

Council Meeting: July 7

In Attendance: Pastor Shaw, Joan Simons, Bill Simons Ken Ritt, Austin Becker

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

The meeting opened with an excerpt from "On This Day: Christ's Withered Garden" and then by prayer led by Pastor Shaw. Story focused on Samuel Rutherford.

Minutes from the May meeting approved as written

Financial Treasurer Report—Ken

Please see attached document.

Interest has gone up from 23% to 27%

No big expenditures this month

Ken and Bill tried to put Bill's name on the account

Bank did not have church listed as a Non-profit; Ken is working on getting status changed

Discussion held about changing status to LLC; Going to reach out to District Office for guidance

Current financial status explained

Financial Secretary Report—Bill

Please see attached.

Expenditures explained

Elder's Report—Austin

Please see attached charts.

Austin reports that attendance averages are holding.

Michael continues to bring his kids, which is increasing the youth attendance

Communion attendants have gone down in relation to the increase of visitors

YouTube viewers continue to be less than Facebook viewers

Have not seen Virginia, Joel, Matthew, Jesse, or Craig since last year

Sharon has not come to service since May; congregation may need to assist with transportation

Miranda and family have not attended since May

Louise Stewart has not attended since January

Baptism of Lucas was completed on 7/5/26

William will have his Membership service next week.

Kevin has not transferred his membership

Jackie and Paul will be added to the roster as Jackie will be here every other month.

The sermons and other recordings have not been added to the website since last year.

Joan will look into adding capability for non-church members to view posted sermons

Pastor's Report—Pastor Shaw

Pastor Shaw visited Bill and Dot King at home on June 14

Baptism of Lucas Mury on July 5

New Member ceremony for William Bass will be on June 12

Upcoming Plans:

July 18-19 will be the next weekend at RLC for Pastor Shaw; Pastor Bob will be here for pulpit supply

July 25 Coaching trip has been cancelled

July 26-29 is Pastor Shaw and Mrs. Shaw's wedding anniversary trip to Charleston, NC, Pastor will be leaving after service

August 2 Congregational meeting

Aug 20-23: Pastor will be in Birmingham, AL attending daughter's white coat ceremony. Pastor Jon is not available; Pastor Bob may fill in depending on Congregation opinions

Upcoming Liturgical Dates:

No changes. We are in the season of Green

Additional Topics:

Thursday 6pm prayers.

DivorceCare has not been planned due to the possible transition of Pastors. Pastor Shaw hesitant to start it if he does not see it through. Council agreed that now is not the time to start anything new.

SED Reconciler assignment no longer impacts the calendar

Pastor Shaw will still be working on the Sabbatical fund and policy

TIM Report:

Focus is now on the possible addition of Pastor Bob. Pastor Shaw updated President Harmon on recent congregational meeting. During this conversation, Pastor Harmon suggested the idea of Pastor Bob being interested in assisting our congregation. He has been asking for an assignment in NC. He wants to serve another ten years as a settled call. He is currently Interim

Possible Timeline:

July 19, Pastor Bob serves in the pulpit to be introduced to the church.

Pastor Shaw has reserved a hotel room for him that will be included in Pastor Shaw's invoice. Estimated costs for mileage will be \$158.05 as Pastor Bob will have a 218-mile round trip. Pastor Bob is from China Grove, NC. A follow-up Congregational Meeting will be on August 2, 2026.

July 20-Aug1—The Council discusses with Pastor Bob what potential compensation package will look like. Options for package discussed. Housing is the big unknown. There are a few options (1) the Church signs a lease for an apartment (2) Church applies a fixed housing allowance to assist with housing (3) Church finds a member renting a home. Pastor Bob will need at least a two-bedroom apartment.

Salary range discussed, he has 23 years of experience. Health Benefits will need to be discussed Start date would need to be discussed

Aug 2 If compensation package is agreed upon, then this can be discussed further at the Congregational meeting. Pastor Shaw's contract would end 2 weeks prior to the start of the new Pastor.

Looking forward to 2027: This interim period could be used to determine if Pastor Bob is a good fit for the church. And Pastor can use the time to determine if this is where he wishes to do his settled call. Pastor Shaw encourages Council to continue to pursue dual parish idea with Holy Cross in Clayton.

Looking further to 2030-2037—William is wishing to be SMP. He will need to finish BS degree and will be going to Seminary in 2029 and could be assigned as an Associate Pastor in 2031. Peace could call him when he is ordained. Pastor Bob would hypothetically retire in 2037, and William could transition into the role at that time.

Trustee's Report—Bill

Old Business:

Paint the church

Power wash the church and sidewalk

Purchase TV/Mount for nursery

New Business:

Nothing new at this time

Fellowship/Outreach Coordinator Report: --Joan

Fellowship:

June 21: Donuts for Dad (Father's Day)

New Member Reception on July 12—Will get William a plant and LSB

Baptism of Lucas Kanan Mury on July 5

5th Sunday Celebrations:

August 30

November 29

Joan will add Paul to the church roster

Outreach Opportunities:

Continue assisting with the Soup Kitchen

Chamber of Commer LIFT group

Old Business:

Books are awaiting pick up. Plan for pick up within 3 weeks.

No new updates on the Constitution

Next Fifth Sunday Celebration is August 30

New Business:

Call process discussed

Call Committee selections discussed. Proposed members: Janet, Brenda, William, Austin, Ken and Kim

Call process on hold until we meet Pastor Bob. Installation can happen later in August.

Forms for call process discussed

Ministry Teams: Janet has volunteered to visit hospitals, shut-ins etc. Joan will be giving Janet a roster and will request her to contact people we haven't seen in a while.

August 4, 2026, at 7:00pm will be the next meeting date.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:00pm