

September 20, 2025, Minutes
of
Covenant Presbytery
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Hosted by Flat Lick CPC, Hopkinsville, KY
Pastor Host – Rev. Nick Ashley
Moderator – Rev. Joseph Stephenson
Stated Clerk – Reese Baker
Recording Clerk – Susan Baker

Next Meeting
of
Covenant Presbytery
March 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Milburn Chapel CPC, West Paducah, KY

MEMORIAL ROLL

DECEASED MINISTERS

DECEASED ELDERS

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May 25, 2025

*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 20, 2025

Dear Friends,

Please contact me if you see any incorrect information. Errors are easily made; however, I would like to correct these things in future publishings. I apologize for any 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 Presbyterian 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 Presbyterial 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 Presbyterial 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 Presbyterial Fellowship and the Regional Cumberland Presbyterial 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 Presbyterial 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 RESPONSIBILITIES: 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 RESPONSIBILITIES: 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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Stated Supply = SS

Interim Pastor = IN

Other Denomination = OD

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.

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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(January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026)

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Minutes

Covenant Presbytery – September 20, 2025 Meeting at Flat Lick CPC, Hopkinsville, KY

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

Opening Prayer: Rev. Larry Buchanan prayed the opening prayer.

Opening Hymn: Rev. Roman Lambert accompanied by Rev. R.B. Mays led the congregation in "O How I Love Jesus."

Moderator's Devotion: Moderator Joseph Stephenson spoke from John 13 on keeping the main thing the main thing. We are called to love one another as Jesus loves us even while proclaiming truth.

Hymn: Rev. Roman Lambert accompanied by Rev. R.B. Mays led the congregation in "Amazing Grace."

Communion: Rev. Nick Ashley presided over the Lord's Supper.

Those Assisting:

Elder Brenda Shoulta (Mt. Carmel)

Elder Isaac Alexander (Village)

Elder Brenda Morgan (Flat Lick)

Elder Joey Payton (Rose Creek)

Rev. Cherry Mitchell

Call to Order: Covenant Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Joseph Stephenson.

Report of Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee consisted of Rev. Bobby Spurling, Rev. Phillip Brown, and the Flat Lick elder. Rev. Spurling gave the report of the Credentials Committee with an enrollment of 17 ministers, 15 elders, and 1 probationer, and 2 denominational representatives.

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. Donna Davenport led the presbytery in the constituting prayer.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the agenda as the order of the day with the addition of Debbie Hayes as a

denominational representative and Rev. Buchanan in place of Rev. Franklin for opening prayer.

Welcome: Rev. Ashley gave words of welcome to the presbytery from Flat Lick CPC and made appropriate announcements.

Seating of Advisory Members:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to seat Rev. Dr. Qualls and Debbie Hayes as advisory members.

Recognition of First Time Elder Delegates:

1. Brenda Morgan, Flat Lick
2. Isaac Alexander, Village
3. Randy Erskine, Chandler
4. David Garrett, Oak Grove

Reading of Communications: The clerk presented the following communications:

1. Excuses were received.

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

2. Letter from Rev. Wes Johnson, clerk of Red River Presbytery, regarding the letter from the Committee of Like-Minded Presbyteries calling the letter divisive and inappropriate.

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 10:13 a.m.

Denominational Representatives:

1. Rev. Dr. Michael Qualls – MTS and PAS
2. Debbie Hayes – Ministry Council

Presentation of Memorials, Resolutions, and Other New Business:

There were none.

Presbyterial Business:

Committee on Ministry 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 B* and filed.

Committee on Ministry Supplementary 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.**

Rev. Buchanan asked Andrew to come forward.

Andrew shared his testimony and call to ministry. Words of encouragement were spoken on his behalf. Questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of presbytery.

Questions from the *Confession of Faith* were asked and answered in the affirmative.

Rev. Davenport prayed over him.

The original motion carried.

Rev. Buchanan read the charge from the *Confession of Faith*.

The report was marked *Appendix C* and filed.

Permanent Nominating Committee Report: The report was presented by Rev. Roman Lambert.

The floor was open for nominations.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to remove Rev. Greg Cain from Board of Missions.**

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to set aside the standing rules for this session of presbytery.**

The following were nominated from the floor of presbytery.

Reese Baker was nominated as stated clerk. Rev. Bobby Spurling was nominated for CE. Raymond Nelson was nominated for BOF. Rev. Joe Vance and Ercel Rushing (in place of John Rogers) were nominated for Judiciary. Rev. Bobby Spurling and Bob Hooper were nominated for PNC. Debbie Hayes and Brenda Shoulta (in place of Greg Cain) were nominated for BOM.

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

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

The report was marked *Appendix D* and filed.

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 E* and filed.

Board of Christian Education Report: The report was presented by Rev. Bobby Spurling.

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

The report was marked *Appendix F* and filed.

Judiciary Committee Report:

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

The report was marked *Appendix G* and filed.

Noon Recess: The presbytery recessed for lunch at noon. Rev. Joe Stephenson asked the blessing over the food. The presbytery extended the hand of fellowship to the new candidate, Andrew Clapp.

Moderator Stephenson called the presbytery to order at 1:06 p.m.

Devotional: The afternoon devotional was given by Candidate Jake Davidson. He shared about his summer mission trip to Guatemala, reminding us that we are to be the hands and feet of the Savior.

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

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

Board of Finance Report: The report was given by Raymond Nelson.

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

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the commission be empowered to make similar financial arrangements with another body should this fall through.

The original motion passed.

The report was marked *Appendix H* and filed.

Board of Missions Report: The report was presented by Rev. Marc Bell.

Recommendation #3 was struck out because it was voted on in the Board of Finance report.

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

The report was marked *Appendix I* and filed.

Board of Missions Supplemental Report: The report was presented by Rev. Marc Bell.

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.

Overtures and Resolutions Committee: The report was presented by Rev. R.B. Mays.

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

The report was marked *Appendix K* and filed.

Invitations to Host the March 21, 2026, 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 2026 meeting of Covenant Presbytery at Milburn Chapel CPC.

Other Business/Announcements:

Rev. Daniel Barkley is denominational vice moderator.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to host a reception for Rev. Barkley. If possible, this will be part of the February 1, 2026, celebration. If this is not possible, \$1000 will be set aside for the reception. It will be spearheaded by Rev. Larry Buchanan, Rev. Bobby Spurling, Wendy Weaver, Rev. Brad Henson, and Rev. Marc Bell.

Rev. Brad Henson asked if it was possible to put Woodlawn down to host the fall 2026 meeting of presbytery.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept Woodlawn CPC's invitation to host the fall 2026 meeting of presbytery.

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

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 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Appendix A

Credentials Committee Report (Roll Call)

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

Licentiates	Open	Close
Dyllan Simmons	E	E
Mason Scroggins	A	A

Candidates	Open	Close
Andrew Clapp	R	P
Jake Davidson	P	P

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

Roll Call of Churches & Fellowship

Church	Delegate	Open	Close
Bayou de Chine		A	A
Benton		A	A
Bethel		A	A
Calvary		A	A
Camp Ground		E	E
Chandler	Randy Erskine	P	P
Ebenezer		A	A
Flat Lick	Brenda Morgan	P	P
Fredonia	Rudy Fowler	P	P
Gilead		A	A
Good Spring		A	A
Highland	Elaine Overton	P	P
Hopewell		A	A
Hopkinsville	Albert Russell	P	P
Liberty		A	A
Lisman		A	A
Macedonia		A	A
Madisonville	Mark Cannon	P	P
Marion	David Copeland	P	P
Milburn Chapel	Kevin Smith	P	P
Mount Carmel	Brenda Shoulta	P	P
Mount Pleasant		A	A
Mount Sterling		A	A
Mount Zion		A	A
New Hope		A	A
Oak Grove	David E. Garrett	P	P
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	John W. Clapp	P	P
Sturgis		A	A
Sugar Grove		A	A
Union Chapel		A	A
Unity		A	A
Village	Isaac Alexander	P	P
Wheatcroft		A	A
Woodlawn	Tim Threant	P	P

Appendix B

Committee on Ministry Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Committee on Ministry submits the following report and recommendation:

The Committee on Ministry met on August 16, 2025, at Milburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Rev. David LeNeave shared a devotion by Oswald Chambers from the book, *My Utmost for His Highest*, based on John 21:15-19 and opened the meeting with prayer. The following members were present: Chairman Rev. Larry Buchanan, Rev. David LeNeave, Rev. Fred Fahl, David Garrett, Jeff Parker, Daryl Henley, and Elaine Overton. Members excused were Margaret Ramage and Rev. Dr. Bernice Belt.

The Committee on Ministry has been notified that Rev. Jack Wieland is still on our roll of pastors. In corresponding with Rev. Wieland, he shared that he is pastoring a church that is outside the boundary of Covenant Presbytery, and the church is not a part of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination.

Recommendation #1: The Committee on Ministry recommends that Rev. Jack Wieland be removed from Covenant Presbytery roll of pastors.

Update on Our Candidates for Ministry

Candidate Jake Davidson -- Jake continues his studies at Bethel University while also participating in a work/study with chaplaincy program. He spent spring semester at Bethel University taking Spanish classes preparing for his mission work/study to Guatemala this summer. He was able to experience the warmth and lighthearted culture in the churches he was able to attend. He felt like he came back with a lot more than he took. Jake is available to speak at churches in our Presbytery as well as in West Tennessee. He is preparing a presentation on his mission trip to Guatemala and will be available to share it with our churches.

Licentiate Dyllan Simmons – Licentiate Dyllan Simmons continues his Master of Divinity studies at Westminster Theological Seminary. He continues to serve as stated supply at Waverly/Mt Moriah CP Church. He reported that they are still in the process of combining the churches, and it is to be completed in the fall of 2025.

Licentiate Mason Scroggins – Licentiate Mason Scroggins graduated with his Master of Divinity from Knox Theological Seminary on May 2025. He continues to serve as stated supply for Village CP Church in Norris City, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,
Covenant Presbytery Committee on Ministry

Appendix C

Committee on Ministry Supplemental Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Committee on Ministry submits the following report and recommendations:

Andrew Clapp, who is filling the pulpit at Rozzell Chapel CP Church, met with the Committee on Ministry expressing his desire to become a candidate for ministry and come under the care of Covenant Presbytery. Andrew is an ordained minister in the Baptist Church. Following an examination of Andrew and in accordance with the *Confession of Faith*, the Committee on Ministry makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2: The Committee on Ministry recommends that Andrew Clapp be received as a candidate for the ministry in Covenant Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Covenant Presbytery Committee on Ministry

Appendix D

Permanent Nominating Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Permanent Nominating Committee submits the following report.

The Permanent Nominating Committee met on August 9, 2025, with Rev. Joe Vance opening in prayer.

Members Present: Rev. Joe Vance, Elder, Brenda Shoulta, Rev. Roman Lambert

Members Absent: Unexcused: Elder Vicki Cain, Rev. Troy Newcomb, Gary Goine

We had no new business to attend or discuss. However, we are currently actively seeking names for those who want to serve on committees. Please reach out to us or Reese Baker so we can add you to a list of willing committee members.

It was brought to our attention that Rev. John Rogers (term limit 2026) who served on the Judiciary Committee has passed away, and his seat needs to be filled.

We would like to impress upon our committee members to please exercise the privilege of gathering for our committee meetings. We are not only conducting the business of

our presbytery but are invited into fellowship with one another as God calls us together. Finally, out of respect for other committee members that fulfill their obligation and show up, they cannot perform their task because there is a lack of quorum due to lack of communication among committee members.

Rev. Roman Lambert led the closing prayer.

Prayerfully,

Rev. Joe Vance, Rev. Roman Lambert, Elder Brenda Shoulta

Appendix E **Stated Clerk's Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The stated clerk submits the following report:

Everything has been running smoothly, and we are blessed to serve alongside each of you. If we can be of assistance in any way, please never hesitate to contact us.

It has been suggested by 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Reese Baker, Stated Clerk

Appendix F **Board of Christian Education Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Board of Christian Education submits the following report:

Members Present: Bro. Joe Stephenson, Rev. Elizabeth Spann, Becky Weaver, Jenna Franklin, Debbie Gordon, Laura DeHart, Cindy Logan, Bro. Bobby Spurling, and Wendy Weaver

The meeting opened in prayer by Bro. Joe Stephenson

The fall Bethel scholarship recipients were Jake Davidson (Woodlawn), and Mikylee Buchanan (Bethel) for the fall 2025 semester.

The CE committee selected Jake Davidson (Woodlawn) to be the recipient for the E.M. Bailey/Vaughn's Chapel scholarship for 2025.

Christian Education committee discussed the budget for the upcoming 2026 year. The committee requested the following to the BOF for 2026:

Camps \$40,000
Committee travel \$250
Bethel scholarships \$3,000
Fall Retreat \$15,000
Adult training/activities \$3,000
Background checks \$2,500
Quarterly Youth activities/events \$1,500

Total: \$65,250

We reviewed our Jr./Jr. High Camp and Senior High Camps for 2025. Senior High had 51 total at camp with 2 salvations, and Jr/Jr. High had 98 at camp with several salvations and rededications. We shared that the Thursday night of worship at Jr./Jr. High camp was a service that you will never forget. The Lord moved in a mighty way!

The following are the camp dates for 2026:

-Senior High will be June 21-26, 2026, directors will be Rev. Elizabeth Spann and Bro. Bobby Spurling.

-Jr/Junior High will be July 12-17, 2026, directors will be Wendy Weaver, Jenna Franklin, & Bro. Joe Stephenson.

Rev. Elizabeth Spann closed the meeting in prayer by.

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

Appendix G

Committee on Judicial Concerns Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Committee on Judicial Concerns submits the following report:

The Judiciary Committee met on August 13, 2025, to review the minutes of the individual churches that had submitted minutes for review for the 2024-2025 period. Eight churches submitted minutes for review. Any church that has not yet submitted their minutes for the 2024-25 year is directed to forward them to the attention of the Judiciary Committee. Any minutes can be emailed to danielheady@kycourts.net or

copies only of said minutes can be mailed to: Daniel Heady, P.O. Box 289, Dixon, Kentucky 42409. A supplemental or amended report will be filed prior to Presbytery to include any additional churches that have submitted minutes.

No formal referrals were made to the Judiciary Committee, and there are no formal recommendations that would require action or approval at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel M. Heady
Covenant Presbytery Judiciary Committee, Interim Chairman

Appendix H **Board of Finance Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Board of Finance (BOF) submits the following report and recommendations:

Our finances appear to be in fine order. You can view this in more detail in the stated clerk's spring report. The Insurance is always a variable to increase, but we just kept it the same. We had one request for budget increase from the Christian Education Board. This past year we saw cost increase due to increased camp participants, and the board is looking at an alternate retreat location, as Brandon Springs is so far away for many of our churches. The Christian Education Board requested an additional \$13,000, thus the BOF makes the following recommendation:

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

Christian Education	\$65,250.00
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	\$333,190.00

I, Reverend Curtis Franklin, recently attended General Assembly on behalf of Covenant Presbytery and made an observation. Presbytery generously supports its presbyters in their duties, and I am grateful. Most ministers and elder delegates take their spouses, and I learned that they are not included in the wording of presbyterial expenses. It is likely assumed to be appropriate to include spouses, but I would like to see the wording changed in the rules of order, regarding General Assembly delegates and Youth Advisory delegates (YAD) expenses to include spouses' meals and for YAD's, to include one attending adult. Thus, I make the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2: That the expenses for General Assembly delegates and Youth Advisory delegates (YAD) include spouses and 1 adult attending with YAD's, respectively.

The Board of Finance (BOF) received the report from the commission to close the Vaughn's Chapel Church. This is the report, authored by Reverend Ronald B. Mays.

" To: Covenant Presbytery Board of Missions & Covenant Presbytery Board of Finance Meeting at Flat Lick

CP Church, 8/9/25

Re: Report of Commission to close the Vaughn's Chapel Church

All activities related to the Vaughn's Chapel property have been accomplished through the agreement and regular communication of the Commission: R.B. Mays, chair of the commission, and Robert Goodman from the Board of Missions, and Curtis Franklin and Raymond Nelson from the Board of Finance, as well as, with Stated Clerk Reese Baker.

1) The church listing through Acree & Associates was renewed on March 31, 2025, for another six months. The church has been shown to at least six different parties since that re-listing, most recently on July 23, 2025. (The last showing was to someone interested in converting the church into a residence.)

2) After declining their offer several months back and making a counteroffer that they rejected, we received a second offer of \$180,000 cash from two individuals. Though they never revealed (were not required to by law) what their intended use for the building was, the likelihood that the church would become a commercial business with which we were not comfortable, and because of their reluctance to agree to and commit to the placement of a historical marker, we rejected their offer, made a counteroffer of \$195,000, and then allowed them to walk away.

3) We had to secure a different person to mow the grounds this year, as our previous mower would not consent to being paid once a month in accordance with our Stated Clerk's procedures. The funds transferred at closure from the Vaughn's Chapel session have covered these maintenance costs.

4) The historical marker was placed on the base of the flagpole on August 4, 2025, as an appropriate complement to the marker which honors the veterans. Funds for the marker are being paid from the residual funds that the congregation gave to Presbytery. The inscription on the marker reads:

"The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 100:5

Vaughn's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church

1897-2024

5) All session records have been secured. All historical documents and records are at the church awaiting Susan Gore from the Historical Foundation to go through the facility, select what they wish to keep, and move everything to the denominational archives.

6) A group of believers have visited the grounds on four different occasions. They checked crawlspaces, roofs, plumbing, etc. They prayed on the steps, preached from the pulpit, and sang with the instruments. They absolutely love the facilities. All commission members were invited, but only the chairman was able to meet with them on July 17 for over two hours.

**The group has its roots in the United Church of God (Worldwide), but they were not comfortable with the "separateness" move that moved them away from the world instead of offering the Good News of the Gospel. They also have a female leader, and females are evidently to remain silent in worship and leadership in that movement.*

**They observe Saturday Sabbath, but they are not Adventist. They observe the Jewish feasts and Holy Days, but they are not Messianic Jews. They do believe in the Trinity. They believe in the call to evangelization, to discipling their membership, and to a strong emphasis on relationships with Christ and others in the body.*

**They support mission work in India, and they have an online presence for that ministry at www.fellowshipinfaith.com.*

**They sponsor a yearly "revival" that coincides with the Feast of the Tabernacles at The Moors at the Lake, and likeminded believers come from all around and stay at the resort for what will be a 19- day event this year.*

**They all homeschool their children.*

**They have been meeting in a room in REST Church in Paducah.*

**There are about 30-35 in the group, with over half being age 19 & under. They live from Fairdealing to Paducah & Southside to Ledbetter, to the Calvert City/Possum Trot area – and the Vaughn’s Chapel property is actually almost squarely in the middle of their residences.*

**They love and celebrate the flagpole area which includes a plaque in memory of veterans and now honors the work of God through Vaughn’s Chapel CP Church in that location.*

**They have called themselves the Body of Christ Fellowship.*

The group was not expecting an opportunity such as this so early in their “congregation’s” life, so financially and organizationally they had not prepared for a move such as purchasing property in this way. They have begun the process of organizing as a 501c(3) non-profit organization, but the process takes time – and securing financing has been a challenge for them. They have an infectious joy, a humble spirit existing in awe that God might be calling them to step out in faith at this juncture, and they possess a very-evident love for one another and desire to serve and please the Lord. They just do not have the funds or currently the means to secure the funds to purchase the property outright from us.

Because they have paid only \$50/week for REST Church and did not have a move like this on their agenda, they have not built a strong financial foundation for a down payment. They have surveyed their congregation and have tithe commitments of about \$1800 per week as of our meeting. That does not count income they might make from renting the parsonage (which will probably be one of the families who currently rent a home on the Southside of Paducah). We have examined together the facility costs, as well as, a payment they feel they could make monthly without being forced to focus on the facility and lose their mission.

As a commission, we recommend the following:

1) That the Board of Missions embraces this work as a means to promote new church development for The Kingdom in a location where we could no longer foster a prospering congregation. If approved, the group would like to call themselves The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn’s Chapel.

2) That, if an acceptable agreement is approved by Presbytery, the group be allowed to begin using the facility beginning October 4, 2025. (This would be during their annual revival in the Feast of Tabernacles season and would allow the many in the area for that event to join them as they begin their life in their new location.) The group invites and encourages members of Presbytery to worship with them when they begin their life at the Vaughn’s Chapel property.

3) That the Board of Finance embrace the work and recommend to Presbytery a self-financing option that includes:

a) \$200,000 selling price

- b) The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel pays 5% down (\$10,000) at the time of closing, which will be no later than October 17, 2025. This would cover the real estate agent's commission.*
- c) The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel pays to Covenant Presbytery the remaining \$190,000 through a loan from Presbytery at 4% annual interest over a 20-year amortization schedule.*
- d) The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel can pay the remaining principal balance at any point in the 20-year period without an early payoff penalty.*
- e) The collateral for the loan would be the Vaughn's Chapel church and parsonage, and both would revert to Presbytery should the congregation cease to exist prior to the end of the 20-year period.*
- f) Title to the property will be transferred to The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel through its trustees, and all expenses for insurance, upkeep, utilities, etc. will be the responsibility of The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel at the time of closing.*
- 4) That Presbytery secure the services of a lawyer to draw up an appropriate contract that incorporates these terms, releases Presbytery of any liability upon transfer, and fulfills all requirements of Kentucky State law for property transfers.*
- 5) That the Commission Chair R.B. Mays OR Stated Clerk Reese Baker be approved as signing agents to complete this contract and transfer on behalf of Covenant Presbytery.*

We feel like this gives us a unique opportunity to help fan the flames of life in a new congregation, to continue the work of the Lord in a place that has been set aside as holy ground since 1897, and provide funds that we can utilize to invest in another new church development or church redevelopment project.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission to close Vaughn's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church"

The BOF concurs in the recommendations set forth by the commission and makes the following recommendation specific on the part of the BOF:

Recommendation #3: The Board of Finance of Covenant Presbytery recommends Covenant Presbytery to self-finance the sale of the Vaughn's Chapel property, with the following stipulations:

a) \$200,000 selling price

b) The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel pays 5% down (\$10,000) at the time of closing, which will be no later than October 17, 2025. This would cover the real estate agent's commission.

c) The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel pays to Covenant Presbytery the remaining \$190,000 through a loan from Presbytery at 4% annual interest over a 20-year amortization schedule.

d) The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel can pay the remaining principal balance at any point in the 20-year period without an early payoff penalty.

e) The collateral for the loan would be the Vaughn's Chapel church and parsonage, and both would revert to Presbytery should the congregation cease to exist prior to the end of the 20-year period.

f) Title to the property will be transferred to The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel through its trustees, and all expenses for insurance, upkeep, utilities, etc. will be the responsibility of The Body of Christ Fellowship at Vaughn's Chapel at the time of closing.

4) That Presbytery secure the services of a lawyer to draw up an appropriate contract that incorporates these terms, releases Presbytery of any liability upon transfer, and fulfills all requirements of Kentucky State law for property transfers.

5) That the Commission Chair R.B. Mays OR Stated Clerk Reese Baker be approved as signing agents to complete this contract and transfer on behalf of Covenant Presbytery.

We feel like this gives us a unique opportunity to help fan the flames of life in a new congregation, to continue the work of the Lord in a place that has been set aside as holy ground since 1897 and provide funds that we can utilize to invest in another new church development or church redevelopment project.

We want to thank the commission for its work, especially Ronald B. Mayes, who poured his heart and soul into this effort and deserves, by far, much thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Finance

Appendix I

Board of Missions Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Board of Missions submits the following report and recommendations:

The Board of Missions met in their regularly scheduled meeting at the Flat Lick Cumberland Presbyterian Church on August 9, 2025. Rev. Marc Bell led the opening prayer. Members present were Rev. Marc Bell, Rev. Nick Ashley, Rev. Robert Goodman, Rev. R.B. Mays, Sidney Milton, Evan Cruce, and Susan Beatty. Paula Bell and Rev. Greg Cain were absent and excused.

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. Marc Bell about the pastoral status of Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Rev. Dee Ann Thompson be appointed as moderator of the Sugar Grove session while serving as interim pastor.

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. We discussed our prior recommendation to presbytery regarding new church plant opportunities related to the selling of this property. As a result, the board makes the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1: That Covenant Presbytery embrace the work of new church development for The Kingdom by supporting the congregation of *The Body of Christ Fellowship* as they pursue purchasing the property.

Recommendation #2: That if the Board of Finance approves the work and an acceptable agreement is approved by presbytery, that the group be allowed to begin using the facility beginning October 4, 2025.

Recommendation #3: ~~That the Commission Chair, R.B. Mays, or Stated Clerk Reese Baker be approved as signing agents to complete the contract and transfer on behalf of Covenant Presbytery.~~

Recommendation #43: That the Board of Missions explore the possibility of new church development of a Hispanic Church in the Mayfield, Kentucky area.

The board discussed concerns regarding churches in the presbytery who are disconnected and not participating in presbytery meetings and other events. The idea of a presbyterial minister was discussed. The board makes this recommendation:

Recommendation #54: That the Board of Missions, working in conjunction with the Committee on the Ministry and Board of Finance, pursue the possibilities of a presbyterial minister and report back to presbytery in spring of 2026.

Rev. Fred Fahl has requested that his pastoral relationship with Rozzell Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church be dissolved.

Recommendation #65: That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Fred Fahl and the Rozzell Church be dissolved.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Rev. Donna Davenport be appointed as moderator of the Rozzell Church.

Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church submitted a letter requesting that Rev. Phillip Brown be appointed moderator of their session as he is now the full-time stated supply minister.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Rev. Phillip Brown be appointed moderator of the Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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

The board heard a report from Rev. Cherry Mitchell, moderator of Rose Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church via Rev. Nick Ashley. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report as presented.

The board recognizes the food ministry of the Calvary Cumberland Presbyterian Church as they faithfully work to meet the needs of the hungry in their surrounding area. We commend them for the commitment they have made to serve the Lord by providing high-quality and nourishing food to over 250 families each week in Graves and other surrounding counties. A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Board of Missions to give the Calvary Church Food Ministry \$1,000 to support their efforts in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of people in their community. The board would like to encourage other congregations to reach out to Calvary to see how they can get involved or learn more about this ministry. They can use volunteer groups each Friday for four hours to help fill boxes and distribute to families. For more information, contact Mr. Eddie Green (270-970-0953) or Mr. Joey Green (270-705-0569).

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Nick Ashley.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Board of Missions

Appendix J

Board of Missions Supplemental Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

The Board of Missions submits the following report and recommendation:

Recommendation #76: We have received and approved the contract between Andrew Clapp and Rozzell Chapel CP Church. We recommend a stated supply relationship between the two.

We are proposing a presbytery-wide worship service featuring the Renaissance Choir, to be held on February 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (Denomination Day is February 4th.) Woodlawn has agreed to host this event, and Jeff Parker from Highland CPC has agreed to cater the event. We have approved \$5,000 from the BOM budget to cover the Renaissance fee and meal, as well as the meal for those who will be attending.

The Board of Missions received and support this letter from Rev. R.B. Mays regarding the presbytery-wide worship service.

To: Covenant Presbytery
Meeting with Flat Lick CP Church on September 20, 2025

Re: Growing Worship and Fellowship as a Presbytery

Dear Fellow Laborers in Christ,

We champion that we are a "connectional church;" yet it seems that we are becoming more and more "disconnected" from one another. Our attendance at presbytery meetings has decreased, and even then, our worship together sometime seems transitional to the "business" that we gather to do twice a year. While we have needs for revival and revitalization throughout our presbytery, it is my contention that we also need opportunities to celebrate that we are called to this work together – at this time, at this place, for this season.

We became a part of the Kingdom work as a denomination on February 4, 1810, and our denomination generally sets aside the first Sunday in February as Denomination Day. It is my prayer that we will use that time in the coming season to celebrate who God once called us to be – and is calling us to be now, and that we will gather together on that Sunday for a service of worship, revival, and fellowship.

I have been in touch with the director of the Renaissance program at Bethel University. They are available and would love the opportunity to be with our presbytery for a night of worship and praise on Sunday, February 1. This could provide us with an evening together, and it could provide us an opportunity to bring our youth and introduce them to this exciting ministry that serves our denomination.

The Woodlawn congregation is experiencing a season of incredible growth and renewal – bringing in many new faces who are not familiar with the CP Church at all.

They have a large sanctuary – whose renovations should be finished by them - and fellowship area that can accommodate the gathering. They would benefit from connecting with others in our presbytery, and we would benefit from joining in worship with a vital, growing congregation.

I would ask Covenant Presbytery to adopt the following recommendations:

Recommendation #17: That we host a presbytery-wide night of worship and fellowship in celebration of Denomination Day, to be held at Woodlawn CP Church in Paducah on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 5 PM.

Recommendation #28: That Covenant Presbytery pay the \$2500 necessary for the Renaissance Choir to cover their expenses, along with the cost of the meal for the choir.

Recommendation #39: That Covenant Presbytery also pay the cost of either catering a meal, or the meat to accompany a potluck fellowship meal for all those in attendance.

Recommendation #410: That unused funds in the Board of Missions allocated be utilized for the evening with an estimated total budget of \$5000 for the evening.

In Christ's service,

Rev. R.B. Mays

Respectfully submitted,
Your Board of Missions

Appendix K

Overtures and Resolutions Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Flat Lick CPC, September 20, 2025.

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

We give thanks to God for the opportunity to gather in service of Covenant Presbytery and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on this beautiful day.

We wish to thank the pastor, session, and members of Flat Lick Church for their hospitality and the incredible meal served to us.

We received excuse requests for the following:

Minister:	Bernice Belt
	Greg Cain
	Chris Fleming
	Curtis Franklin
	Drew Gray
	Jim Fulton
	Troy Newcomb
	Bud Russell
	Elizabeth Spann
	Dale Williams
Candidate	Dyllan Simmons
Churches	Camp Ground

Though we saw three excuses with which we had reservations in recommending excuse, we recognize that we do not have published guidelines for use in making appropriate decisions; therefore, we make the following recommendations.

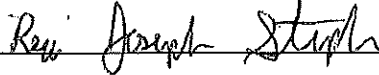
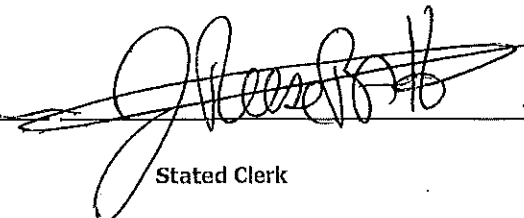
Recommendation #1: That those 12 submitting excuses be excused for this meeting.

Recommendation #2: That the Judicial Concerns Committee be charged to establish guidelines for an "excused absence" and remedies for cumulative unexcused absences.

Respectfully,
The Committee on Overtures & Resolutions
Randy Erskine (Chandler elder), Rev. Larry Buchanan, Rev. R. B. Mays (chair)

Note: Excuses from Benton, Mt. Pleasant, and Wheatcroft were received after presbytery. Benton noted on their excuse that they also sent an email to the stated clerk 2 days before presbytery. No email was found after a search. There may have been a problem sending it, or it possibly went to SPAM. Our apologies to Benton for not receiving their electronic excuse.

These are the minutes of the September 20, 2025, meeting of Covenant Presbytery.

	
Moderator	Stated Clerk

Covenant Presbytery Moderators

<u>Elected</u>	<u>Name</u>
March 15, 2025	Rev. Joseph Stephenson
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

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

2025	Rev. Curtis Franklin Rev. Larry Buchanan Rev. Marc Bell
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

On the Part of the Elders

2025	Mike Hardesty Laura DeHart Albert Russell	Sturgis Highland Hopkinsville
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

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