

PastScripts

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Beneath the Spire...

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION SHARING

I am sure many of you have been wondering what's happening with the Capital Campaign. The short answer is... meetings! Over the past year, we have had numerous meetings with the architects, engineering firms, the City of Charlotte, Publix and the Session. **The exciting news is that the Session, at their June meeting, approved moving forward with the next phase.** Accordingly, the Capital Campaign Construction Ministry Team will host an information sharing event on **Sunday, August 28**, after worship, in the Fellowship Hall for the congregation. Please plan to attend and hear important updates about our exciting plans.

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide a brief financial update. The Capital Campaign has received about \$850,000 in pledges to date which leaves approximately \$200,000 in outstanding pledges. We are thankful for your love of Trinity and grateful for your sacrifice. With your support we have completed many needed repairs, painted, revamped the website, improved security, and enhanced our overall quality of church life with a new sound system in the Fellowship Hall and assisted in replacing heating and air conditioning on most of the campus.

Please consider this a gentle reminder that our three-year campaign, started in 2013, concludes at the end of this calendar year. We greatly appreciate everyone fulfilling their pledge by this December so we can continue this exciting work.

Trinity today benefits from the efforts of those who have built and left this beautiful facility to us. It has served the mission of Christ's church well for generations of Christians who have been called here. If you have not already done so, we graciously ask each member of the congregation to consider making a gift.

Thank you for your support as we continue to shape the future of God's people in this place.

Yours in Christ,
Walter Reid
Chair, Capital Campaign Construction Ministry Team



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Capital Campaign

It's Time...

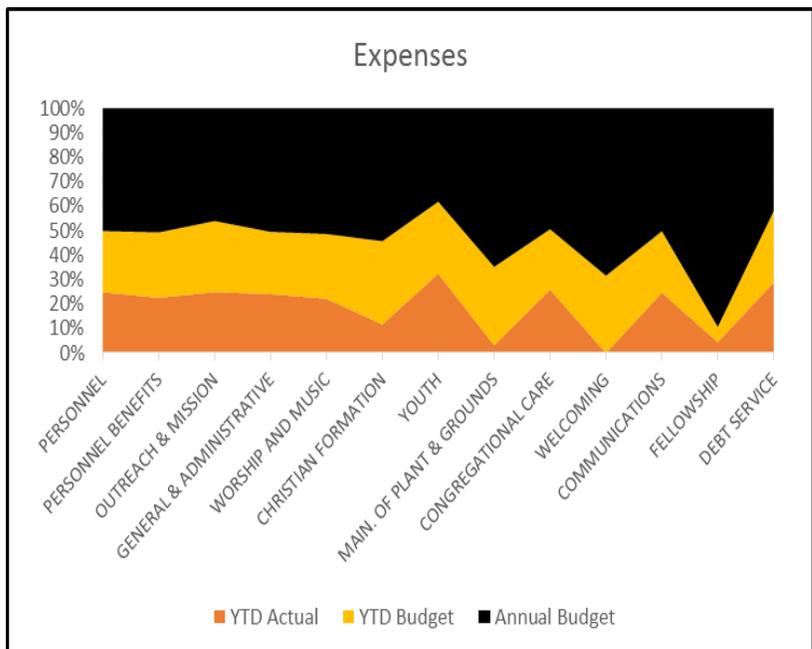
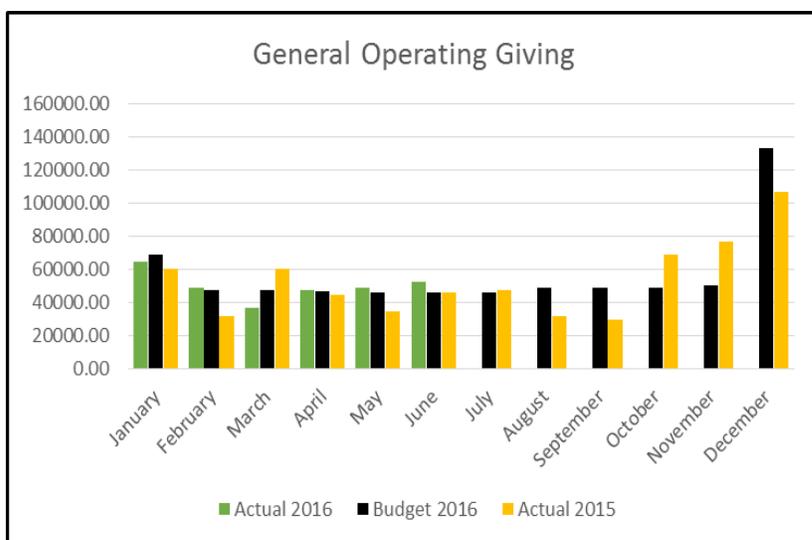
To Honor the Past ✧ To Celebrate the Present ✧ To Shape the Future

2nd Quarter Financial Update

TEXT GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

Now you can text your offerings! In less time than it takes to write a check you can now make your contribution to Trinity with a quick text message. **Simply text TPCGIVE to 73256 and you'll receive a link with instructions on how to text your donation.**

The Finance and Stewardship Ministry Teams believe the underpinnings of any great institution is its endowment fund. Planned giving by an individual in the form of unrestricted gifts to Trinity's Endowment Fund helps to ensure the long-term health of our church. If you would like to learn more about Legacy giving at Trinity, please contact Dale Sarjeant, Chair of the Stewardship Ministry Team, or Steve Lindsley. You can also go to <http://trinitypreschurch.org/giving-page/> for more information.



	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
RECEIPTS			
CURRENT PLEDGES	277133.51	260000.00	582168.00
PLEDGE-PRIOR YEAR	1315.00	5000.00	5000.00
PAYMENT WITHOUT PLEDGE	11011.90	25000.02	50000.00
PAYMENT OVER PLEDGE	4629.92	6000.00	30000.00
LOOSE PLATE OFFERING	4661.27	6000.00	12000.00
INTEREST INCOME	93.52	124.98	250.00
USE OF BUILDING	13335.00	19999.98	40000.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	28590.00	28590.00	57180.00
INCOME OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUND TRANSFERS	27451.58	29644.00	69241.00
BOLTZ FUND	0.00	2663.52	5327.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	368221.70	383022.50	851166.00
EXPENSES			
PERSONNEL	203617.76	205871.02	411542.00
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	24736.87	29287.50	55575.00
OUTREACH & MISSION	10599.42	12405.06	19640.00
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	35231.79	37307.98	74020.00
WORSHIP AND MUSIC	9077.40	10851.00	21050.00
CHRISTIAN FORMATION	2304.29	6725.00	10725.00
YOUTH	18851.25	17081.02	22185.00
MAIN. OF PLANT & GROUNDS	95468.73	99157.52	200091.00
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	1492.30	1424.94	2850.00
WELCOMING	0.00	450.00	975.00
COMMUNICATIONS	1943.16	1981.98	3964.00
FELLOWSHIP	1167.27	1650.00	23650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	404490.24	424193.02	846267.00
OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-36268.54	-41170.52	4899.00
DEBT SERVICE	53231.37	54015.02	77600.00
TOTAL CHURCH SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-89499.91	-95185.54	-72701.00

Capital Campaign Update

Total Contributions Received 851,099.73
 Remaining Pledged Amount 202,636.27

Note: Some contributions were not pledged. If you wish to make a gift just indicate Capital Campaign on the memo line of your check or your online payment.

Youth Mission Trip 2016



RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 11 ~ 9:30 A.M.

CELEBRATING THE NEW CHURCH YEAR



Trinity's Children's Choir will start the fall season on Sunday evening, September 11. Weekly rehearsals will be held in the Children's Choir Room, Room 1 in the Undercroft (below the Sanctuary), on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

If you intend for your child/children to participate in Children's Choir this year, please register your child by completing a registration form found on the Trinity website at <http://trinitypreschurch.org/music-at-trinity/> and return to retaphifer@gmail.com.

If you have questions, please call Reta Phifer at 704.708.9789 or 704.575.1755.



Open House for the 2016-17 school year is September 1 and the first day of school is September 6. The Weekday School team is excited and ready to welcome our students and their families back for another great school year!

It is not too late for you to be a part of a great learning experience! We still have openings in some of our classes and registration forms are available in both the weekday school and church volunteer offices. Feel free to contact us to schedule a tour at 704.366.3556. We look forward to serving you and your family!

2016 College of Elders Dinner

Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m.
Carson Fellowship Hall



All Trinity members who've been ordained as an elder at Trinity or another Presbyterian church are invited to come together for great food, great fellowship, a word from Steve and an exciting speaker.

This year, Steve will share "A 2020 Vision," adopted by the Session at its June meeting, setting the course for our congregation for the next five years.

We'll also welcome our speaker, Stephen Silas, assistant coach for the Charlotte Hornets. Stephen will speak about how one practices their faith in the professional sports world.



Dinner will be catered and the cost will be \$10.00 per person. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

RSVP deadline is Tuesday, September 5.

RSVP by calling the church office or clicking [HERE](#) or copying the link below into your browser:

https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=A5jkt6/x8W25VQ+qC+qBA==&site=95700&ReturnUrl=events%2fvz_people.aspx&ChurchID=4121&EventID=116558&sn=95700



OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Session will be calling a **Congregational Meeting** to convene on either Sunday, September 18 or September 25, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, in the Sanctuary. The purposes of the meeting are:

1) **To elect 5 elders** to serve on the Session as the Class of 2019. The Officer Nominating Committee will place in nomination the slate of candidates listed below; provided, however, other members may be nominated from the floor; and provided further that anyone nominated from the floor shall have agreed to serve, if elected.

2) **To elect 1 member** to serve a 1 year term on the **Officer Nominating Committee**. The Committee will place in nomination the following name: **Helen Alford** provided, however, another member may be nominated from the floor; and provided further that anyone nominated from the floor shall have agreed to serve, if elected.

3) **To elect 4 members** to serve a 2 year term on the **Officer Nominating Committee**. The Committee will place in nomination the following names: **Casey Field, David Hood, Patrice Pickett and Gary Sugg** provided, however, other members may be nominated from the floor; and provided further that anyone nominated from the floor shall have agreed to serve, if elected.

Session Nominees for the Class of 2019



Claire Etheridge

Claire Etheridge grew up in Rocky Mount, NC where she was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Meredith College and Meredith Paralegal School and worked in Raleigh. Claire married Doug Etheridge and moved to Atlanta, GA for nine years. They have two sons, Chief and Macaulay. She was happy to get back across the state line to Charlotte in 2000 and has been here ever since.

The Etheridge family joined Trinity Presbyterian Church in 2002. The boys attended the Weekday School and Claire served on the Trinity Weekday School Ministry Team for five years and taught the four year old Sunday School Class with Margaret Rowe and Karen Porter for the last twelve years. She enjoys traveling, reading and doing needlepoint.



Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst

Laura-Nelle Parnell Hurst is a lifelong member of Trinity. She is a graduate of Charlotte Country Day School and North Carolina State University. Upon graduating from State, she moved back to Charlotte and got back involved with Trinity.

In 2013, Laura-Nelle had the great privilege of serving on Trinity's Pastor Nominating Committee. She has also served on Christian Formation and the Fellowship Ministry Teams. She currently serves on Youth, Worship and Communications and is a Youth Leader. Outside of church, she is a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte and is a member of the Symphony Guild. She works for DDI, a leadership development consultancy.

Laura-Nelle married Mark Hurst in the Trinity Sanctuary in 2014. They have two cats, Burt and Ernie. She enjoys singing, traveling, needlepointing and enjoying her husband's cooking.



Dr. Brent Mullis

Brent Mullis is a native Charlottean and lifelong Presbyterian and has been a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church since returning home in 2004. He graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in 1991 and attended UNC Charlotte and then the Wake Forest University School of Medicine before training at the USC School of Medicine. Professionally, Brent practices as an emergency physician primarily at CHS-NorthEast in Concord, where he also sits on the Foundation Board of Directors.

While at Trinity, his service has included the Pastor Nominating Committee for Dr. Lindsley, and he currently serves on the Stewardship and Youth Ministry Teams as well as the Officer Nominating Committee. He has served as a youth advisor for the last 12 years and considers this to have had the greatest impact on his faith walk thus far. "I learn the most about the role of my faith in this world in helping our youth do the same." He particularly enjoys the annual Youth Mission Trip and the Vespers service at Montreat each fall.

He spends his very precious free time with his wife, Sarah. Together they try to get outdoors in God's creation as often as possible. They enjoy sitting on the beach with their dogs and driving along the Blue Ridge Parkway on the way to their favorite B&B in Blowing Rock.

Brent is very honored to have been nominated to serve on the Session. He recognizes the study and service of an Elder as being a tangible connection to our Presbyterian heritage and to the past and future of Trinity.



Kathleen Schneider

Kathleen Schneider was born and raised in a small town in Southern Minnesota, nurtured by Grace Evangelical Church - now known as Grace United Church of Christ - which was founded in 1905 with her maternal grandfather serving as trustee. Her nursing career found her working at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, the Hospital Ship HOPE in Natal, Brazil, the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia and finally Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte.

Kathleen's husband Bob and children Lauren and Ian moved to Charlotte in June of 1985. Their search for a church home ended on a very bright, hot, sunny June morning that summer when she and Bob entered the cool, beautiful Sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church. It was the first Sunday of the now Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer's year as Trinity's Seminary Intern and the morning he first preached at Trinity. Upon commenting to a church member about Steve's well crafted message, Kathleen was told, "Wait until you hear Dr. Patrick." Indeed.

Mary Louise Stuart greeted Kathleen and Bob at the after service coffee, approaching with a wide smile, open arms, and a "Who are you?" Mary Louise forever after claimed in some respects she had given birth to them. Claude Sanford was summoned by Mary Louise and Kathleen and Bob were presented with information about Trinity's Weekday School. The following morning, Ian was allotted the last slot in the two year old roster for the coming school year. And so it all began 31 years ago.

Kathleen is most grateful for the countless opportunities to strengthen her faith through the heartfelt, open, questioning sharing with fellow pilgrims at Trinity whom she has come to love and to consider family. Opportunities such as the Thursday Study Group, Montreat Retreats, Sunday School classes and Trinity's Book Group, as well as, through service on the Worship, Christian Formation, Stewardship, Fellowship, and Communication Ministry Teams. She was honored to be ordained an Elder and elected to the Session previously. It is a responsibility and an opportunity she again accepts with enthusiasm during this exciting new chapter in the life of our vibrant congregation led by Dr. Steve Lindsley, Rev Grace Lindvall, and Dr. Christopher Gilliam.



Sherese Smith

Sherese Smith is from Spartanburg, SC, but has been in Charlotte for 26 years. She has been a member of Trinity since 2005. She graduated with a B.S. from Wake Forest University in 1990, and received a M.A.T from Queens University in 1995. After graduation, Sherese taught school at Nations Ford Elementary and then worked in Human Resources for Bank of America for eight years. Sherese is married to Matt Smith and they have two children, Hank (age 11) and Sally (age 9).

At Trinity, Sherese has served on the Christian Formation Ministry Team, led a Stewardship campaign, chaired Vacation Bible School, served on the Officer Nominating Committee, and chaired Montreat. Currently, she serves on the Weekday School Ministry Team, the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team, is a teacher for the 2's and 3's, and helps with the Children's Choir.

In addition to her service at Trinity, Sherese was most recently President of Encore!, the volunteer arm of the Children's Theatre, and prior to that was the PTA President for Cotswold Elementary. In her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis.

Sherese believes it will be an honor to serve on the Session for Trinity during this exciting time of growth for the church.



ONC Nominee
Class of 2017
Helen Alford

ONC Nominees
Class of 2018

Pictured left to right: Casey Field, David Hood, Patrice Pickett, Gary Sugg

YOUTH ELDERS

A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SESSION AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

In June, Trinity's Session enthusiastically endorsed a motion from the Youth Ministry Team to begin nominating one confirmed youth of high school age to serve as an Elder each year. To become a reality, this will require the approval of our congregation at the congregational meeting on Sunday, September 18 or 25, since the overall number of Session members would change.

While new to Trinity, this initiative is quite common in other Presbyterian churches in the Charlotte area and across the country. As a point of reference, a handful of youth even represented their Presbyteries at the 2016 General Assembly meeting in Portland.

Here are the basics:

- One active, confirmed youth of high school age will be nominated each year by the ONC to serve as elder.
- Youth would serve a one-year term.
- The one-year term would be in addition to the five three-year terms of other nominations for Session.
- Youth would be required to attend new officer training with all other elders-elect.

Youth would serve as full-fledged members of Session during their year term, in the same manner as all elders. This would include but not be limited to: attending all Session meetings, voting voice, serving on a Sessional Ministry Team, serving communion in worship, leading Session devotions, etc.

If approved by the congregation, the Officer Nominating Committee would begin nominating such Elders in 2017, to begin service in January 2018.

We are very excited about this new initiative for our congregation! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me, Steve or Grace.

Casey Field
Chair, Youth Ministry Team

CALLING TRINITY SINGLES OF ALL AGES

The Congregational Care Ministry Team is planning a Trinity Singles Social on Friday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m.



Bring an appetizer or dessert and your favorite beverages to Lynda Opdyke's home at 3037 Wamath Drive.

We may decide to plan future gatherings for movies, music, or meals, so come and share your ideas for fellowship.

**RSVP to Lynda at
704-553-0894 or lopdyke@mindspring.com**

The Communications Ministry Team is setting up the opportunity for our congregation to participate in a photo directory this fall. We are using a company called Lifetouch which we used for our last photo directory. The dates to have pictures taken will be:

Friday, September 30
Saturday, October 1
Wednesday, October 19
Thursday, October 20
Friday, October 28 and
Saturday, October 29.

There will be more details to come. We hope everyone can participate!

KEY PARTNER - Nations Ford Elementary School

Trinity partners,

First, I wanted to thank you so much for all of your support this year and second I wanted to share with you an email I sent out to my staff. It details our growth.

Hello Team,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School year. This will be the GAME changing year for Nations Ford Elementary. Our last school year was phenomenal. We were able to defy any circumstances and obstacles that people might have thought would be an impediment for our success. As a school, we had great TRC and EOG scores. This year we experienced growth like never before. We had double digit gains in every grade level. In 3rd grade, Math moved from a 19 to a 29%, that is 10 pts. In 4th grade, Reading increased from a 25.08 to 41.3, equaling 16.22 point increase. In 5th Grade, Math proficiency increased from 20.8 to 37.6, equaling a 16.8 point increase, and our science composite score increased from 22.3 to 50%, more than doubling. Overall we grew 9 composite points this year, moving the school from the 21% composite score to 30% in CCR and from a 32%-40% in proficiency, YESSS!!!!!!!!!!

As a result of these incredible scores comes a high degree of responsibility for next year because we must continue to do it over and over again. We ranked in 1st place within the WLC learning community, 2nd highest growth within the BEACON schools and 2nd highest with science growth within the district. GREAT JOB TEAM! This was made possible because of your tenacity, perseverance, receptiveness and ability to be flexible and

innovative. It is because of you ALL, that we gained such success.

I will reiterate, that now comes the biggest challenge for next year, we need to continue the momentum, the scores must continue to increase and we must continue to produce double digit gains. If we continue with this tenacity, we can move Nations Ford Elementary from an "F" school to a "C" school in less than 3 years. Research states that it takes approximately 5 years for a school to move, but our own research is showing that we are the GIFTED group, we will achieve this in less than 3 years. I know WE are all overachievers, persistent and highly motivated competitors. We do not like being the ordinary group, we all like to be EXTRA-Ordinary. The ball is rolling and cannot stop! Therefore as we prepare for this upcoming school year our key words are "Sustainability and Advancement," Why sustainability? Because we cannot go backwards in any subject and why advancement? Because we must produce higher results. Our school wide theme is "Keys to Success." We are the holders of these keys.

I am so proud to say that I am the principal of Nations Ford Elementary and have the opportunity to lead a team of highly qualified educators. We have a school that is a change agent within the community, which overcomes any obstacles, that has high expectations for our students and most importantly a school that BELIEVES that any child is capable of learning regardless of their surrounding circumstances.

*Alejandra Garcia
Proud Principal of
Nations Ford Elementary*

Why I spend time at Nations Ford Elementary School - Trinity member Karen Porter

We are a congregation that promised to be their partner. Having children that graduated from the Charlotte Mecklenburg School system, I appreciate the support of a strong school network. Schools that are enjoyable to spend time at and nurture young people should be a point of pride. The children at Nations Ford are no different and many need this more than others in our community. Knowing that other people care makes an impression and offers hope. Giving them another trusted adult empowers them, guiding them through their studies gives them courage to keep going, even when it's hard. This school needs our support. The teachers and other staff are gracious and so very thankful for whatever we have to offer.

Life is hard. We are called to help others along the way. What a simple thing to do, help a child.

So, why do I spend time at Nations Ford Elementary School? It feels like a small effort goes a long way. I feel valued and appreciated for being there and taking the time to be a part of learning. I find great joy in witnessing any 'aha' moment and there are many with elementary students. I find that giving of myself actually gives me more than anything I could expect.

The children are a delight, the teachers are dedicated, the support staff are engaging and they are all ready for us to be a better partner.

Registration deadline is September 12!

ANNUAL RETREAT TO MONTREAT October 14-16, 2016

David LaMotte

PATRICK SPEAKER

“Worldchanging 101 - Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness”



CHILD CARE AND YOUTH CLASSES

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Hiking up Lookout Mountain
Shopping - Montreat or Black Mountain
Watching football in lobby
Bridge and card games
Bubbling stream for wading

Paddle boats/canoeing on Lake Susan
Fishing in Lake Susan (bring your own gear)
Montreat playground
Second Annual Brewery Tour
Kids' Scavenger Hunt

Prizes And Fun Memories Galore With Your Trinity Family!!!!

PERRIN THOMSON MONTREAT FUND

Perrin had a great love for the Montreat Retreat weekend and left a generous gift to Trinity to help offset Montreat expenses. As a result:

- ~Any Trinity family attending for the first time will receive \$100 off the room rate.
- ~Any Trinity single adult attending for the first time will receive \$50 off the room rate.
- ~All children through high school will receive complimentary meals.

See last month's issue of *PostScripts* for a schedule and registration information or visit Trinity's website.

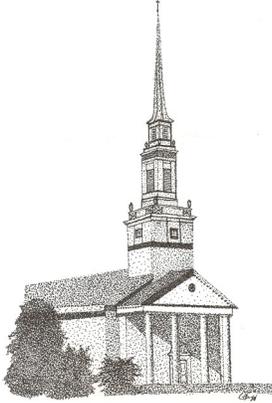
Can't go this year, but would like to make a donation to continue Perrin's legacy? Please make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and put "Montreat Donation" in the memo line. You may also go to the Trinity website, www.trinitypreschurch.org, follow the instructions under the giving section and designate the Montreat Fund.



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Worship at Trinity
 Summer Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School Resumes September 11

Publication Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin: Tuesdays at Noon
 Newsletter - *PostScripts*: 1st day of each month
 Wednesday email: Two weeks before the email
 Website events: One month before the event
 Website announcements: One month before the event

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR 2016

<u>CLERK</u>	Lynette Neel
<u>MINISTRY TEAMS</u>	<u>TEAM CHAIRMAN</u>
<i>Equip</i>	
Buildings and Grounds	Tony Arey, Hayden McMahon
Capital Campaign	Walter Reid
Communications	Cookie Parnell
Finance	Donnie Bobbitt
Personnel	Lori O'Keefe
<i>Grow</i>	
Christian Formation	Kim Nims, Tom Collins
Welcoming	David Hood
Worship	Carol Sugg
Youth	Casey Field
<i>Serve</i>	
Congregational Care	Lynda Opdyke and Debbie Fisher
Fellowship	Steve Ball
Mission and Outreach	Warren Henry
Stewardship	Dale Sarjeant
Weekday School	Judith Parker

THE SESSION
 Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Moderator
 Lynette Neel, Clerk
 Donnie Bobbitt, President of the Corporation

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Steve Ball	Tony Arey	Casey Field
Marty Brownlow	Donnie Bobbitt	David Hood
Tom Collins	Liz Countess	Sean Kirby
Betty Lynn Lambert	Warren Henry	Kim Nims
Jim Calder	Lori O'Keefe	Dale Sarjeant

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Stephen B. Lindsley, Senior Minister
 The Reverend Grace Lindvall, Associate Minister
 Dr. Chris Gilliam, Director of Music
 Michael Rowland, Organist
 Dr. Reta Phifer, Children's Choir Director
 Becky Purnell, Office Manager
 Cheryl Jernigan, Financial Administrator
 Kevin Nunnery, Facilities Manager
 Stephanie Palmer, Weekday School Director
 Jill Billings, Weekday School Assistant Director
 Mark Grube, Part-time Event Assistant
 Bill Prestwood, Seminary Intern
 Jane Bostian Arant, Minister of Music Emeritus

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.