

AUGUST 2015

Flat Springs Baptist Church Members met for regular business conference on August 9, 2015 with Reverend Dr. Gary McCollough as moderator.

Opening scripture and prayer was by Reverend Dr. Gary McCollough.

The minutes were presented in written form and approved.

Davis Harris – Baptist Men’s Director – noted that the Okra in the church garden needed cutting. There are a few squash and beans left. The Baptist men built a deck and ramp for Clifford and Eleonore Kelly last month. We would like to give a special thank you to the S.A.M. Committee and local missions groups and Jamie Lear for helping with this project. Please note that next Sunday Crew A will be preparing the men’s breakfast – Roger Quiggle, Tom Luck, Bill Boisvert & Mel Shaver – John Quiggle will be having our devotion. For September – Ronald McDonald House Ministry – Team 5 will be cooking – Davis Harris – Roger Worrell- Sam Cotten, and Ronnie Page – Dessert Angels will be Crystal Smith & Ann Marks. The team last month fed 34.

Johnny Bridges – Treasurer – presented the financial report in written form. He noted that the Finance Committee will be meeting August 17th and 24th working on the new budget.

Johnny Bridges brought the following motion from the Sound & Technology Committee: For several years there has been discussions concerning purchasing emergency medical equipment for our church. Around February of this year, and after speaking with Gary, the Sound & Technology Committee began researching for a defibrillator and other equipment. Having heard of our intentions, a member of the church was interested in designating money to purchase this and other emergency items. \$2,900.00 was given for this purpose. After consulting with our local Emergency Medical Services and Larry Kelly, Chief of our Deep River Fire Dept., and following their recommendation, the Sound & Technology Committee ask for your approval to purchase a Phillips Defibrillator, with related items, an emergency oxygen unit, and a Master First Aid Kit. The total cost \$2,300.00. The donor wishes the remainder of the donation be transferred from Sound & Technology to our newly approved Response/Medical Committee to purchase additional equipment they deem appropriate. This amount will be approximately \$600.00 The church members voted and approved the motion.

Carol Smith reported from WMU for Linda Wilson –

As you know, our church has been focusing this summer on Helping the Hungry and Homeless. Thank you all for contributing so many needed items for the Blessing Bags. Enough has been collected to make 40 Blessing Bags for the two homeless shelters in town.

The Dorcass Women on Mission met for a sew day July 27 to continue making the Blessing Bags that our youth and children will be stuffing today at 4:30 for homeless persons.

You have also contributed many school supplies for low-income students at Deep River School. Barbara Rosser is the Lead person in charge of this mission project and will be delivering the supplies prior to school starting. Thanks so much for your generosity.

You may recall that each year our church provides a meal for the teachers of Deep River School as a way of expressing our appreciation for the work they do. There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium. We hope those of you who can provide small sandwiches, chips, dessert, drinks or whatever, that you will place your name on that list. If you have questions, please ask Kay Gary, who is the Lead person pulling all this together to be delivered by August 17.

Debbie McFarland – Sunday School Director – reported an average attendance of 132 and an average offering of \$6,980.89 for the month of May. Please pray for our Sunday School Attendance.

Emma Cotten – Discipleship Director – noted that the CPR class was held this past Thursday night with 12 participants in attendance. A special “Thank You” to Lou Anne Griffin for organizing this class for us. Another certification class is being planned and will be announced in the next few weeks.

Pat Bridges reported from the S.A.M. Committee – the Committee has been very busy this summer. We have mailed 74 greeting cards, and bought 15 gift cards. We have delivered 3 flower arrangements and one plant. We also helped financially with the Baptist Men’s deck building project. We held our first organization meeting on 8-3-15 and planned the next 5 months of activities. Please watch for our upcoming events and travel with us as we eat out, shop, and minister to our members and others in our community. A special “Thank You” to Jean Tillotson for stepping-up and continuing the job that Gail did for many years.

No report from the Golden Fellowship Group.

David Aycock – Chairman of the Nominating Committee - noted the following corrections to the 2015-2016 Nomination Committee Report:

- 1- Section III – WMU; D. GA’s Grades 4-6 – change Laure to Laura Marks (misspelling)
- 2- Section VII – Church Committee; J. House & Grounds – Remove Gail Bridges and replace with Stephanie Bridges
- 3- Section VII – Church Committee; K. Hospitality – Remove Linda Kelly
- 4- Section VII – Church Committee; AA. Vacation Bible School – Add Haley Page and Karyn Gaines
- 5- Section VII – Church Committee; Z. Ushers – Remove Lynn Hurley

I would like to make a motion from the Nomination Committee to approve the 2015-2016 Nomination Committee Report with the corrections presented. The church members voted and approved the motion.

Charles Phillips reported from the House & Grounds Committee that repairs will be made around the Sunday School Office area – such as removing wall paper and painting. The estimated cost for this work is \$6,200.00. Bobby & Lynn Hurley will be doing the work.

Norman Keith reported from the Young People Away Committee – if you are a student or in the military please get your forms completed and returned to the church office so that the Committee can begin to plan the year.

Jimmy Allen – Minister of Music – reminded everyone of our 5th Sunday Night Sing on August 30 at 6:00. We will have guest from Westwood Baptist singing, the Harmonettes, Quartets, and others. Please plan to come and bring a freezer of ice cream and/or your favorite dessert for fellowship after singing in the Fellowship Hall. The Children and Youth Choirs will start back up the 2nd Wednesday in September.

Reverend Matt Riggsbee – reported the following:

- I. Children – Summer Fellowship – Sunday, August 2@2:00 –Frankie’s Fun Park – had a great time of fellowship with 13 families.
- II. Youth – Summer Retreat – Sunday, July 26-29 – great time studying what it means to “Grow as Disciples” as we enjoyed the NC mountains. 22 youth and 5 adults attended. Youth helping with Blessing Bags tonight (Youth connecting to local church ministries)
- III. Family Ministry – AWANA Registration and Back to School- August 16, 4:00-6:00. A time to register children for Awana. Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and food. Youth are an integral part of this opportunity, not only to help lead but to enjoy time together as school approaches.

Reverend Dr. Gary McCollough noted that the Connecting Stories Team will be meeting with the Diaconate soon. We will also begin a new study time “Meaningful Membership” for any new folks that will help explain what the church expects and what you as a member expects. Also please remember we have noted the last Sunday in August as our “Catch Up” Sunday to help with meeting our budget.

Motion to adjourn was by Bill Boisvert, 2nd by Roy Johnson.

Closing prayer was by Leonard Harris.

Recorded by: Kim Harris

Approximately 63 members in attendance