

JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION
September 21, 2010

OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE Dr. Earl A. Bland

6:00 PM

DEVOTIONAL Gary Brown

ESTABLISH MODERATOR, QUORUM & CLERK

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES & SEPTEMBER DOCKET

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

TREASURER – Pritchett

CLERK – Norris

MODERATOR – Dr. Earl Bland

DCE – Smith

FOUNDATION – Meeuwse

FELLOWSHIP – Belbusti, McCord

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Huber, Weatherholtz

WORSHIP – Huss, Harms

MEMBERSHIP – Radabaugh, Oswald

CONGREGATIONAL CARE – Stepka-Tracey, Urie

YOUTH – Tyrrell, Frye

MISSION & OUTREACH – Boswell, Smith

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Pennington, Brown

FINANCE – Noland, Pritchett

PERSONNEL – Wilson, Erickson

CHILD PROTECTION - Norris

INQUIRER/CANDIDATES – Weatherholtz; Erickson;

McCord; Meeuwse

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

STATED SESSION MEETING

Charleston, SC August 17, 2010

Reverend Dr. Earl A. Bland, Pastor for James Island Presbyterian Church, called the Stated Meeting of the Session to order with a prayer at 6:00 PM; he recognized Skip Norris as Clerk, and he noted a quorum was present: Wendy Boswell, Gary Brown, Julie Erickson, Mark Frye, Diane Huss, Billy McCord, Harold Noland, Skip Norris, Allie Oswald, Paul Pennington, Stephanie Pritchett, Julie Radabaugh, Brad Smith, Cheryl Stepka-Tracey, Charlie Tyrrell, & Jeannette Wilson. Joe Belbusti, Kathy Harms, Sue Urie, Taryn Weatherholtz, Cameron Smith, DCE, were excused. Sherry Huber was absent. Elizabeth Parler, Administrator and Henry Meeuwse, Associate in Ministry were also present. The minutes of the July 20, 2010 Stated Meeting were presented and ACCEPTED as presented. The docket was RECOMMENDED, SECONDED (Wilson/McCord) and APPROVED. The following reports were presented and received as information:

Treasurer – Pritchett

Clerk – Skip Norris

Director of Christian Education – Bland for smith.

Foundation – Meeuwse

Fellowship – McCord

Congregational Care – Stepka-Tracey

Mission & Outreach - Boswell

Buildings & Grounds –Brown, Pennington

Personnel – Wilson, Erickson

Finance – Noland, Pritchett

Child Protection - Norris

Inquirer/Candidates–

Weatherholtz, Erickson, McCord, Meeuwse

MODERATOR: Dr. Bland reported that communion was served August 1st and will be served again September 5th. He added that he and Walt Ector were working to serve communion to our homebound members on a rotating monthly schedule.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: After presenting information, the following **RECOMMENDATION was presented and APPROVED 1) a) To approve the following teachers for Sunday School for the 2010-2011 school year:**

- **2's and 3's: Valerie O'Neal, Sondra Baty, Amanda McKendrick, Jackie Laro**
- **4's and 5's: Emily Oswald, Mary Ellen Huddleston, Carter Curtice, Nanette K. Tumbleston**
- **1st and 2nd: Sherry Huber, Bonnie Thompson, Robbie Boswell**
- **3rd and 4th: Susan Norris, Heather Anderson, Mandy Daughtrey, Kelly Browder**
- **5th and 6th: Sue Mohle, Amy Robinson, Cristie Mitchum**

- *7th and 8th: Mark Frye, Jeff Laro, David and Mary Stone*
 - *Confirmation: Paul Pennington, Marilyn Muckenfuss*
 - *Senior High: Elisha Clyburn, Beth Parler, Eric Radabaugh*
 - *Faith Builders – Class Led*
 - *Disciples: Nancy Tassin, Kenny Tassin*
 - *Discover: Kathy Harms, Ed Roberts, Jim Clees*
 - *En Gegi: Andy Fairey, John Pritchett, Teressa Gamble*
 - *Beckett: Dottie Coleman*
- b) *To approve the use of the RE:FORM Confirmation Curriculum to supplement our traditional Confirmation Curriculum.*
- c) *To approve the following WNL courses and leaders:*
- *Common Theological Questions from The Thoughtful Christian, led by Dr. Earl Bland.*
 - *Discovering God's Will by Andy Stanley, led by Jamey Nelson and James Weatherholtz.*
 - *Breaking Free (women's study) by Beth Moore, led by Teressa Gamble.*
 - *Preschool Pray and Play: games, crafts and Bible lessons, led by Mary Beth Meggett.*

YOUTH: After presenting information, the following **RECOMMENDATION was presented and APPROVED 1) To approve the use of church transportation for the following off-campus events and retreats in the fall and spring semester:**

- a. *Faith Formation – Mid High cabin retreat to Santee State Park. October 1-3, 2010. Cost: \$85 per youth.*
- b. *High School Presbytery Retreat – Senior High trip to Bethelwoods. November 12-14. Cost: \$75 per youth.*
- c. *Holy Grounds – Mid and Senior High breakfast and Bible Study at Chick Fil A. James Island: 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/12, 11/9, 11/23, 12/7. North Charleston: 9/14, 10/12, 11/16, 12/14.*
- d. *That 70's Night – All ages skate night at Hot Wheels. September 10. Cost: free.*
- e. *Early Release Adventure – Mid and Senior High trip to the JI County Park Climbing Wall. Wednesday, September 22, 2 p.m., Cost: \$5 per youth.*
- f. *Extreme Experience – Mid and Senior High Rafting and Camping Trip with EXTREME Bible Study to Chattooga, GA. April 21-23. Cost: TBA.*

MUSIC AND WORSHIP: After presenting information, the following **RECOMMENDATION was presented and APPROVED 1) To authorize the piano studios of Barbara Manaker and Jan Pesavento to hold recitals in our sanctuary on December 2, 2010 and May 9, 2011.**

MEMBERSHIP: After presenting information, the following **RECOMMENDATION was presented and APPROVED: 1) To accept into membership the following by Letter of Transfer: William T. Honeycutt and by Reaffirmation of Faith: Virginia Ferree, Ty Connick, Justin Brown, Katherine Brown, Brian O'Neill, Kelly O'Neill, and Mark Mitchum. All seven participated in the New Members Class and the joining ceremony on July 25, 2010.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Board of Trustees: Skip Norris informed the Session that the sitting Board of Trustees met August 16 and that those present (Sky Keating, Harold Noland, Skip Norris, Earl Bland, Hurshell Hunt) agreed that the Board needed to continue as a separate Board. They further agreed that the Nominating Committee should develop a slate of 5 nominees to this Board, to be presented to the Congregation at the stated meeting of September 26.
- 2) Nominating Committee: Skip Norris reported that a committee had been formed based on the recommendations from last month but had not yet met to develop a slate of nominees. He acknowledged that this committee had the added task of nominating a slate for the Board of Trustees.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm with prayer.

September 21, 2010

DATE

B. A. "Skip" Norris, Clerk

TREASURER: Stephanie Pritchett

CLERK: Skip Norris

INFORMATION

- 1) The following have requested an excused absence: Joe Belbusti and Allie Oswald.
- 2) **A request was sent via email on August 25 to authorize the disbursement of \$2,005 to a member family for whom designated gifts had been received for the purpose of buying a car.** The following elders responded in APPROVAL: Belbusti, Boswell, Brown, Erickson, Frye, Harms, Huber, McCord, Noland, Norris, Oswald, Pennington, Pritchett, Smith, Stepka-Tracey, Tyrrell, Urie, Weatherholtz, and Wilson.
- 3) We the Session and congregation of James Island Presbyterian Church would like to thank elder Harold Noland for all his work to make sure our church is appropriately insured and valued.

MODERATOR: Dr. Bland

INFORMATION

- 1) Communion was served on September 5th and will be served again on October 3rd.
- 2) In home communion was served to Frankie Tucker this month. Catherine Robinson will be served in October.
- 3) The Nominating Committee will present a full slate of officers for JIPC at the Stated Congregational Meeting this Sunday, September 26th. The officers include seven elder candidates and five trustee candidates. We thank the Nominating Committee for their hard work.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Cameron Smith

INFORMATION

- 1) Thank you to everyone who helped get Wednesday Night Live off to a great start! We are still looking for someone to assist Mary Beth Meggett with the 3-5 year olds on Wednesday nights. For now, a nursery worker is helping her.
- 2) I am very grateful for the support of the Session in hiring a Nursery Coordinator. I believe that this position will improve our ministry to families of young children, and it will free me up to concentrate on other areas on Sunday mornings.

FOUNDATION: Henry Meeuwse

INFORMATION

- 1) ENROLLMENT, JIP CHILD CARE CENTER

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>
2'S	21
3'S	20
4'S	<u>10</u>
	51

- 2) The FARMER'S MARKET continues to operate Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
- 3) Counselors with the LOWCOUNTRY PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER (LPCC) provided 191 sessions during August (James Island-59, Ashley River Baptist-19, Park Circle-66, Summerville-07, Second Pres-36, Mt. Pleasant-04).
- 4) Staff & volunteers of CLOSET TREASURES THRIFT STORE served 2125 people, sold 3070 items and donated an additional 4200 items during the month.
- 5) The MISSION HOUSE schedule for September/October include:

Sept.	13	Jl Bridge Club
"	24-26	Waldrop Family
Oct.	01-03	Shandon Presbyterian Youth Retreat
"	22-24	1 st Presbyterian of York, SC, Youth Retreat
- 6) The SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM currently has 14 volunteers providing services (up to 20 hours/week) for clients on James Island/West Ashley.
- 7) SUMMER DAY CAMP (ages 6-9) enrolled 98 children and served a daily average of 40. The YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMP (ages 10-13) enrolled 28 children and served a daily average of 10 children.
- 8) The AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM currently has 51 children enrolled from three James Island elementary schools and two middle schools.

FELLOWSHIP: Billy McCord & Joe Belbusti**INFORMATION**

- 1) Our October luncheon will be on the 17th rather than the 10th as scheduled to coincide with this year's stewardship campaign.
- 2) Our November luncheon is as scheduled on the 14th, and it will coincide with Dedication Sunday.
- 3) We are very grateful for our Sunday morning coffee fellowship volunteers!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Taryn Weatherholtz & Sherry Huber**INFORMATION**

- 1) We met Sunday, September 19th to evaluate the start of our new year in September and make plans for the coming months.
- 2) The Wednesday Night Live Planning Team will meet soon to form plans for Advent and the spring semester. If you have any suggestions for studies, please let us know.
- 3) We will also discuss specific ways that we can improve our preschool ministry with the addition of a Nursery Coordinator to our staff.
- 4) To better equip our Sunday School and WNL classes for the video curriculum that they consistently use, we hope to replace the televisions in the Faith Builders and En Gedi Sunday School classroom. We will also look at replacing the television in the resource library/Confirmation Class. This is also the class where our Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday nights.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP: Diane Huss & Kathy Harms**INFORMATION**

- 1) Our committee met on Sunday, August 29, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. Those present: Barbara Manaker, Art Bumgardner, Marilyn Muckenfuss, Elisha Clyburn, Jan Pesavento, Nancy Brownell, Gayle Bustraan, Alice Ector, Martha Roberts, Earl Bland, Diane Huss, and Kathy Harms. We opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2) We discussed JIPC's Wedding Policy, and we agreed to ask that a copy of our current policy be sent from the office to our committee members.
- 3) We discussed Earl's pending absence for study leave on the week of October 4, including Sunday, the 10th, and learned that Harry Hill was amenable to be our guest minister that day. We agreed that in the future, we would offer Cameron Smith the opportunity to preach in Earl's absence; we will get Earl a list of the Presbytery's approved supply ministers in case Cameron is not available.
- 4) We discussed our baptism policy. Earl reported that a non-member had requested to have her child baptized and the committee agreed that once this person joined the church, they would recommend approval of this baptism.
 - a. We asked Earl if he would begin welcoming the congregation to our worship services, before Henry or Cameron begin the announcements. We also discussed the importance of starting the formal part of worship on time, aiming to have the prelude begin promptly at 8:30 or 11:00 am, as appropriate. We will reiterate the importance to our guest musicians the importance of keeping on time.
- 5) We continued our general discussion of Worship Renewal for 2011. Earl has proposed a partnership with John's Island and Rockville Presbyterian Churches with a different format than our previous worship renewal weekends, but with the same goal of leading our congregation through a renewal process as part of our Lenten observance.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2) **To approve the selection of Harry Hill to preach October 10 during Earl's absence.**
- 3) **To approve the baptisms of 1) Owen Farr, born November 1, 2009, son of Megan and Lionel Farr, on November 14, 2010, 8:30 am; and 2) William Cullum, born March 17, 2010, son of Heather and Sam Cullum on November 14, 2010 at 11am.**
- 4) **To approve the following baptisms contingent upon the membership of one or both parents: 1) Sadie Stafford, born February 24, 2006, daughter of Meredith and Monty Stafford, on October 24, 2010 during the 11am service. 2) The unborn child of Rachael and Tony Sylvester, due October 5, 2010. The baptism is scheduled for November 21, 2010 during the 8:30am service.**
- 5) **To approve the revised September 2010 wedding policy. (attached at the end of the docket).**

MEMBERSHIP: Allie Oswald & Julie Radabaugh
INFORMATION

- 1) There are 8 people in the current New Members Class scheduled to join next Sunday, September 26th during the 11am service.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) ***To place Holly Boyd on the inactive list per her request. She has transferred to Bethany United Methodist Church in Summerville.***

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Cheryl Stepka-Tracey
INFORMATION

- 1) Sue and Cheryl met this month regarding member needs for follow up, cards, visits phone calls and then contacted 8 different families either by phone call, visit or meal delivery.
- 2) Cheryl is coordinating the *ad hoc* Congregational Care leaders/Deacons.
- 3) We met with the *Ad hoc* group this past month.
- 4) We are working closely with Cheryl & Mitch McCullers, putting together a group from Church to assist them in meeting their needs for help and food.
- 5) Dolly Girls met this past month and signed member birthday cards

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) ***To approve permission requested by Hospice of Charleston to give an informational night to JIPC members in October, 2010.***

YOUTH: Charlie Tyrrell & Mark Frye

INFORMATION

- 1) The Youth Staff and Elders met to evaluate the summer semester and plan the fall semester.
- 2) Special thanks to the Foundation and Session for allowing the Youth the use of the large room upstairs in the Christian Education building. To implement the move, the rooms will be reassigned as follows: The Faith Builder Sunday School Class will move to the Mid High room. The Mid High Sunday School Class will move to the Senior High room. The Senior High Sunday School Class will move to the Faith Builders room.
- 3) We discussed long-term plans for Mid and Senior High retreats. We are in the process of collecting possible destinations for a Senior High Winter Mission Trip for Martin Luther King weekend. We hope to rotate this trip with the Ski Trip and Faith in 3D every three years. We also discussed plans for summer retreats and spring. More information will follow when specific dates and destinations have been selected.
- 4) The Youth Banquet and Silent Auction has been moved to Saturday, November 20th in the gym. We are gearing up to receive items for bid and get ready for a great event! If you would like to make a donation, please contact Allison Williams.
- 5) Youth Council will meet on Wednesday, November 3rd to plan activities for the spring and summer.

MISSION & OUTREACH: Wendy Boswell & Brad Smith
INFORMATION

- 1) The next volunteer opportunity at the Charleston Family Shelter is Monday, October 18; and with the Ronald McDonald House on Monday, October 25.
- 2) Representatives from St. James, Harbor View and James Island Presbyterian churches recently met to evaluate the 'Hands of Christ' distribution on James Island. Recommendations from this group will be presented to the H of C steering committee to consider while planning next year's distribution. The H of C steering committee will meet October 6 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- 3) The Meals-on-Wheels ministry continues to operate Monday-Friday from the JI Presbyterian Church serving 18 home-bound persons on James Island.
- 4) Our annual Mission Fair will be held Wednesday, October 27th.
- 5) Walt Ector shared some information with the committee regarding a women's micro-financing project operating in Haiti. This non-profit, Haitian project will be the recipient of the special offering to be received during the September 29th joint concert with choirs of John Wesley and James Island Presbyterian.
- 6) Henry & John Pritchett attended the recent 'Charity Tracker' training. This web-based program is used by many non-profit organizations and churches to document services and financial support provided to clients, individuals and families in need.

- 7) The M&O committee provided dinner for the JIC High School football team, coaches & volunteers on Friday, September 17. This pre-game dinner (served at 3:30 pm) is an effort by JIC High School to help connect local churches and high school athletes.
- 8) The James Island Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 21st, 7 PM, at James Island Baptist Church. Our choir will participate in this annual joint worship service. The special offering will be designated for James Island Outreach.
- 9) The M&O committee will host a luncheon for pastors/leaders of the Presbyterian churches of John's Island, James Island, Wadmalaw Island and Edisto Island on Monday, October 4. The speaker will be Katie Griffin, a visiting missionary of the PC(USA) serving in Argentina.
- 10) The expansion of James Island Outreach services to Saturdays will begin in October.
- 11) The committee started the process of reviewing the 2010 budget in preparation for developing a proposed 2011 budget.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Gary Brown & Paul Pennington
INFORMATION

- 1) Shrubs and hedges throughout the campus were recently trimmed.
- 2) Tile floors in the Education Building were stripped and waxed (via floor maintenance contract) two weeks ago. Some portions of the floors will be re-waxed within the next couple of weeks.
- 3) A soil erosion problem, adjacent to the steps leading to the café, was corrected by adding some slate tiles and redirecting water drainage.
- 4) Proposals for contacted janitorial services continue to be received during the next month and will be used for comparative purposes with our existing service contract.
- 5) A window (broken seal) on the second floor of the education building and been ordered and will be replaced within the next two weeks.
- 6) Evening janitors were replaced by the current cleaning contractor (Cleaning Solutions) two weeks ago.
- 7) A light/fan unit in one of the restrooms was recently replaced.
- 8) Fox Music worked on the sanctuary audio system last week.
- 9) The committee reviewed the level of expenditures against budgeted line items for the period of January-July in preparation for developing a proposed budget for 2011.
- 10) Depressions in portions of the parking lot asphalt will be corrected later this month.
- 11) The Cemetery Committee (subcommittee of B&G) is in the process of reviewing cemetery policies and procedures.

FINANCE: Harold Noland & Stephanie Pritchett
INFORMATION

- 1) We met Thursday, September 16th. Beth Parler, Earl Bland, Stephanie Pritchett, Harold Noland and Shannon Taylor were in attendance.
- 2) We reviewed the August 2010 financial statement and discussed our reserve account.
- 3) We reviewed the Financial Control Policies of JIPC and continue to strengthen the policies.
- 4) We reviewed the content inventory of our campus for insurance purposes.
- 5) We were given a Stewardship report by Dr. Bland concerning our upcoming stewardship season.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) *To establish a banking relationship with the Bank of South Carolina and authorization to open FDIC-insured savings instruments for any amount exceeding \$75,000 in available funds.***

STEWARDSHIP: Dr. Earl Bland
INFORMATION

- 1) Stewardship Committee met September 9 and September 20. Those on the steering committee: Amanda Smith, chair; Stephanie Pritchett, Jackie Laro, Sandra Haile, Allison Williamson, & Earl Bland. We next meet on Monday, September 27, 6 pm.
- 2) Stewardship Campaign is a campaign of hope with the title being "Hope Worth Giving." The scripture is Colossians 1:27b (Christ in you, the hope of glory).
- 3) We will have a kickoff luncheon on October 17th followed by stewardship sermons for four weeks. Dedication Sunday is November 14th along with a celebratory luncheon.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) **To increase the Finance/Stewardship budget from \$250 to \$1000. We ask that the funds (\$750) be transferred from the Banking Fee designated account.**

PERSONNEL: Jeannette Wilson & Julie Erickson

INFORMATION

- 1) Members present: Jeannette Wilson, Julie Erickson, Terri Myers, Skip Norris, Helen Sanders, and Tom Scruggs. Dr. Earl Bland was also present. The meeting was opened with prayer.
- 2) Barbara Manaker, Director of Music, met with the committee for her annual report.
- 3) Earl provided an update on Al. Earl and Henry met with Al in late August to again address specific deficiencies in cleaning and failure to turn in daily task sheets (unrelated to Al's current medical restrictions). Then, Earl met with Al again to reiterate concerns regarding his performance. A follow-up letter detailing these discussions will be sent to Al. On September 16 we expect to hear if Al will be released by his doctor to resume full duties.
- 4) Cameron has received applications for the Nursery Coordinator position and hopefully a recommendation will be forthcoming soon.
- 5) The committee agreed to schedule a special meeting for continued review of the handbook. September 28 was mentioned as a possible date, but Jeannette will send out a meeting notice.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) **To approve the hiring of Kim Anderson as Nursery Coordinator.**

CHILD PROTECTION: Skip Norris

INFORMATION**INQUIRER/CANDIDATE LIAISONS:**

- 1) **Taryn Weatherholtz (Tricia Thelen):**
- 2) **Julie Erickson (Cameron Smith):** I have now completed one class over half of my studies! I am now in full swing of the fall semester. This semester, I am studying Systematic Theology 3 and PC(USA) Polity. I hope to submit my application for Clinical Pastoral Education soon so that I can work on my long-term plan. Thank you for all of your support as I seek to answer God's call.
- 3) **Billy McCord (Noah Kennedy):** (A) Noah completed his full time summer coursework of Biblical Hebrew language on September 3; since this time he has visited family in Alabama and travelled internationally, which included an enriching time in Scotland (the birth place of Presbyterianism). (B) Noah begins his fall semester on September 20. His courses this semester: 1) Intro. to Hebrew Exegesis, 2) Old Testament, 3) Theological Reflection on the Practice of Ministry, 4) Word and Act: Sacraments, Funerals, Weddings. On September 26 he shall begin field education work (an internship) with The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City.
- 4) **Henry Meeuwse:**

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

- 1) Committee members: J. Gamble, J. Clees, S. Taylor, J. Wilson, J. Erickson, J. Belbusti, B. McCord, C. Tyrrell, T. Weatherholtz, P. Pennington
- 2) Proposed Slate of Nominees
 - a. Session: Rena Bumgardner, James Meek, Amanda McKendrick, John Gamble, Bowen Baxter, Elizabeth Young, Charles Taylor.
 - b. Trustees: Bonham Wilson, Nancy Tassin, Marilyn Stark, Walton Ector, James Weatherholtz
- 3) Formal Elections will be held at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 26, toward the end of the 11:00 am worship service. We encourage all elders to be there, particularly those who had served on the Nominating Committee.
- 4) Ordination & Installation will be held in January, 2011. Outgoing elders will be active until the incoming elders are installed.

NEW BUSINESS**ADJOURN**

YOUR WEDDING AT JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wedding Policy

September 2010

WEDDING DIRECTOR

Our Church provides the wedding director for your convenience. All weddings in our church must be supervised by our wedding director. Any wedding that includes attendants requires a wedding director. The director's purpose is to provide, along with the minister, a meaningful and joyous wedding experience for you. The director will oversee your rehearsal and wedding in our church. After your wedding is scheduled, she will arrange a meeting with you to begin to plan your wedding and she will then be available to answer any questions you may have concerning the use of our church or the wedding ceremony. You are welcome to engage a wedding coordinator for your rehearsal dinner and reception, but understand that private coordinators are not responsible for the direction of your wedding ceremony. The wedding director will open the church 2 hours prior to the beginning of the service. If you need to be on campus earlier, special arrangements will need to be made.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

A significant aspect of preparation for your wedding is counseling. Couples married in our church should be in contact with the minister TWO MONTHS before your wedding date to schedule your counseling sessions. A minimum of three counseling sessions is necessary. If you and your spouse are currently involved in counseling, the three sessions may be waived upon request.

The sessions are confidential and are to help you explore ways to establish a sound marriage. During sessions, you will discuss such things as how you and your future spouse will cooperate in the areas of finance, faith, family, role expectations as husband and wife, how each of you handles anger, how each hopes to support a caring, warm intimate relationship, sexual roles in the marriage and any other particular areas that you may wish to examine together.

LICENSE

It is recommended that the marriage license be obtained at least one month prior to your wedding. Bring your marriage license to the church office at least one week before the wedding so that our secretary and minister may fill it out.

REHEARSAL

To assure a smooth wedding service, a rehearsal is required. The best time for the rehearsal is the evening before the wedding. Allow approximately 30-45 minutes for the rehearsal. If organ or piano music is to be provided for the wedding, the organist or pianist, along with others in the wedding party should be present.

Our church is delighted you have chosen to use our facilities for your wedding. Since the Christian marriage ceremony is a service of worship of God, it is very appropriate to conduct it within God's house. Marriage is one of the most momentous occasions in anyone's life. It should be special. We want to help make your wedding a beautiful and meaningful occasion.

In the human sphere, marriage is a civil contract between a man, a woman and the state. When the marriage is performed in the church, however, it takes on added meaning. Therefore, the proclamation of the Gospel and promise of reconciliation in Jesus Christ is important in the blessing of a marriage. As the man and woman respond affirmatively to this proclamation, their marriage is consecrated in the name of the Lord, whether it be a first marriage, a marriage after the death of a spouse, or a marriage after divorce.

God created marriage for the welfare of humankind. He ordained that men and women should enter together into marriage, pledging their love and promising fidelity each to the other as long as they both shall live. Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed the marriage relationship and the church has declared it a holy event. Those who pledge themselves to each other in the sight of God are promised God's guidance as they enter into the joys and struggles of life together.

SETTING YOUR WEDDING DATE

In order to reserve the date for your wedding, a \$500 deposit is required. This deposit will be applied toward fees for the minister, wedding director and sexton. Any remaining fees, including flowers and music fees must be paid through the church office one week prior to the rehearsal. Once you have made the deposit, you need to contact the minister to schedule premarital counseling. If you would like an additional minister to assist in the wedding, this is acceptable. Please understand that we have instructed our minister to coordinate all weddings in our church. No wedding will be scheduled before the youth musical (usually in May) and during Holy Week.

THE WEDDING DAY

The wedding director will open church 2 hours prior to the beginning of the service. If you need to be on campus earlier, special arrangements will need to be made. The choir room is available for the women in the wedding in which to get dressed. The groom and the groomsmen will be dressing in the office area. We asked that all the rooms be tidied 30 minutes prior to the service so the wedding party will be free to leave after the pictures are taken.

WEDDING RECEPTION

The Fellowship Hall is an appropriate and convenient place for a wedding reception. If you plan to use it, please let the church office know well in advance so that the date may be cleared and Session approval can be obtained. The wedding director will make arrangements for the hall to be cleaned and restored to the condition in which it was found. The fees described later cover only the cleaning of the floor and the necessary arrangement of the furniture. Please refer to general guidelines for other information. All fees for the caterer are to be negotiated directly with the caterer.

We have a professional kitchen for use at wedding receptions. Our church also has a licensed caterer on staff and ask that you use her if possible. If an outside caterer is used, that person will need to be licensed, bonded and approved by the wedding director. If a member of your family or a friend will be doing the catering, then an approved church member will need to be hired to oversee the use of the kitchen.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in any of the church buildings at any time. For reasons of cleaning and safety neither rice nor confetti is to be used in or outside the church buildings.

MUSIC

The organist or pianist should be consulted by the bride or groom well in advance of the intended wedding date. He or she should know what music the bride would like to have played and when in the ceremony they are to be used. Because this is a worship service, music that is traditionally used in worship services is preferred and anything else will need to be approved. If a soloist is desired, the organist or wedding director will be able to furnish names of singers. Should the family desire a particular soloist, arrangements can be made with the organist for adequate rehearsal time. The music should begin 15 to 30 minutes before the announced time for the wedding. All music and musicians must be approved by our wedding director. A list of approved musicians and phone numbers are available from the church office. All fees for musicians are to be negotiated with the individual musicians.

2010 SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

January: Jeannette Wilson
 February: Joe Belbusti
 March: Julie Radabaugh
 April: Wendy Boswell
 May: Charlie Tyrrell
 June: Diane Huss

July: Mark Frye
 August: Stephanie Pritchett
 September: Gary Brown
October: Sue Urie
 November: Brad Smith
 December: Kathy Harms

ROTATION OF ELDER/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS TO THE PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

1.) Finance	Fall'10	October 2nd – Barnwell (Noland/Pritchett)
2.) Membership	Adjourned	November (Radabaugh/Oswald)
3.) Mission & Outreach	Winter'11	February 19 th – First Scotts (Boswell/Smith)
4.) Personnel	Spring'11	May (Meek/Bumgardner)
5.) Worship	Fall'11	October (Huss/Harms)
6.) Youth	Winter'12	February (Baxter/Frye)

- If there are special (adjourned) meetings called, the rotation will move up as needed.
- If elders cannot attend a meeting as scheduled, please arrange for a trade or substitute, then notify the clerk or moderator accordingly.
- Specific dates and locations will be posted as received.

JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2010

Joe Belbusti – 1st term
Julie Erickson – 1st term
Billy McCord – 2nd term
Paul Pennington – 2nd term
 Julie Radabaugh 1st term
Taryn Weatherholtz- 2nd term
Jeannette Wilson – 1st term

Class of 2011

Wendy Boswell (2)
 Sue Urie (1)
 Diane Huss (1)
 Sherry Huber (2)
 Allie Oswald (2)
Charlie Tyrrell (2)
 (Bowen Baxter)
 Mark Frye (1)

Class of 2012

Harold Noland (2)
 Skip Norris, Clerk (2)
 Cheryl Stepka-Tracey (2)
 Kathy Harms (1)
 Brad Smith (1)
 Stephanie Pritchett (1)
 Gary Brown (1)

Proposed Class of 2013

Liz Young (1)
 Charles Taylor (1)
 Rena Bumgardner (1)
 James Meek (1)
 Amanda McKendrick (1)
 Johnny Gamble (1)
 Julie Radabaugh (2)

Proposed Trustees

Nancy Tassin
 Walt Ector
 Marilyn Stark
 James Weatherholtz
 Bonham Wilson

Additional RECOMMENDATION from Finance committee to Session, September 21, 2010

Below is a content inventory form prepared by church staff over the last several weeks. We ask the Session to endorse this inventory for insurance purposes.

Points of consideration:

- The general content values are considered part of our building value in determining our deductible in the case of a named storm.
 - a. Currently, our contents are insured at \$1,410,000 based on informal inventories and estimates over the years that were raised automatically by our previous insurance carrier.
 - i. Based on a 5% deductible in a named storm, the adjustment would affect our deductible by \$51,768 ($\$1,410,000 - \$374,734 = \$1,035,366$; $\$1,035,366 * .05 = \$51,768$ –or– current contents deductible in case of named storm \$70,500; revised contents deductible in case of named storm \$18,736)
- The inland marine items have no special deductible in the case of named storms.
- The pews are considered part of the building since they are bolted to the floor.
- Our insurance coverage includes a 25% underinsured value clause in the case any of the items have been undervalued.

<u>Room</u>	<u>General Contents</u>	<u>Inland Marine</u>	<u>Bldg Coverage</u>
Administrator Office	\$ 5,000.00		
Associate in Ministry Office	\$ 15,905.00		
Café	\$ 4,500.00		
Childcare Rooms in Fellowship Hall	\$ 9,000.00		
Choir Room	\$ 32,414.00		
Christian Education Building - 1st floor	\$ 28,000.00		
Christian Education Building - 2nd floor	\$ 15,000.00		
Director of Christian Ed Office	\$ 3,100.00		
Flower Guild & Employee Break Room	\$ 5,000.00		
Front Office	\$ 4,000.00		
Handbells		\$ 19,000.00	
Hymnal Pew	\$ 4,000.00		
Kitchen Equipment	\$ 55,000.00		
Library	\$ 8,500.00		
McAllister Closet	\$ 500.00		
Mechanical Room	\$ 3,000.00		
Mission House	\$ 15,000.00		
Music Office	\$ 7,915.00	\$ 100,000.00	
NRSV Pew Bibles	\$ 2,200.00		
Nurseries	\$ 2,000.00		
Organ & Sound System & Baby Grand		\$ 162,000.00	
Pastoral Counseling Center	\$ 12,000.00		
Pastoral Counseling Center - garage/shed	\$ 5,500.00		
Pastor's Office	\$ 20,000.00		
Sanctuary Pews			\$ 43,000.00
Shed/Parking Lot, Ft Johnson	\$ 2,000.00		
Sing the Faith Hymnals	\$ 2,200.00		
Stain Glass Windows		\$ 98,000.00	
Storage Room (Gym)	\$ 7,000.00		
Storage Room (Kitchen)	\$ 18,000.00		
Thrift Store	\$ 50,000.00		
Workhall	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Youth Minister Office	\$ 3,000.00		
TOTAL	\$ 374,734.00	\$ 387,000.00	\$ 43,000.00