile.

Chandler – 338 South State Street, Chandler, IN 47610

Ebenezer - Thompsonville, IL.

Ebenezer Hall - 10 miles east of Anna, IL, on Lick Creek Road. Turn north onto
Grandview Road, approximately 1 mile west of Lick Creek.

Flat Lick - 8 miles south of Hopkinsville on State Route 107, Hopkinsville, KY.

Fredonia – Highway 641 South, Fredonia, KY.

Gilead - Go 8 miles from Vienna on Route 147 to Simpson, IL.

Good Spring - From Fredonia, 3.5 miles east, turn right at sign, one mile to church,
Princeton, KY.

Highland - 1 mile west of U. S. 45 on Highway 1322 Lovelaceville Road, Paducah, KY.

Hopewell - Highway 133, Lola, KY. Five miles from Highway 60 in Salem, KY.

Hopkinsville – From I24, take exit 65 and turn left onto Hopkinsville Road/Cadiz Road.
Turn right on Old Major Lane, left at Canton Pike, right onto Country Club Lane,
and left onto Faircourt Street.

Liberty - From Hwy. 68 in Aurora, take Hwy. 94, 4.5 miles toward Murray. Turn left on
Hwy. 1346.

Lisman - 2085 State Route 270 West, Clay, KY.

Macedonia - Highway 291, Dalton, KY.

Madisonville – 1540 Anton Road, Highway 85 East

Marion - South of West Bellville Street about a block from courthouse.

Milburn Chapel – 3760 Metropolis Lake Road, West Paducah, KY 42086.

Mt. Carmel - 1.5 miles southeast of Highway 62 on Highway 813, White Plains, KY.

Mt. Pleasant - Sullivan, KY, off KY 109.

Church Locations (continued)

Mt. Sterling - 5 miles east of Brookport, IL, then 1¼ miles north of Unionville.

Mt. Zion - 4.5 miles east of Dongola, IL, - 1150 Mt. Zion Road.

New Hope - 7620 Cross Mill Road, Paducah, KY.

North Pleasant Grove - Off 121 North, Murray, KY.

Oak Grove - 1.1 miles south of KY Highway 80, 3.3 miles west of U.S. 641, Benton, KY.

Oak Grove Union - 6.5 miles south of Clay, KY, on Highway 132.

Oakland - 9110 U.S. 68 West, Calvert City, KY 42029. Take Exit 16 on I24. If going toward Paducah, turn left. If coming from Paducah, turn right. The church is 2.5 miles on the left.

Piney Fork - From Marion, KY, on South Main go to East Depot Street (Highway 506) 7 miles from Marion, KY.

Pleasant Valley - 3 miles north of Bandana, KY.

Providence (Kentucky) - Take East Main Street to South Willow. Turn right to Locust. Turn left on Locust.

Rose Creek - From Nebo, KY, go south on Highway 502 to Highway 1034, turn west (right). The church is a short distance on the right.

Rozzell Chapel - 5 miles west of Mayfield off KY Highway 80, 1258 Rozzell Chapel Road.

Sturgis - 504 North Main Street, (on U.S. 60) Sturgis, KY.

Sugar Grove - South Highway 120, 7 miles east of Marion, KY, Sugar Grove Church sign on the right. 585 Sugar Grove Church Road, Marion, KY 42064

Union Chapel - 2210 Droit Road, Galatia, IL.

Unity - ½ mile north of KY Highway 402, 6.1 miles east of U.S. Highway 641, Hardin, KY.

Village - 5 miles southeast of Norris City, IL, in White County.

Wheatcroft - From Providence, Highway 109 North to Wheatcroft. Church is 2 blocks off 109 to the left.

Woodlawn - 3402 Old Benton Road, P.O. Box 3210, Paducah, KY.

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Minutes

Covenant Presbytery – September 21, 2024 Meeting at Sturgis Church, Sturgis, KY

Opening Song: Rev. Curtis Franklin opened the presbytery meeting with a congregational song, "Blessed Assurance."

Opening: Moderator Bobby Spurling opened this meeting of presbytery and welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Elizabeth Spann prayed the opening prayer.

Moderator's Devotion: Moderator Bobby Spurling spoke from Mark 10:13-16 on the sacredness of life especially children including unborn children because we are made in the image of God.

Communion: Rev. Curtis Franklin presided over the Lord's Supper.

Those Assisting:

Rev. Jesse Thornton

Elder Rudy Fowler (Fredonia)

Call to Order: Covenant Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Bobby Spurling.

Report of Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee consisted of Rev. Bobby Spurling, Rev. Greg Cain, and the Sturgis elder. Rev. Spurling gave the report of the Credentials Committee with an enrollment of 18 ministers, 21 elders, 3 probationers, 1 youth delegate, and 1 denominational representative.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to concur in the report. The motion passed, and a record of the enrollment was filed as ***Appendix A.***

Quorum Declared: The moderator declared a quorum was present, and Covenant Presbytery was ready to conduct business.

Constituting Prayer: Rev. Bud Russell led the presbytery in the constituting prayer.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: A motion was made to adopt the agenda as the order of the day with the addition of the report from the Grace Covenant Commission. The motion was seconded and passed.

Welcome: Rev. Franklin gave words of welcome to the presbytery from Sturgis CPC and made appropriate announcements.

Seating of Advisory Members:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to seat Rev. Jeff McMichael as an advisory member.

Recognition of First Time Elder Delegates:

1. Warren Bryant, Milburn Chapel

Reading of Communications: The clerk presented the following communications:

1. Excuses were received.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to refer these to the Overtures and Resolutions Committee.

2. Letter from Rev. David Fackler announcing that he no longer wishes to be associated with the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination and requesting his name be removed from the roll of ministers.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to remove Rev. Fackler's name from the roll of ministers.

Announcements: The clerk made the following announcements:

1. Items found on the clerk's table and credential's table were announced.

Presentations: There were none.

Recess (15 minutes)

The moderator called the presbytery to order at 9:53 a.m.

Denominational Representatives:

1. Debbie Hayes – Ministry Council
2. Rev. Jeff McMichael - OUO

Presentation of Memorials, Resolutions, and Other New Business:

Vice Moderator Stephenson took over while Rev. Bobby Spurling presented his memorial, "A Memorial on the Dignity of the Unborn."

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the memorial.

The memorial was marked *Appendix B* and filed.

Moderator Bobby Spurling resumed his duties.

Presbyterial Business:

Grace Covenant Commission: The report was presented by Rev. Jim Smith.

***Motion:* A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in, and its recommendations adopted.**

The report was marked *Appendix C* and filed.

Committee on Ministry Report: The report was presented by Rev. Larry Buchanan.

***Motion:* A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in, and its recommendation adopted.**

The report was marked *Appendix D* and filed.

Permanent Nominating Committee Report:

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to table the report.**

Stated Clerk's Report: The report was presented by Reese Baker.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in.**

The report was marked *Appendix F* and filed.

Board of Christian Education Report: The report was presented by Rev. Joseph Stephenson.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in.**

The report was marked *Appendix G* and filed.

Judicial Concerns Report: The report was presented by Elaine Overton. Elaine made editorial changes because the committee had received minutes from Bethel CPC (2 years), Mt. Carmel, and Village.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in.**

The report was marked *Appendix H* and filed.

Board of Finance Report: The report was given by Rev. Curtis Franklin.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in, and its recommendation adopted.**

The report was marked *Appendix I* and filed.

Board of Finance Supplemental Report: The report was given by Rev. Curtis Franklin.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in, and its recommendations adopted.

The report was marked *Appendix J* and filed.

Board of Missions Report: The report was presented by Rev. Nick Ashley.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in, and its recommendation adopted.

The report was marked *Appendix K* and filed.

Ordination and Installation of Brad Henson Report: The report was presented by Rev. Larry Buchanan.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in, and its recommendation adopted.

The report was marked *Appendix L* and filed.

Permanent Nominating Committee Report:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to take the report from the table.

The floor was open for any other nominations. The name of Laura DeHart was nominated to resume on the Board of Christian Education for her third term. Cindy Logan was struck from the nomination and nominated to fill the unexpired term of Susan Baker. Laura DeHart was struck from the nomination to move onto BOM. Sidney Milton was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Logan Blewett on BOM. As it is impossible for Randy Hughes to serve on the BOF, his name was struck and replaced with Rudy Fowler. Randall Hooper asked to be struck from serving another term on the Judiciary Committee. Mark Cannon was nominated to fill this position. Susan Baker was nominated to fill the position of recording clerk since our beloved Sidney Milton is retiring.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to cease nominations and elect.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to amend the report to add those nominated from the floor and strike the names of those not serving those positions.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the recommendations and elect those people nominated in the PNC report to their respective positions and concur in the report.**

The report was marked *Appendix E* and filed.

Noon Recess: The presbytery recessed for lunch. Rev. Phillip Brown asked the blessing for the food.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to alter the agenda to go to lunch early and begin the afternoon session early.**

Moderator Spurling called the presbytery to order at 12:14 p.m.

Devotional: The afternoon devotional was given by Candidate Mason Scroggins. He spoke from Revelation 1:9-20. He spoke on the things both good and bad that Jesus said to the seven churches.

Intercessory Prayer: A list of names was given from members of the body for inclusion in the prayer of intercession. Rev. Larry Buchanan led the presbytery in prayer.

Resume Presbyterial Business: Presbyterial business was resumed at the point where the lunch recess occurred.

Overtures and Resolutions Committee: The report was presented by Rev. Joseph Stephenson.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in, and its recommendations adopted.**

The report was marked *Appendix M* and filed.

Invitations to Host the March 15, 2025, Meeting of Covenant Presbytery: An invitation was extended by the Milburn Chapel congregation.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have the spring 2025 meeting of Covenant Presbytery at Milburn Chapel CPC.**

Other Business/Announcements:

Rev. Jesse Thornton gave a report on the committee formed to reach likeminded presbyteries. He had a letter written by the committee.

***Motion:* A motion was made and seconded to send the letter to all presbyteries of the denomination as a challenge to stand on the Word of God.**

Questions: Questions were called for, seconded, and passed.

The motion failed.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the committee to make some changes to the letter and meet as a presbytery to vote once again on sending it out.

YAD, Jerry Spurling, gave an informal report on GA. He said that he felt the youth were fired up about standing strongly on God's Word.

Delegate, Rev. Joseph Stephenson, gave an informal report on GA. He stated that he was proud of our YAD's for calling a sin a sin. He discussed his time on the Historical Foundation and Chaplaincy Committee.

Delegate, Elder Rudy Fowler, also gave an informal report and spoke on the chaplaincy.

Reading and Approving of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting were read by the recording clerk, Sidney Milton.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed approve the minutes.

Final Roll Call: The final roll call cards were collected and placed on the clerk's table with the record of this roll call being included in *Appendix A*.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn and meet at Milburn Chapel CPC on March 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer and Benediction: The moderator recognized Rev. Joseph Stephenson who led the presbytery in the closing prayer.

Appendix A
Credentials Committee Report (Roll Call)

Minister	Open	Close
Nick Ashley	P	P
Marc Bell	E	E
Bernice Belt	E	E
Philip Brown	P	P
Larry Buchanan	P	P
Greg Gain	P	P
Donna Davenport	A	A
David Fackler	D	A
Fred Fahl	A	A
Chris Fleming	E	E
Curtis Franklin	P	P
James Fulton	P	E*
Robert Goodman	P	P
Drew Gray	E	E
Brian Hayes	A	A
Daniel Hopkins	A	A
Wayne Hopkins	A	A
Jason Heidel	A	A
Brad Henson	A	A
Douglas Hughes	A	A
Roman Lambert	P	P
James Lawson	A	A
David LeNeave	E	E
Randy Lowe	A	A
Junior Martin	A	A
Ronald Mays	P	P
Cherry Mitchell	E	E
Troy Newcomb	P	P
Wendell Ordway	E*	E*
Bud Russell	P	P
Jim Smith	P	E
Elizabeth Spann	P	P
Robert Spurling	P	P
Joseph Stephenson	P	P
Dee Ann Thompson	A	A
Jesse Thornton	P	P
Gary Vacca	E	E
Joe Vance	P	E
April Watson	A	A
Dennis Weaver	P	P
Jack Wieland	A	A
Dale Williams	P	P
Danny York	A	A

Licentiates	Open	Close
Dyllan Simmons	P	P

Candidates	Open	Close
Rob Betz	D	A
Jake Davidson	P	P
Mason Scroggins	P	P

<p>P = Present A = Absent E = Excused E* = Permanently Excused R = Received LI = Lettered In LO = Lettered Out D = Dropped</p>

Roll Call of Churches & Fellowship

Church	Delegate	Open	Close
Bayou de Chine		A	A
Benton		E	E
Bethel	Wade Buchanan	P	P
Calvary		A	A
Camp Ground		E	E
Chandler	Loucinda Graulich	P	P
Ebenezer		A	A
Flat Lick	Raymond Nelson	P	P
Fredonia	Rudy Fowler	P	P
Gilead	Ron Peebels	P	A
Good Spring		A	A
Highland	Steve Shrewsbury	P	P
Hopewell		A	A
Hopkinsville	Margaret Ramage	P	P
Liberty		E	E
Lisman	Jerry Burnett	P	P
Macedonia		A	A
Madisonville	Mark Cannon	P	P
Marion	Bob Cook	P	P
Milburn Chapel	Warren Bryant	P	P
Mount Carmel	Brenda Shoulta	P	P
Mount Pleasant	Joetta Breeding	P	P
Mount Sterling		A	A
Mount Zion		A	A
New Hope	Brent Wright	P	P
Oak Grove		A	A
Oak Grove Union		A	A
Oakland		A	A
Piney Fork	Ercel Rushing	P	P
Pleasant Valley		A	A
Rose Creek	Joseph Peyton	P	P
Rozzell Chapel		A	A
Sturgis	Debra Peek	P	P
Sugar Grove	Becky McKenzie	P	P
Union Chapel		A	A
Unity	Robert Ham	P	P
Village	William Morris	P	P
Wheatcroft	Kim Bumbus	P	P
Woodlawn		A	A

Appendix B

A Memorial on the Dignity of the Unborn

Whereas, God knows us before we are born Jeremiah 1:5

Whereas, Jesus valued the life of children Mark 10:13, Luke 18:15-16, Acts 2:38-39

Whereas John the Baptist, while unborn life in the womb of his mother Elizabeth, recognized the Savior in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:41

Whereas, Cumberland Presbyterians from the start of the denomination have valued the life of the unborn affirming all infants who die in child birth are saved. C.O.F 4:19

Whereas, Ministers in our denomination early in our denomination witnessed to and prayed for mothers who have lost children.

Whereas, the view "rare but legal" was the prominent left leaning view in the 1990's.

Whereas, there are more contemporary views on abortion which celebrate abortion as reproductive rights, rather than view it as a sad tragedy which is either chosen due to circumstances or necessitated by lifesaving methods of the mother or quality of life of the child (severe deformity, etc.)

Be it Resolved that The Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of America do not celebrate abortion, rather we uphold life. We resolve that any sacrifice of life of an unborn child is not to be celebrated, but to be mourned. Those who feel they must make that horrific and difficult choice should know we are there to minister to these women: 1. Women who because of the possible loss of their life, save their own and abort the baby; 2. Women, who because of severe deformity of the child, make the hard decision to end the child's life; 3. Women or children who are victims of rape and have to commit a heinous act on the unborn child's body after one was already done to theirs; 4. Women who feel abortion is a reasonable contraception option and terminate life on the premise that it is not a baby within their womb and it is.

May we witness and testify Jesus Christ to the people broken by the realization of what they have done; may we the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with varying views on abortion, never celebrate the death of an infant, rather, may we gather around families who have made hard choices and pick up the pieces of this tragic procedure, offering love and care to those who mourn, and restorative care in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Appendix C

Grace Covenant Commission Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Grace Covenant Commission submits the following report and recommendations:

In the spring meeting of Covenant Presbytery, presbytery named a commission to address the critical situation of Grace Covenant Church. GCC has suffered a significant decline in membership, finances, as well as the recent departure of Rev. Bernice Belt.

Commission members are:

- Rev. Jim Smith, chairman
- Rev. Dr. Chris Fleming, member, Dir. of “Engaged” Program, and longtime GCC pastor
- Rev. Bud Russell
- Rev. Brad Henson
- Elder Tanner Parker
- Elder Logan Blewett
- Elder Chris Burkhart
- Elder Reese Baker, Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery

The commission’s first meeting was May 9, 2024, 11:00 am. The first two meetings were held in person and at Grace Covenant Church. The meetings that followed were by zoom. Each meeting had a quorum, started with prayer, and ended with adjourning prayer.

This chairman, as well as all commission members, would like to assert the crucial contribution of Wendy Weaver, GCC secretary, throughout this challenging process.

The following is a condensed summary of the commission’s work and actions to date:

I. Initial evaluation of GCC’s circumstances revealed there are not enough funds, not enough members, and not enough time to provide for effective assessment, programming, and execution of programming that would attain, maintain, sustain, or support future growth of the church, and in the short amount of time needed. To reach even a minimum baseline for substantiating further presbyterial financial and other assistance, Rev. Fleming, commission member and Director of the “Engaged” Program, amplified this conclusion. Furthermore, there were not enough ordained elders to maintain a quorum and conduct business.

Elders Logan Blewett and Chris Burkhart - both being commission members and elders of Grace Covenant Church - provided direct input from the congregation about all aspects mentioned above. Elder Blewett maintained that the congregation unanimously

agreed they did not want to leave the church building and were intent on “rolling up their sleeves.”

II. The commission established that regardless of the future of the church, the worshipping congregation needed to vacate the building as soon as possible. Reverend Brad Henson proposed establishing a relationship with the Grace Covenant congregation whereby they would be yoked with Woodlawn Church. The Grace Covenant congregation however would continue as a “worshipping community” (per the definition found in the *Confession of Faith*).

III. The Grace Covenant congregation agreed to schedule a congregational meeting per the appropriate guidelines of the *Confession of Faith*. Rev. Brad Henson and Rev. Jim Smith, acting meeting moderator, met with the church congregation following the worship service on June 16th, Father's Day. There were 9 people in attendance. Rev. Henson presented a program that would potentially provide for all the needs of the congregation and would achieve the immediate goal of vacating the building, allowing for the future possibility of returning to the church building.

After the presentation, Rev. Smith explained the process of voting. Reverend Smith explained to the congregation that - per the earlier decision of the commission - a negative vote would prompt the closure of the Grace Covenant Church. Reverend Smith called for the vote. It took four attempts to reach a final vote.

IV. The commission has since begun the process of disposition of the building and its contents. The commission met on zoom with Mr. Zack Bishop from House of Worship, a company specializing in media and sound for churches. The company expressed a need for a facility in Paducah for storage, demonstrations, etc. Mr. Bishop also expressed the idea of future work with the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches of Covenant Presbytery in sound design. The commission met July 26th by zoom to discuss the offer by the company to lease the Grace Covenant Church building. The commission is currently determining a fair lease amount that would mean a wash to the presbytery in terms of monthly expenses of maintaining the building.

V. The commission held a zoom meeting on August 22, 2024, at 11 a.m. All commission members were present. Also, present were the Board of Finance representatives, Raymond Nelson and Rev. Curtis Franklin. The commission action:

1. Finished review of offer by House of Worship and Zack Bishop to lease the Grace Covenant Church building.
2. Reviewed research by Rev. Fleming and Rev. Henson on monthly expenses for the church building, as well as implications for insurance coverage.
3. Reviewed the other regular income sources: Paducah United Church of Christ and Alcoholics' Anonymous.
4. Based on all input, the commission – as well as BOF representatives – determined that further ownership of the church building was not at all feasible, and, in fact, was a significant liability.

5. Consequently, a recommendation was made and seconded to transfer all business, finance, and disposition of property over to the Presbyterian Board of Finance. Motion passed.

6. All members of the Grace Covenant Church Commission agreed that the purpose of the commission had been completed. Motion made and seconded to terminate the commission with blessings for the hard work of all involved.

Recommendation #1: Having completed the task before them that the Grace Covenant Commission be dissolved.

The commission also voices great appreciation and gratitude for the work of Wendy Weaver. Mrs. Weaver has always poured her heart, her abilities, and her faith into her work as church secretary for both the Margaret Hank and Grace Covenant Cumberland Presbyterian Churches. She was also invaluable in the bittersweet work of the commission as it sought God's direction and will for Grace Covenant Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Recommendation #2: That presbytery extend profound and appropriate appreciation to Mrs. Wendy Weaver for her service to her Lord and to the Margaret Hank and Grace Covenant Churches.

A motion then was made and seconded to adjourn the zoom meeting of the Grace Covenant Commission. All approved. Raymond Nelson concluded us in prayer.

God's Grace and Peace,

Rev. Jim Smith, Chairman

Appendix D
Committee on Ministry Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

Your Committee on Ministry submits the following report and recommendation:

The Committee on Ministry received correspondence from Candidate Rob Betts. In his correspondence Rob stated, "That after much prayer and reflection, we are confident in the direction we have taken in following the Lord and we've sensed a clear call to serve in ministry in Oklahoma, and we believe this is the path God has opened up for us. I request that my name be removed from Covenant Presbytery's roll of Candidates for the Ministry." Rob is serving at Rhema Bible Training College in Broken Arrow, OK.

Recommendation #1: The Committee on Ministry recommends that Rob Betts be removed from the roll as a candidate for the ministry in Covenant Presbytery.

Updates on Our Candidates for Ministry

Dyllan Simmons – Licentiate Dyllan Simmons continues his Master of Divinity studies at Westminster Theological Seminary, as well as continuing to serve as stated supply at Waverly C P Church and Mariah C P Church

Jake Davidson – Jake continues his studies at Bethel University while also participating in a work/study with the chaplaincy program. He served at our church. Jake is available to speak when the opportunity arises.

Mason Scroggins – Mason is serving as stated supply at the Village C P Church. He continues his studies on his Master of Divinity at Knox Theological Seminary with an anticipated completion in spring 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Covenant Presbytery Committee on Ministry

Appendix E

Permanent Nominating Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Permanent Nominating Committee submits the following report and recommendation:

The Permanent Nominating Committee met in person at Sturgis C.P. Church on August 10, 2024, with the following members in attendance: Rev. Joe Vance, Rev. Denis Weaver, Vicky Cain, Brenda Shoulta, and Amy Fulton.

Opening prayer was led by Rev. Joe Vance, and closing prayer was led by Brenda Shoulta.

Recommendation #1: That the names listed below be placed into nomination to serve on the respective boards, agencies, and positions of Covenant Presbytery.

RECORDING CLERK

Term Expires 2027

Susan Baker, 1175 Rowland Cemetery Road, Fredonia, KY 42411 (270) 625-0913

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Term Expires 2027

- (1) Rev. Elizabeth Spann, 180 Saddle Creek Dr., Paducah, KY 42001 (865) 255-4426
- ~~(1) Cindy Logan, 4935 Clinton Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 748-6775~~
- (3) Laura DeHart, 275 North Gum Springs Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 217-0424
- (3) Becky Weaver, 300 Leeper Lane, Providence, KY 42450 (279) 213-1579

Term Expires 2025

- (1) Cindy Logan, 4935 Clinton Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 748-6775
(to fill the unexpired term of Susan Baker)

BOARD OF FINANCE

Term Expires 2027

- (1) Rev. Donna Davenport, 3539 St. Rt. 339 West, Wingo, KY (731) 504-3526
- ~~(3) Randy Hughes, 365 Odessa Way, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 554-0712~~
- (1) Rudy Fowler,
- (1) Rev. Brad Henson, 800 Mt. Zion Road, Smithland, KY 42081 (270) 556-8361

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Term Expires 2027

- (2) Evan Cruce, 118 Whipporwill Drive, Marion, KY 42064 (270) 704-9838
- (1) Paula Bell, 1166 S Friendship Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 554-2501
- (3) Rev. Nick Ashley, 2300 South Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (270) 889-1816

Term Expires 2025

- ~~(1) Laura DeHart, 275 North Gum Springs Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 217-0424~~
- (1) Sidney Milton,
(to fulfill the unexpired term of Logan Blewett)

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Term Expires 2027

- (1) Danielle Coleman (Oakland)
- (1) Rev. Jesse Thornton, 6918 State Route 120, Marion, KY 42064 (812) 925-6475
- ~~(3) Randall Hooper, 1500 Washington Avenue, Boonville, IN 47601 (812) 453-4864~~
- (1) Mark Cannon,

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Term Expires 2027

- (3) Lynn Zoll, 8155 Heather Drive, Newburgh, IN 47630

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Term Expires 2027

- (1) Margaret Ramage, 2701 Faircourt Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
- (1) Elaine Overton, 3915 Lovelaceville Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 554-1259
- (2) Rev. David LeNeave, 1403 Zion Church Road, Marion, KY 42064 (731) 414-8232

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

- (2) Doug Phelps, 4147 US Hwy 641 North, Fredonia, KY 42411 (270) 545-7062

PERMANENT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Term Expires 2027

(1) Gary Goin, 2201 Broadway, Apt. 408, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 556-2535
(1) Rev. Roman Lambert, 408 West Main Street, Newburgh, IN 47610 (870) 631-2163

Respectfully submitted,
Permanent Nominating Committee of Covenant Presbytery

Appendix F
Stated Clerk's Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The stated clerk submits the following report:

At the request of the Board of Finance, I would like to report that our accounts in Memphis contain \$236,945.42 as of June 30, 2024. This does not include the money in the Russ Milton Fund which is designated for COM use for probationers.

It has been suggested from Memphis, and this stated clerk agrees, that each church should be incorporated for protection of the congregation. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact me.

We are grateful to serve the Lord in this capacity alongside each of you. Please let us know if we can assist in any way.

Respectfully submitted,
Reese Baker, Stated Clerk

Appendix G
Board of Christian Education Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Board of Christian Education submits the following report:

Members Present: Bro. Joe Stephenson, Becky Weaver, Jenna Franklin, Debbie Gordon, Laura DeHart, and Wendy Weaver

Members Excused: Susan Baker and Bro. Bobby Spurling

Members Absent: Mark Poole

The meeting opened in prayer by Wendy Weaver.

The fall Bethel scholarship recipients were Jake Davidson (Woodlawn), and Mikylee Buchanan (Bethel) for the fall 2024 semester.

Christian Education committee discussed the budget for the upcoming 2025 year. The committee's request to the BOF was that the budget remain the same as in 2024. We wish to share the probable breakdown of the requested money.

Camps \$35,000
Committee travel \$250
Bethel scholarships \$3,000
Fall Retreat \$10,000
Adult training/activities \$3,000
Background checks \$2,500
Quarterly Youth activities/events \$1,500

Total: \$55,250

Camp Review - Senior High had 55 total with 1 baptism. Jr/Jr. High had 87 at camp with **4 salvations!**

Because we want anyone and everyone to go and not be separated by non-CP and CP, we feel led to have a flat camp cost with a small increase. We will be removing the non-CP extra cost. The 2025 cost for anyone to go to camp will be \$150.

The following are the camp dates for 2025:

-Senior High will be June 22-27, 2025. Directors will be Rev. Elizabeth Spann and Rev. Bobby Spurling.

-Jr/Junior High will be July 13-18, 2025. Directors will be Wendy Weaver, Jenna Franklin, & Rev. Joe Stephenson.

We have an opportunity to team up with the Board of Missions for a mission outreach opportunity. We have been using Brandon Springs campground for many years for our camps. The BOM came to our team asking to partner with them on doing some work at Brandon Springs Campground. This would not only benefit CP camps/retreats but would be beneficial to all the many camps, programs, and retreats full of students that come through the campground each year. We would also be using some of our remaining funds from our 2024 budget (once our expenses are paid) to help BOM establish and complete this outreach opportunity for Brandon Springs.

Bro. Joe Stephenson closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Christian Education, Wendy Weaver and Rev. Bobby Spurling

Appendix H
Judicial Concerns Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Committee on Judicial Concerns submits the following report:

The Judicial Committee met on August 10, 2024, and the meeting was opened with prayer. The following members were present: Rev. Jim Smith, Pat Clark, Randall Hooper, and Chairman Elaine Overton. Members available by phone: Mike Golightly and Daniel Heady. Members not present were Rev. James Fulton (excused), Johnnie Jenkins, and Dennis Potts.

The Judiciary Committee reviewed session minutes from 19 churches that were before it. ~~Eighteen~~ Fifteen churches did not provide minutes, which is very disappointing. They are listed below. The following churches that submitted minutes were in excellent status or minor infractions were noted:

Bethel	Liberty	New Hope
Campground	Lisman	Oak Grove
Chandler	Madisonville	Rose Creek
Flat Lick	Marion First	Rozzell Chapel
Fredonia	Milburn Chapel	Sturgis
Highland	Mt. Carmel	Sugar Grove
Hopkinsville	Mt. Sterling	Village
		Wheatcroft – No Meetings

The following churches did not submit minutes:

Vaughn's Chapel – Closed	Grace – Closed	Ebenezer Hall – Closed
Bayou de Chein	Liberty	Piney Fork
Benton	Macedonia	Pleasant Valley
Bethel	Mt Carmel	Union Chapel
Calvary	Mt Pleasant	Unity
Gilead	Mt Zion	Village
Good Spring	Oakland	Woodlawn

Infractions found within the records were noted and addressed with the pastor or clerk from those churches. Clerks should be aware that a moderator needs to be named and needs to sign the minutes along with the clerk. Moderators must be a member of the session or presbytery and should be notified of meetings. Minutes of meetings should open and close with prayer and be approved at the close of the meeting or at the next meeting. Motions always need a second and an indication it passed.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Judiciary Concerns Committee

Appendix I
Board of Finance Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Board of Finance submits the following report and recommendation:

Our finances appear to be in fine order. Our Memphis account balance can be viewed in the stated clerks report. There were no requests for budget increases from the committees; thus, the BOF makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1: That the following budget for 2025 be approved.

Christian Education	\$52,250.00
Committee On the Ministry	\$40,000.00
LBLM	\$240.00
Board of Missions	\$33,300.00
Finance Committee	\$15,000.00
Insurance Committee	\$128,000.00
Judicial Concerns	\$450.00
Stated Clerk	\$50,950.00 (Includes money for GA delegates)
Total	\$323,190.00

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Finance

Appendix J
Board of Finance Supplemental Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Board of Finance submits the following report and recommendations:

The commission assembled to dissolve the Grace Covenant Cumberland Presbyterian Church has completed its work and the disposition of the property has been assigned to the BOF. After discussion the BOF agreed that we would contact Carter Realty Group of Paducah for the disposal of the property. The BOF further agreed that after a

reasonable amount of time, should the property not be sold by the realtor an auction company would be retained.

In other business, New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church is requesting a loan of \$40,000 from presbytery for renovations. The BOF submits the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2: Covenant presbytery loan New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church \$40,000.

Additionally, Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church is requesting a loan of \$60,000 from presbytery for renovations. The BOF submits the following recommendation:

Recommendation #3: Covenant presbytery loan Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church \$60,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Finance

Appendix K
Board of Missions Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Board of Missions submits the following report and recommendation:

The Board of Missions met in their regularly scheduled meeting at the Sturgis Cumberland Presbyterian Church on August 10, 2024. Rev. Marc Bell led the opening prayer. Members present were Rev. Marc Bell, Rev. Nick Ashley, Rev. Robert Goodman, Rev. R.B. Mays, Rev. Greg Cain, Evan Cruce, Logan Blewett, and Susan Beatty.

The board heard a report from Rev. Marc Bell about the commission to close Ebenezer Cumberland Presbyterian Church and accepted it.

The board heard a report from Rev. R.B. Mays about the commission to close Vaughn's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church and accepted it as written.

Recommendation #1: That we contact the denominational Missions Ministry Team to begin investigations into possible new church plant opportunities in growing towns or minority populations in our presbytery bounds for when the Vaughn's Chapel property is sold.

The board reviewed a written report from Rev. Jim Smith, chair of the commission about the future of Grace Covenant Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The board heard a report from Rev. Nick Ashley, moderator of Village Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Madisonville 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the reports as presented.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Rev. Robert Goodman be appointed as moderator of Calvary Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Robert Goodman.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Board of Missions

Appendix L

Installation & Ordination of Brad Henson Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Commission to Ordain and Install Brad Henson submits the following report and recommendation:

The Commission to Ordain Dr. Brad Henson as Minister of the Word and Sacrament and install him as pastor of Woodlawn Cumberland Presbytery Church in Paducah, KY, assembled on Sunday April 28th at 5:00 p m. The service began with welcoming words from Jackson Henson. Commission Moderator Rev. Larry Buchanan convened the service with the Call to Worship and Statement of Purpose.

Ministers present: Rev. Dr. Bud Russell

Rev. R B Mays

Rev. Wendell Ordway

Rev. Larry Buchanan

Elders present: Tanner Parker Highland C P Church

Tim Threatt, Woodlawn C P Church

By Special Invitation: Dr. Brian Arnold, First Baptist Church of Paducah

Leaders of Worship Music: Bradon Henson and Addison Ringstaff

All members of the commission were present. A quorum was declared. Members of the commission proceeded to the service of Ordination/Installation. Dr. Brian Arnold preached the sermon. The Ordination, Declaration of Ordination and Recognition was by Rev. R B Mays. The constitutional questions were propounded by the Rev. Larry Buchanan. Declaration of Installation by Rev. Dr. Bud Russell. The Prayer of Installation

was by Elder Tim Threatt. The commission declared Rev. Dr. Brad Henson duly Ordained/Installed. The service of worship was concluded, and the commission was adjourned with the benediction pronounced by David Martin.

This commission having completed the task it was assigned, makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1: It is our recommendation to dissolve this commission and Rev. Dr. Brad Henson be added to the ministerial roll of Covenant Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Larry Buchanan

Appendix M **Overtures and Resolutions Committee Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Sturgis Church, September 21, 2024.

The Overtures and Resolutions Committee submits the following report and recommendations:

We would like to extend a big thank you to Sturgis CP Church for the wonderful food and hospitality.

After receiving the excuses, we recommend the following:

Recommendation #1: That Rev. Donna Davenport and Rozzell Chapel be unexcused.

Recommendation #2: That the others who sent excuses be excused.

Recommendation #3: That all ministers or probationers who did not submit excuses be unexcused.

Respectfully submitted,
Overtures and Resolutions Committee
Rev. Joseph Stephenson, Rev. Nick Ashley, and Hopkinsville elder

Minutes

Covenant Presbytery – October 19, 2024 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: Covenant Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Bobby Spurling.

Roll Call: There was a verbal roll call. The roll was marked Appendix N.

Quorum Declared: The moderator declared a quorum was present, and Covenant Presbytery was ready to conduct the called meeting business.

Opening Prayer: Rev. David LeNeave prayed our opening and constituting prayer.

Call: The clerk read the call aloud to the presbytery.

The moderator reminded the presbytery that those who were not present at the fall 2024 presbytery meeting could not vote.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that all ministers, probationers, and churches not present be excused.

Committee to Reach Out to Likeminded Presbyteries Report: The report which was a letter was presented by Rev. Elizabeth Spann.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to accept the letter.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to amend the letter to change the greeting to “Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;” to add “Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ” as the beginning sentence; to edit the action statement to read, “possible points of action to prayerfully consider;” and to change the closing to “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

Questions: Questions were called for, seconded, and passed.

The motion to amend passed.

The original motion as amended passed.

Motion: A motion was made to distribute the letter to all presbyteries in our denomination and ministers in our presbytery and allow ministers the freedom to send out to others.

Questions: Questions were called for, seconded, and passed.

The motion passed.

The letter was marked *Appendix O* and filed.

Reading and Approving of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting were read by the secretary, Susan Baker.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn and meet at Milburn Chapel on March 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer and Benediction: The moderator recognized Rev. Bud Russell who led the presbytery in the closing prayer.

Appendix N
Credentials Committee Report (Roll Call)

Minister	Open	Close
Nick Ashley	P	P
Marc Bell	E	E
Bernice Belt	P	P
Philip Brown	P	P
Larry Buchanan	P	P
Greg Cain	E	E
Donna Davenport	P	P
Fred Fahl	P	P
Chris Fleming	P	P
Curtis Franklin	P	P
James Fulton*	P	P
Robert Goodman	E	E
Drew Gray	E	E
Brian Hayes	P	P
Daniel Hopkins	E	E
Wayne Hopkins	E	E
Jason Heidel	E	E
Brad Henson	E	E
Douglas Hughes	E	E
Roman Lambert	E	E
James Lawson	E	E
David LeNeave	P	P
Randy Lowe	E	E
Junior Martin	E	E
Ronald Mays	E	E
Cherry Mitchell	P	P
Troy Newcomb	E	E
Wendell Ordway	E*	E*
Bud Russell	P	P
Jim Smith	E	E
Elizabeth Spann	P	P
Robert Spurling	P	P
Joseph Stephenson	P	P
Dee Ann Thompson	E	E
Jesse Thornton	E	E
Gary Vacca	E	E
Joe Vance	P	P
April Watson	E	E
Dennis Weaver	P	P
Jack Wieland	E	E
Dale Williams	E	E
Danny York	E	E

Licentiates	Open	Close
Dyllan Simmons	P	P

Candidates	Open	Close
Jake Davidson	E	E
Mason Scroggins	E	E

<p>P = Present A = Absent E = Excused E* = Permanently Excused R = Received LI = Lettered In LO = Lettered Out D = Dropped</p>

Roll Call of Churches & Fellowship

Church	Delegate	Open	Close
Bayou de Chine		E	E
Benton		E	E
Bethel		E	E
Calvary		E	E
Camp Ground		E	E
Chandler		E	E
Ebenezer		E	E
Flat Lick		E	E
Fredonia		E	E
Gilead		E	E
Good Spring	Mike Stephens	P	P
Highland		E	E
Hopewell		E	E
Hopkinsville	Margaret Ramage	P	P
Liberty		E	E
Lisman		E	E
Macedonia		E	E
Madisonville		E	E
Marion	Bob Cook	P	P
Milburn Chapel		E	E
Mount Carmel	Brenda Shoulta	P	P
Mount Pleasant		E	E
Mount Sterling		E	E
Mount Zion		E	E
New Hope		E	E
Oak Grove	Kenneth Bucy	P	P
Oak Grove Union		E	E
Oakland		E	E
Piney Fork		E	E
Pleasant Valley		E	E
Rose Creek		E	E
Rozzell Chapel	John Clapp	P	P
Sturgis	Debra Peek	P	P
Sugar Grove		E	E
Union Chapel		E	E
Unity		E	E
Village		E	E
Wheatcroft		E	E
Woodlawn		E	E

Appendix O 6

Committee to Reach Out to Likeminded Presbyteries

To: Covenant Presbytery in Zoom session, October 19, 2024.

The Committee to Reach Out to Likeminded Presbyteries submits the following letter:

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the most difficult thing that any church/denomination must do is exercise discipline. The Reformers held that there were three essential pillars of the church. The faithful preaching of God's Word, the administration of the sacraments, and church discipline. Therefore, if we call ourselves "reformed" we must, however difficult, exercise church discipline. At the 193rd meeting of General Assembly we asserted the following:

1. Asserting that the Confession of Faith and the Constitution do not contain nonessentials.
2. Interpreted the constitution (Const. 9.4c) by clearly answering the following questions regarding the oaths taken during the ordination of elders/deacons (2.92) and ministers (6.36) and adding the assembly's interpretive rulings to the Cumberland Presbyterian Digest.
3. Confirmation of the necessity of disciplining ministers who willingly and openly preach and teach against our doctrine.

It was clear from the majority's response at the General Assembly that we, as a denomination, must stand upon the Word of God as well as our Confession of Faith, which states: **COF 6.17 Marriage is between a man and a woman for the mutual benefit of each, their children, and society. While marriage is subject to the appropriate civil law, it is primarily a covenant relationship under God. As such, it symbolizes the relationship of Jesus Christ and the church, and is that human relationship in which love and trust are best known.**

God's Word compels us to remain steadfast in our convictions and maintain the purity of Christ's church. Those who preach or teach contrary to the Word of God and/or the Confession of Faith from the pulpit or any other place within the church cause confusion and lead God's people astray. Therefore, any failure on our part to practice church discipline undermines the gospel of Jesus Christ. As it says in **2 John 1:7b, "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching [the gospel as given in the God's Word] do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works. (2 John 1:7, 10-11 ESV)**

In order for the church of Jesus Christ to be a witness to the watching world it is imperative that we do not allow the church to simply go along to get along with the teachings of the sinful world which promote sinful practices as clearly expressed in God's Word. Scripture tells us in **1 Corinthians 6:4, 9-11, "So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who**

have no standing in the church? ... Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” (ESV)

In light of the clear teaching of God's Word as well as the affirmation of the 193rd General Assembly, disciplinary action should be taken against anyone who preaches or teaches contrary to our *Confession of Faith*. Additionally, the Rules of Discipline state the following: *Discipline in the church is a positive expression in the spirit of love and helpfulness of concern both for the offender and for the church. Its purpose is that the life and work of the church may be orderly, conducive to the spiritual growth of the members, and corrective of weaknesses, mistakes and offenses by individuals and judicatories. Appropriate reasons for discipline are actions contrary to the faith and practice to which, according to the scriptures, all Christians are called, or which are contrary to the government of the church. (Rules of Discipline 1.1)*

Covenant Presbytery stands united in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to encourage other presbyteries to take action and prepare to safeguard the purity of God's church.

In order to achieve this in accordance with our polity, certain steps must be taken. The steps are as follows:

1. A church within a presbytery with divisions or heretical teaching must immediately take disciplinary action by filing charges against the offending session and its minister. *When the action of a particular church is detrimental to the spiritual welfare of its members or to the connectional relations and ministries of the larger church, it shall be counseled by the board of missions of the presbytery or by a special committee or commission appointed by the presbytery. Should counseling fail to achieve the desired objective, the presbytery may admonish the church and instruct its session to correct what is wrong, suspend the session and govern the church temporarily through a commission, dissolve the session and conduct a new election of elders, or dissolve the church and attach its members to other congregations. (Rules of Discipline 2.3)*

2. If disciplinary action at the presbytery level fails, then an appeal must be made to the synod. It is essential for those at the synodic level to remember that presbyteries are responsible for ensuring the outcomes of the General Assembly are implemented. As our constitution states: *Presbytery must see that the injunctions of the higher judicatories are obeyed. (Constitution 5.6h)*. The Constitution also states: *Should a judicatory neglect to perform its duty, and thereby allow false doctrine or immorality to develop, offenders to go undisciplined, or other great irregularities to occur and not be properly recorded, the higher judicatory being aware by other means that such neglect or irregularity has occurred, shall make inquiry into and shall examine, deliberate, and decide the entire matter as if it had been recorded, and thus brought up by review and control. (Constitution 4.104)*

The responsibility and authority for discipline of their constituent judicatories by synods and the General Assembly is exercised in general review and control, or in response to an appeal of an action taken by a constituent judicatory. When the action of a constituent judicatory is contrary to the rules of government of the church or detrimental to the connectional relations or life and ministries of the church, it may be counseled through a special committee or commission, admonished, suspended, instructed to correct what is wrong, or dissolved. (Rules of Discipline 2.4)

3. If the Synod fails to take appropriate action, appeals should be made to General Assembly. *The responsibility and authority for discipline of their constituent judicatories by synods and the General Assembly is exercised in general review and control, or in response to an appeal of an action taken by a constituent judicatory. When the action of a constituent judicatory is contrary to the rules of government of the church or detrimental to the connectional relations or life and ministries of the church, it may be counseled through a special committee or commission, admonished, suspended, instructed to correct what is wrong, or dissolved. (Rules of Discipline, 2.4)*

4. If General Assembly fails to perform its duties to protect the doctrine and purity of the church as stated in our confession, then it will become necessary to enact discipline upon the judiciary committee. Our constitution states: *The General Assembly has oversight and responsibility to: Receive and decide all appeals, protests, and referrals regularly brought before it from the lower judicatories; Bear testimony against error in doctrine and immorality in practice, injuriously affecting the church; Decide in all controversies respecting doctrine, discipline, church property, and interpretation of the Constitution. (Constitution 9.4)*

A member of the judiciary committee is prohibited from going against the Confession of Faith or the Constitution. By overturning disciplinary actions taken against pastors, sessions, or churches who openly disregard our Confession of Faith, the committee is directly violating the Confession of Faith and the General Assembly's ruling concerning its interpretation. Several examples include: the provision of same-sex marriages by pastors or allowing elders who are in same-sex marriages to serve on the session at a particular church and as delegates to the presbytery. When the committee fails to adhere to our Confession of Faith, it is out of order. A memorial may be submitted to the General Assembly for the removal of members of the judiciary committee. In the event that we reach this point, we must pursue discipline to the fullest extent permitted by our polity.

Finally, Covenant Presbytery would like to encourage ministers, elders, churches, and individuals to proclaim God's Word boldly. Despite challenges and opposition, remain committed to the purity of Christ's church. We will prevail because Christ's church will prevail! (Matthew 16:18) Our commitment to biblical values must remain unwavering. In order to stand firm on the foundation of truth that has stood the test of time, we must be bold in our faith. It is likely that we will be accused of being unloving as we take this stand. We will be accused of failing to maintain the unity of the church. Brothers and sisters, nothing could be further from the

truth. Unity is only possible when it is founded on the clear teachings of God's Word. A failure to discipline those who depart from the truth of God's Word is unloving.


For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:11 ESV)

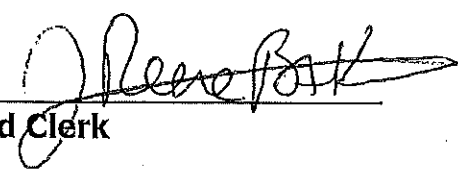
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
Covenant Presbytery

Possible Points of Action to Prayerfully Consider:

- Direct your donations to ministries both inside and outside the denomination that are following God's Word and adhering to our Confession of Faith. By doing this we support the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as make a financial statement to those who contradict the Word of God.
- A congregational meeting should be organized to inform all members (not just the session) of the current state of our denomination. In order for our members to be effective, we must equip them with knowledge of God's Word as well as information regarding the current state of affairs within our denomination.
- Attend meetings of your presbytery, synod, and General Assembly. Do not allow those who propagate these heresies to become voting members of the body when you could have voted against them

**These are the minutes of the September 21, 2024, meeting of
Covenant Presbytery.**


Moderator


Stated Clerk

Covenant Presbytery Moderators

<u>Elected</u>	<u>Name</u>
March 16, 2024	Rev. Bobby Spurling
March 18, 2023	Elder Jeff Parker
March 19, 2022	Rev. Nick Ashley
March 20, 2021	Rev. Bud Russell
September 21, 2019	Rev. Daniel Hopkins
September 15, 2018	Rev. Chris Fleming
September 16, 2017	Rev. Glenn Warren
September 17, 2016	Rev. R. B. Mays
October 3, 2015	Rev. John Shoulta
October 4, 2014	Rev. Ken Richards
October 5, 2013	Rev. Fred Fahl
October 6, 2012	Rev. Dee Ann Thompson
April 14, 2012	Rev. Steve Guarneros
October 1, 2011	Rev. Bud Russell
April 2, 2011	Rev. Brent Ballow
October 2, 2010	Rev. Chris Fleming
April 10, 2010	Rev. David LeNeave
October 3, 2009	Rev. John Shoulta
April 4, 2009	Rev. Curtis Franklin
October 4, 2008	Elder Raymond Nelson
April 5, 2008	Rev. Paul Stone
October 6, 2007	Rev. Fred Fahl
April 14, 2007	Rev. Dee Ann Thompson
October 7, 2006	Rev. Chester Cannon
April 1, 2006	Rev. R. B. Mays
October 1, 2005	Rev. Wendell Ordway
April 2, 2005	Rev. Randy Lowe
October 2, 2004	Rev. John Shoulta
April 3, 2004	Rev. Dean Atchinson
October 4, 2003	Rev. Rebecca Salisbury
April 5, 2003	Rev. Danny Potts
October 5, 2002	Rev. Loyce Estes
April 5, 2002	Rev. Hillman Moore
October 6, 2001	Rev. Jesse Freeman
April 7, 2001	Rev. Jack Ferguson
October 7, 2000	Rev. Roger Reid
April 1, 2000	Rev. Steve Guarneros
October 2, 1999	Rev. David LeNeave
April 10, 1999	Rev. Ray Board
October 3, 1998	Rev. Dare Aden
April 4, 1998	Rev. Charles Pope
October 4, 1997	Rev. Chester Cannon
April 5, 1997	Elder Reese Baker
October 5, 1996	Rev. Bert Owen
April 13, 1996	Rev. Paul Tucker
October 7, 1995	Rev. Paul Stone

Covenant Presbytery Stated Clerks

<u>Term of Service</u>	<u>Name</u>
January 1, 2005 Until Present	Elder Reese Baker
January 1, 1998 December 31, 2004	Rev. Bert Owen
November 11, 1988 December 31, 1997	Rev. John Shirey

Commissioners to General Assembly (during the past five years)

On the Part of the Ministry

2024	Rev. Bernice Belt Rev. Troy Newcomb Rev. Joseph Stephenson
2023	Rev. Larry Buchanan Rev. Bud Russell Rev. Marc Bell
2022	Rev. Bobby Spurling Rev. Dennis Weaver Rev. Phillip Brown
2021	Rev. R. B. Mays Rev. Bud Russell
2019	Rev. Victor Hassell Rev. Daniel Hopkins Rev. David LeNeave

On the Part of the Elders

2024	Brenda Shoulta Margaret Ramage	Mt. Carmel Hopkinsville
2023	Mike Heneisen Brenda Shoulta David Darnell	Hopewell Mt. Carmel Macedonia
2022	Jeff Parker Jeff Gordon Jean Glisson	Highland Oak Grove Milburn Chapel
2021	Dennis Potts Brenda Shoulta Elaine Overton	Bethel Mt. Carmel Highland
2019	Casey Owen Easley Randall Hooper Roger McQuiston	Sturgis Chandler Fredonia

September 21, 2024, Minutes for Regular Meeting
October 19, 2024, Minutes for Called Meeting