

1 CALLED MEETING OF
2 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007
3 10:00 AM CST / 11:00 AM EST
4 FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5 PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
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7 07-39 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

8 At the request of TEs Stephen Cloud, Dave Crenshaw, Robert Hayes and REs
 9 Raymond Myers and Ken Robinson, the Moderator has called presbytery to meet
 10 on Tuesday, August 28th at 10:00 AM CDT/11:00 AM EDT at the Fairfield
 11 Presbyterian Church, 410 South Fairfield Drive, Pensacola, FL.
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13 The meeting has been called to conduct the following business:

- 14 1. To examine and receive TE Paul Fowler (Savannah River Presbytery).
 15 Dr. Fowler has been called by the Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church;
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- 17 2. To examine and receive TE Jim Thorpe (Palmetto Presbytery). Mr.
 18 Thorpe has been called by the First Presbyterian Church of Atmore,
 19 AL.
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- 21 3. To act upon any matters that may arise from the above.
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 24 The meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by Acting Moderator,
 25 Rick Fennig at 10:05 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at Fairfield
 26 Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Fennig opened the meeting with
 27 prayer and then yielded the chair to Moderator Chuck Ryor.

28 07-40 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

29 A quorum was declared to be present with the following commissioners in
 30 attendance:
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CHURCHES	ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Mobile	Dennis Eide	
Christ Community Church	Jim Bryars	

Concord	R. Dekker	
Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant	B. Hayes	Leigh Hinkie
Covenant Reformed	Rafael LaGuardia	
Eastern Shore		Robby Smith
	Jeremy Fair	Newt Blackberry
Fairfield	Stephen Cloud	
	Dave Crenshaw	
Faith, Robertsdale, AL		
First, Atmore		Dennis Bilbo
First, Niceville	Joe Grider	
	Dennis Shackelford	
First, Panama City		
Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores	Rick Fennig	Paul McLain
Grace, Madison		
Grace Community, Mobile		

Loxley		
McIlwain	Rob Looper	Ray Myers
New Philadelphia		
Pinewoods	David Anderegg	Stephen Milstid
	Tim Locke	Clarence Ladner
Safe Harbor		Fred Rall
Warrington	Bob Hornick	
Westminster, Fort Walton	William Tyson	Earl Smith
Westminster, Tallahassee		
Westminster, Milton	Win Groseclose	
Wildwood		

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OTHERS TEACHING ELDERS

TEACHING ELDERS		TEACHING ELDERS
Arnie Maves		Chuck Ryor
		Charlie Sledge

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EXCUSED

1 Requests for excused absence from TEs T. Barnes, S. Bradford, S. DeVries, R.
2 Gardner, M. Griffith, C. Gwinn, M. Kirk, J. Riggs, B. Sinclair, B. Pullen, J. Trostle
3 and REs Commissioners from Loxley and Warrington Presbyterian Churches.
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5 VISITORS

6 Tom Bargedon, Paul Fowler, Jim Thorpe, Don Barnes, Ken Thompson, Rick
7 Skinner and Perry Zakutney.
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9 **07-41 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 10 1. Letter from TE Stephen Cloud, et. al requesting that presbytery be called to
11 meet.
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13 2. Letter from the congregation, First Presbyterian Church, Atmore informing
14 GCP of the ministerial call to TE Jim Thorpe.
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16 3. Letter from the Congregation, Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church, Fairhope,
17 AL, informing GCP of the ministerial call to TE Paul Fowler.
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19 4. Requests for excused absence from TEs T. Barnes, S. Bradford, J.
20 Calderazzo, S. DeVries, R. Gardner, M. Griffith, C. Gwinn, M. Kirk, J. Riggs,
21 B. Sinclair, B. Pullen, J. Trostle and REs Commissioners from Loxley and
22 Warrington Presbyterian Churches.
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24 **07-42 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

25 The docket was adopted as presented.

26 **07-43 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

27 **07-44 EXAMINATIONS – TE S. CLOUD, CHAIRMAN**

28 TE S. Cloud presented the report to presbytery. Presbytery voted to proceed to
29 examine and receive TE Paul Fowler (Savannah River Presbytery). Dr. Fowler
30 has been called by the Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church and to examine and
31 receive TE Jim Thorpe (Palmetto Presbytery). Mr. Thorpe has been called by the
32 First Presbyterian Church of Atmore, AL.

- 33 1. RE R. Myers examined Mr. Fowler and Mr. Thorpe in the area of Christian
34 experience and their sense of call to the Gospel ministry. This portion of the
35 exam was arrested.
- 36 2. TE D. Crenshaw then examined Mr. Fowler and Mr. Thorpe on their views in
37 the area of theology. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 38 3. TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Fowler and Mr. Thorpe on their views in the
39 area of sacraments. This portion of the exam was arrested.

- 1 4. TE B. Hayes next examined Mr. Fowler and Mr. Thorpe on their views in the
2 area of polity. This portion of the exam was also arrested.
- 3 5. The respective exams as whole of Mr. Fowler and Mr. Thorpe were sustained
4 and approved as a whole.
- 5 6. The call to Mr. Fowler was read, approved and was found acceptable to him.
6 **(See Appendix A)** The installation of Mr. Fowler was set for September 9th at
7 5:30 p.m. at Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church in Destin, Florida. The
8 installation commission is composed of RE's of Eastern Shore being Robby
9 Smith, Ken Robinson, Tony Chesser, Paul Fellers and Perry Zakutney, and
10 TE's Jeremy Fair (Convener), Joe Grider, and Jim Bryars. The presbytery
11 also invited Dr. Lamar Allen from Panama City, FL to be a guest of the
12 commission.
- 13 7. A motion carried to receive Mr. Fowler into Gulf Coast Presbytery by transfer
14 from Savannah River Presbytery upon his answering in the affirmative the
15 questions for ordination and signing the book of ministerial obligations.
- 16 8. The call to Mr. Thorpe was read, approved and was found acceptable to him.
17 **(See Appendix B)** The installation of Mr. Thorpe was set for 3:00 p.m. at
18 First Presbyterian Church of Atmore, Alabama. The installation commission is
19 composed of RE's of First Presbyterian Church, Robert Johns, Dennis Bilbo
20 and Butch Richie, and TE's Steve Cloud (Convener), Tim Locke, and Charles
21 Sledge. TE David Todd was invited by presbytery to be a guest of the
22 commission.
- 23 9. A motion carried to receive Mr. Thorpe into Gulf Coast Presbytery by transfer
24 from Palmetto Presbytery upon his answering in the affirmative the questions
25 for ordination and signing the book of ministerial obligations.
- 26 10. This concluded the report of the Examinations Committee.

27 **07-45 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

28 Presbytery adjourned at 12:13 PM (CST) with prayer offered by Moderator C.
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30 Respectfully submitted,

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32 TE Robert Hornick, Stated Clerk

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1 **APPENDIX A**

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5 **APPENDIX B**

6 **Call To James S. Thorpe**

7 The First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, Alabama being on sufficient grounds well
8 satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Rev. James S. Thorpe, and having good
9 hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be
10 profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office
11 in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support,
12 encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and
13 avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$60,000.00 a
14 year in regular monthly (or quarterly) payments, and other benefits, such as, manse,
15 retirement, insurance, vacations, moving expenses etc., during the time of your being
16 and continuing the regular pastor of this church. *See attached breakdown.

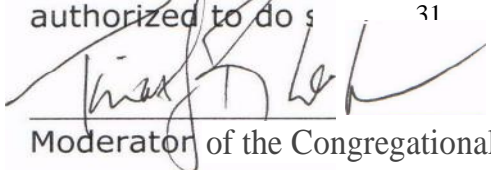
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18 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 3~& day of
19 August, A.D. 2007.

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23 Elder and Chairman of Pulpit Committee

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25 Clerk of Session and Clerk of Congregational Meeting

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27 Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to James
28 S. Thorpe for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects
29 according to the rules laid down in the *Book of Church Order* end that the persons who
30 signed the foregoing call were

authorized to do s 31 so by vote of the congregation.


Moderator of the Congregational Meeting