

1 CALLED MEETING
2 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2005
3 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4 NICEVILLE, FLORIDA

5 03-39 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

6 At the request of the Examinations Committee and Wildwood Presbyterian
 7 Church moderator R. Fennig has called presbytery to meet on Tuesday, August
 8 16th 10:00 AM CDT/11:00 AM EDT at the First Presbyterian Church of Niceville,
 9 Florida.

10 The meeting was called to conduct the following business:

- 11 1. To examine and receive into Gulf Coast Presbytery TE Barksdale Pullen
 12 of Missouri Presbytery. Mr. Pullen is being called as an Assistant Pastor
 13 of Families and Children by Wildwood Presbyterian Church in
 14 Tallahassee, Florida.
- 15 2. To act upon any matters that may arise from the above.

16 Moderator R. Fennig called the meeting of Presbytery to order, a quorum was
 17 declared present, and TE Fennig opened with prayer at 10:44 AM. The
 18 Presbytery then sang the hymn "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise".

19 In absence of Stated Clerk B. Hornick, who was not present due to the death of
 20 his mother, TE J. Grider, Recording Clerk, was elected acting clerk.

21 03-40 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

22 A quorum was declared to be present with the following commissioners in
 23 attendance:

CHURCHES	ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Mobile		
Christ Community Church		
Concord		

Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant		
Covenant Reformed	R. LaGuardia	
Eastern Shore	B. O'Neil	
Fairfield	S. Cloud	B. Cooper
Faith, Robertsdale, AL		K. Sanders
First, Atmore		
First, Niceville	J. Grider	J. Gerber
	D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City		
Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores	R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison		
Grace Community, Mobile		
Loxley		

McIlwain		R. Myers
New Philadelphia		
Pinewoods		
Safe Harbor		
Warrington		
Westminster, Fort Walton	B. Tyson	E. Smith
		J. Richardson
Westminster, Tallahassee		
Westminster, Milton		
Wildwood	B. Evans	
	E. Hague	

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OTHERS TEACHING ELDERS

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D. Story		C. Ryor

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VISITORS

Warren Halstrom, Joe Elliot, Barksdale Pullen, Todd Veldon(Sp?), and Doug Ramsey

03-41 COMMUNICATIONS

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1. Letter from of the Examinations Committee and Wildwood Presbyterian requesting the Moderator to call presbytery to meet on Tuesday, August 16th

1 at 10:00 AM CDT/11:00 AM EDT at the First Presbyterian Church, of
2 Niceville, Florida. Presbytery declared that the meeting had been properly
3 called and found the meeting to be in order.

- 4 2. Letter from Missouri Presbytery indicating their vote to dissolve TE Barksdale
5 Pullen's pastoral relationship with Kirk of the Hills as Associate Pastor and to
6 dismiss him to Gulf Coast Presbytery, pending his receipt by said presbytery.
7 Received as communication and referred to the Examinations Committee.

8 **03-42 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

9 The docket was adopted as presented.

10 **03-43 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

11 **03-44 EXAMINATIONS – TE S. CLOUD, CHAIRMAN**

12 TE S. Cloud presented the report to presbytery. Presbytery voted to proceed with
13 the examination of TE Barksdale M. Pullen, III of Missouri Presbytery who is
14 being called as Assistant Pastor of Families and Children at Wildwood
15 Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, Florida.

- 16 1. RE R. Myers examined Mr. Pullen in the area of Christian experience and his
17 sense of call to the Gospel ministry. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 18 2. TE B. Tyson then examined Mr. Pullen on his views in the area of theology.
19 This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 20 3. TE S. Cloud next examined Mr. Pullen on his views in the area of polity. This
21 portion of the exam was also arrested.
- 22 4. TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Pullen on his views in the area of
23 sacraments. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 24 5. The question of exceptions to the Westminster standards was then raised
25 with Mr. Pullen indicated that he has no exceptions.
- 26 6. The exam as whole was sustained.
- 27 7. A motion carried to receive Mr. Pullen into Gulf Coast Presbytery by transfer
28 from Missouri Presbytery upon his answering in the affirmative the questions
29 for ordination and signing the book of ministerial obligation.
- 30 8. The call to Mr. Pullen was read, approved and was found acceptable to him.
31 **(See Appendix A)** The installation of Mr. Pullen was set for August 21, 2005
32 at 11:00 a.m. at Wildwood Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, Florida. The
33 installation commission is composed of TE's Bob Evans, Ed Hague, Steve
34 Bradford and RE's Lynn Hagood, Bob Burton and Jimmy Hill.

35 **03-45 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

1 Presbytery adjourned at 12:02 AM (CST) with prayer for Mr. Pullen and traveling
2 mercies being offered by B. Evans.

3 Respectfully submitted,

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5 TE J. Grider, Acting Clerk

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1 **APPENDIX A**

2 **Terms of Call**

3 **For Barksdale Pullen**

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5 Rev. Barksdale Pullen
6 710 Bitterfield Drive
7 Ballwin, MO 63011

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9 Dear Barksdale:

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11 Please regard this letter as Wildwood Church's call to you to be our Assistant Pastor of Families and Children. As
12 you are aware, this call is contingent upon appropriate action by the Gulf Coast Presbytery.

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14 The anticipated date of your being financially compensated by Wildwood Church will commence no earlier than
15 July 1, 2005 and no later than August 1, 2005. The actual date is based on your availability which we assume is
16 agreeable with the time frame above. Health benefits will begin August 1, 2005 if your start date is July 1, 2005 and
17 will begin September 1, 2005 if your start date is after July 1 and prior to August 1, 2005.

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19 The gross salary and housing compensation that will be provided for you and your family's support will be \$70,000
20 annually. Additionally, Wildwood Church provides health insurance and pays 100% of the cost for both you and
21 your family, in accordance with the terms of the contract Wildwood Church has with Capital Health Plan,
22 Tallahassee, Florida. Furthermore, you will be provided with group disability income coverage, dental coverage
23 (employee only) and life insurance in accordance with the terms of the contract Wildwood Church has with
24 METLife. Lastly, Wildwood Church will deposit an amount equal to 6.0% of your gross salary and housing
25 compensation into the Presbyterian Church in America's Tax-sheltered Annuity program.

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27 In addition to the above you will be provided with \$7,500 for relocation and housing expenses. This call also
28 provides you with 30 days Paid-Time-Off per year. This leave is available to you for vacations, study, and/or
29 sicknesses. Wildwood Church also observes 9 holidays per year.

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31 If you have any questions please give me a call.

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33 In Christ and for His glory,

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37 Robert W. Burton
38 Treasurer, R.E.