

1 CALLED MEETING OF
2 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009
3 10:00 AM CDT / 11:00 AM EDT
4 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5 NICEVILLE, FLORIDA

7 09-45 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

8 The called meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by Moderator
 9 Paul Fowler at 10:08 a.m. (CDT) on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at First
 10 Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida. The meeting was opened with prayer
 11 and the singing of the hymn "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" lead by host pastor,
 12 Joe Grider.

13 This meeting has been called to conduct the following business:

- 14 1. To examine and receive TE Jerry Dodson (Central Florida Presbytery).
 15 Mr. Dodson has been called as pastor by the New Philadelphia
 16 Presbyterian Church in Quincy, FL.
- 17 2. To hear a report from TE Tom Barnes concerning the situation at Faith
 18 Presbyterian Church of Robertsedale, AL.
- 19 3. To act upon any matters that may arise from the above.

24 09-46 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

25 A quorum was declared to be present with the following commissioners in
 26 attendance:

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Centerpoint		
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Mobile	Dennis Eide	
Concord		
Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant		
Eastern Shore	Paul Fowler	
Fairfield		

Faith, Robertsdale, AL		
First, Atmore	Jim Thorpe	
First, Niceville	Joe Grider	
	Dennis Shackelford	
First, Panama City		
Grace Fellowship, Gulf	Rick Fennig	T. J. Neely
Grace, Madison		
Grace Community, Mobile	Jim Bryars	
Loxley	Tom Barnes	Lloyd Keuler
Mcllwain		Ray Myers
New Philadelphia		Ronnie Brunson
		Kenneth White
Pinewoods	Dave Anderegg	
Safe Harbor		Fred Rall
Warrington	Bob Hornick	
Westminster, Fort Walton	William Tyson	Earl Smith
		Scotty Robertson
Westminster, Tallahassee		
Westminster, Milton	Win Groseclose	
Wildwood		

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OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

Stephen Cloud		Dave Crenshaw
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EXCUSED

Requests for excused absence from TEs W. Channell, C. Colravy, R. Dekker, S. DeVries, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, R. Hayes, M. Kirk, W. Lamkin, R. Looper, J. Riggs, B. Sinclair, D. Story and REs Commissioners from Covenant, Panama City, Warrington, Westminster, Milton and Faith, Robertsdale.

VISITORS

Jerry Dodson, David Griffin, Betty White, Barbara Jean Brunson, David Pinson, Connie Stewart and Carol Pinson.

1 **09-47 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 2 1. Letter from TE Stephen Cloud, et. al requesting that presbytery be called to
3 meet.
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5 2. Pastoral from the New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church to TE J. Dodson,
6 referred to the Examinations Committee.
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8 3. Letter from Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Central Florida, stating that TE Jerry
9 Dodson is a member in good standing, received as information.
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11 4. Requests for excused absence from TEs W. Channell, S. DeVries, M. Griffith, R.
12 Hayes, R. Looper, M. Kirk, W. Lamkin, J. Riggs, B. Sinclair, D. Story and R.
13 Dekker, and REs Commissioners from Warrington and Faith Robertsdale. These
14 requests were granted.
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16 **09-48 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

17 The docket was adopted as presented.

18 **09-49 EXAMINATIONS – TE S. CLOUD, CHAIRMAN**

19 TE S. Cloud presented the report to presbytery. Presbytery voted to proceed to
20 examine TE Jerry Dodson (Central Florida Presbytery). Mr. Dodson has been
21 called by as the pastor of New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Quincy, FL.

- 22 1. RE R. Myers examined Mr. Dodson in the area of Christian experience and
23 his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. This portion of the exam was
24 arrested.
- 25 2. TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Dodson on his views in the area of theology.
26 This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 27 3. TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Dodson on his views in the area of
28 sacraments. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 29 4. TE S. Cloud next examined Mr. Dodson on his views in the area of polity.
30 This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 31 5. Mr. Dodson indicated that he takes no exceptions to the Westminster
32 Standards and the Book of Church Order.
- 33 6. The exam as a whole was sustained and presbytery voted to receive Mr.
34 Dodson into Gulf Coast Presbytery pending receipt of his transfer from
35 Central Florida Presbytery and upon his signing the book of ministerial
36 obligations.
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- 38 7. The call (**Appendix A**) was approved and then presented to Mr. Dodson and
39 he expressed his willingness to receive the call.
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1 8. Presbytery erected an installation commission consisting Teaching Elders
2 Darwin Box, David Story, and Joe Elliot and Ruling Elders Ronnie Brunson,
3 Glynn Beach and Kenneth White. The installation service is set for Sunday,
4 September 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.
5 The presbytery granted permission for TE Toby Dubose to be a guest of the
6 commission and to preach the sermon on said occasion. TE D. Box will
7 serve a convener of the commission. (Quorum 2 RE / 2 TE)
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9 9. TE Rick Fennig offered prayer for Mr. Dodson and his ministry at New
10 Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.
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12 10. This concluded the report. The Examinations Committee report was approved
13 as a whole.

14 **09-50 REPORT FROM TE T. BARNES RE FAITH PC ROBERTSDALE, AL**

15 TE Tom Barnes gave a report to presbytery on some of the financial
16 problems confronting the Faith Presbyterian Church and School in
17 Robertsdale, AL. After discussion and questions, a season of prayer was
18 held for Mr. Barnes, the church, and this situation.

19 **09-51 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

20 Presbytery adjourned at 11:15 AM (CDT) with prayer offered by TE Jim Bryars.

21 Respectfully submitted,
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23 TE Robert Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

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August 12, 2009

Dr. Paul Fowler, Moderator
Gulf Coast Presbytery

Dear Sir:

The undersigned request that a called meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery be held for the following purposes:

- 1. Examining and receiving TE Jerry Dodson, Presbytery of Central Florida. Mr. Dodson has received a pastoral call from the New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Quincy, FL.
- 2. Receive a report from TE Tom Barnes concerning the Faith Presbyterian Church, Robertsedale, AL.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Cloud

Mr. Ray Myers

The Reverend David Crenshaw

Mr. Jimmy Hill

The Reverend Robert S. Hayes

Mr. Ken Robinson

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2 **APPENDIX B**

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5 **CALL TO JEROME R. DODSON**

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7 The **New Philadelphia Presbyterian Church**, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied with
8 your ministerial qualifications of you, Jerome Roger Dodson III, and having good hopes from
9 our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our
10 spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the office of pastor in said congregation,
11 promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience
12 in the Lord.

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14 That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige
15 ourselves to pay you the total benefits package of \$43,000.00 a year in regular bi-weekly
16 payments (the distribution of this sum as to salary, insurance, retirement, etc. will be
17 determined by mutual agreement between you and the Session of said church) including four
18 (4) week vacation during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this
19 church.

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21 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this twelfth day of July, A. D.
22 2009.

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24 Attest: I, **Darwin Box**, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a
25 call to **Jerome Roger Dodson III**, for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has
26 been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the *Book of Church Order*,
27 and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of
28 the congregation.

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30 *Darwin Box*
31 (Moderator of the Meeting)

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