

MINUTES FOR
Savannah Presbytery
Special Called Meeting
July 31, 2012



Christ Presbyterian Church

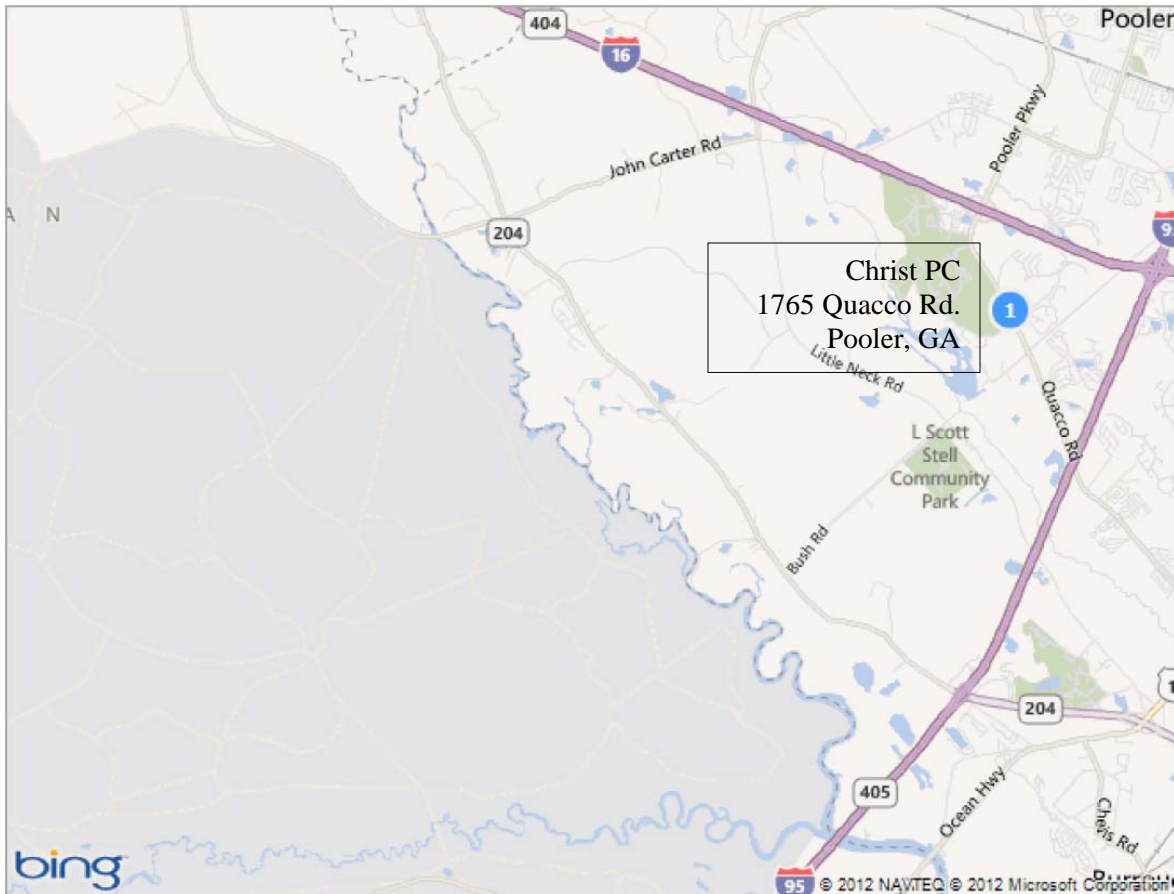


Savannah Presbytery

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM	Registration Began
11:00 AM	Meeting Called to Order
12:05 PM	Meeting Adjourned/Lunch





Directions to Christ Presbyterian Church 1765 Quacco Rd., Pooler, GA 31322

From the South

1. Take I-95 North to Exit 99W towards Macon (I-16W).
2. Take Exit 155 (Savannah/Hilton Head/Pooler International Airport, turning left onto Pooler Parkway. Continue onto Quacco Rd. Church is on the left about 1.5 miles from highway.

From I-16 Traveling East:

1. Take I-16 East to Exit 155. Turn right onto Pooler Parkway
2. Continue onto Quacco Rd. Church is on the left about 1.5 miles from highway.

From Savannah:

1. Take I-16 West to Exit 155. Turn left onto Pooler Parkway. Continue onto Quacco Rd. Church is on the left about 1.5 miles from highway.

Called Meeting Notes and Announcements:

- ✓ **Handbook:** *Please bring your handbook with you to the meeting.* Take time to familiarize yourself with the contents of this handbook. Please read all material carefully prior to coming to the meeting. Handbooks are posted online two weeks before each presbytery meeting. In order to be good stewards of the presbytery's resources, we ask that each church print out copies for the pastor, clerk, and Elder Commissioner. **PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR ELDER COMMISSIONER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE A COPY OF THIS HANDBOOK.** If they do not, you can get a copy from the presbytery office, or download it from the website.
- ✓ **Excuses:** If a Minister or Elder Commissioner cannot attend the meeting, a written request for excuse is required. You can email it to home@savannahpresbytery.org or mail it to Savannah Presbytery, 3590 Darien Highway, Suite 8, Brunswick, GA 31525.
- ✓ **Registration & Lunch:** Registration began at 10:00 AM. Lunch was held after the brief meeting at a cost of \$10 at Cary Hilliard's in Pooler..
- ✓ **Meeting Location:** Christ Presbyterian Church, 1765 Quacco Rd. Pooler, GA 31322

DOCKET
605th SESSION OF SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Tuesday, July 31, 2012

We are called by God to this Time and Place. We gather in Worship to praise God for all we are and are to be. We seek to honor God in the work we do this day, for all moments are holy as we seek God's will for God's Church. We welcome all to this gathering and seek to fellowship together as we celebrate the gift of all life and of our individual lives by God's grace. May you find today that you have been blessed through the ordinary as well as in the extraordinary, for we are standing, in all our days, on Holy Ground!

10:00 AM Registration

11:00 AM Call to Order – Ruling Elder Paul Scott, Moderator
Opening Worship

11:30 AM Welcome and Introductions
Determination of Quorum
Appointment of Standing Committees
Introduction and Welcoming of first time Elder Attendees & Visitors

Organization of the Docket & Meeting
Presentation of the Docket, Handbook
Adoption of the Docket

11:45 AM Order of the Day: Report of Savannah Presbytery Council
Rev. Andy Meeker, Moderator

Committee on Resolution & Thanks

Benediction & Adjournment for Lunch

The next Presbytery Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 23, 2012
at Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA

Savannah Presbytery Commissioners – Tuesday, July 31 Called Meeting

Church	Active Minister Commissioners Serving Churches	Elder Commissioner(s)
Allenhurst	Ben Beasley	Charles Rogers (Excused)
Altama	Bert Cramer	Tom Allen
Blackshear	*Ainars Berzinch, Stated Supply (Excused)	
Brunswick Second	**Benjamin Holmes, CRE	
Butler Memorial	Don Dilley, Interim Pastor, (Excused)	Al Mullice
Christ	Kenneth McKenzie, Stated Supply	Kay Jensen
English Eddy	VACANT	
Faith	Mary Beene, Stated Supply	Betsy DeQueljoe
First, Brunswick	Dawn Mayes (Excused)	Jean Vernon
First, Darien	**Danny Grace, CRE (Excused)	
First, Douglas	Ed Ayers, Stated Supply (Excused)	
First, Eastman	**Anne Gibbons, CRE, (Excused)	
First, Hinesville	Kathi Parchem, Interim Pastor	David Sapp
First, Midway	VACANT	
First, Saint Marys	Rick Douylliez	Ann Barackman
First, Savannah (2)	Stephen Williams (Excused)	William Ricks
	William Shelburne, Associate Pastor	Curt Knight
First, Statesboro	Dan Lewis	Charles Webb
First, Waycross	Trip McKinnon (Excused)	Doug Black
Flemington	Greg Loskoski ((unexcused))	
Frederica	Andy Chambers	Steve Horstman
Grant Chapel	*Jimmie Sanders, Supply, (unexcused)	
Henry Memorial	W. Mark George	(Excused)
Jekyll	Grady Allison, Stated Supply	Elsie Sederholm
Jesup	Vacant	Bud Frankenthaler
Lyons	*Bobby Dixon, Supply, (unexcused)	
McGregor	*David Blalock, Supply, (unexcused)	
McRae	*Norwood Davidson, Supply, (unexcused)	
Metter	**Joe Anderson, CRE, (unexcused)	
Montgomery	Craig Pope	
Mount Vernon	VACANT	
Peabody Heights	David Muntford, (unexcused)	
Riceboro	*Janet Odegaard, Stated Supply, (unexcused)	
Richmond Hill	Greg Gillispie	(Excused)
Saint Simons	Bob Brearley, (Excused)	(Excused)
	Troy Hauser Brydon, Associate Pastor (Excused)	(Excused)
	Jann Briscoe, Parish Associate (Excused)	
Savannah Korean	Yoon Nam ((unexcused))	
Skidaway Island	VACANT	(Excused)
Swainsboro	VACANT	
Vidalia	Kevin Hicks (Excused)	
Walthourville	VACANT	
Washington Street	Ricky Porter	Lois Stroman
White Bluff	Eric Beene	Molly McCarthy
Wilmington Island	Andy Meeker	Phil Burns

* indicates a non-voting minister as Interim or Supply who is not a member of Savannah Presbytery

** indicates a Commissioned Lay Pastor whose vote counts as an Elder Commissioner, not as a Minister Commissioner

VOTING MINISTER MEMBERS

* Required to Attend Presbytery Meetings

Active Minister Members

*Members serving Validated Ministries beyond the jurisdiction of the church (G-2.0503)

Alan Barood, Exec. Director, Fraser Center,	Present
Rachel Butler, Chaplain, Memorial Hospital	Unexcused
Ozeas Silva, Swainsboro Hispanic Ministry	Unexcused
*Ken McKenzie, Egret’s Roost Respite Center	Present
Choongyun Yu	Present
George Brink	Excused
Harry Horne	Excused

Honorably Retired

Bob Allman.....	
Art Bishop.....	
Fred Boozer.....	
John Bressler	
Gil Clary	
Tom Dunlap	
Don Fehr	
Dean Jeanblanc	
Larry Kennon	
John Law	
Diane Lovin	
Wayne McDaniel	Present
Thomas Mueller	
Cecil R. Taylor.....	
Jessie Truvillion.....	
Carl Schlich.....	

*Members At Large (G-2.0503B)

Nelle Bordeaux.....	Excused
Fairy Caroland.....	Excused
Susan Lewis.....	Excused
Deanie Strength.....	Unexcused
Kent Pettit.....	Unexcused
Claire Williams	Excused

* Listed also as a pastor of church

OTHER VOTING MEMBERS

*Officers of the Presbytery

Russell Gladding, *Acting General Presbyter/Stated Clerk/Treasurer*

Presbytery Council

Paul Scott, Moderator.....	Present
* Kathi Parchem, Moderator-Elect.....	Present
* Ricky Porter, Member at Large.....	Present
* Kevin Hicks, Member at Large	Excused
Karl Branch, Member at Large.....	Present

PRESBYTERY STAFF PERSONNEL

Liz Richardson Business Administrator
 Beth Sutton..... Staff Associate – Communications

TOTALS

Voting Minister Members.....	19
Voting Elder Commissioners	17
Voting Commissioned Lay Pastors	1
Other Voting Members	3
Other Attendees & Visitors.....	10
Total	50

Called Meeting Worship

***HYMN**

To God Be the Glory

#485

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

Liturgist: With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God:

People: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?

Liturgist: He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

All: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Dearest Lord, you called us to walk with you but we chose instead to walk away from you. Even though you were always faithful and kind to us, we distrusted and doubted you. We have insisted on our own self-centered ways, our own misguided judgments, and worshiped ourselves. We confess that we have thought we are wiser than we are. We repent as individuals and as a community. Lord, trusting in your gracious mercy, we turn away from sin and renounce evil and its power in the world. We turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him alone as our Lord and Savior trusting in His grace and love. By grace and empowered by your Holy Spirit, we will be faithful disciples, obeying your Holy word and sharing your love. In Jesus' name Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

Liturgist: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: If anyone is in Christ, he becomes a new person altogether --- the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-3 and Luke 6:20-26

SERMON

The Big Picture

The Rev. Kathi Lindsey Parchem

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***HYMN**

Song of Hope

#432

***BENEDICTION (Benediction and Lunch Blessing closed the Presbytery Meeting)**

REPORT OF SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
Rev. Andy Meeker, Moderator

Recommendations:

1. The Council recommends that a Lease and Purchase Agreement be entered with Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Hinesville, Inc. for the purchase of the former Hinesville Korean Presbyterian Church property at 1010 Beatie Blvd. in Hinesville, Georgia, to be closed at the earliest convenience of all parties. The terms of the agreement are as follows:
 - A total purchase price of \$280,000 and an initial down payment of \$60,000.
 - Additional payments of \$20,000 are to be made at 12 months and 24 months.
 - The balance of \$180,000 would be due no later than 36 months after the agreement is finalized.
 - Monthly lease payments will be \$1,700 with the tenant being responsible for all utilities and insurance on the contents of the building with the presbytery being responsible for insurance on the church building and structural maintenance.

Rationale:

When the Hinesville Korean Presbyterian Church was dissolved upon the actions of Savannah Presbytery at its February 2012 meeting, the presbytery obtained ownership of the church property after a negotiated settlement. The property has an assessed value of \$335,000, but as part of the assessment we were told that with the soft real estate market in Hinesville we would have a hard time getting this full value if sold on the open market. We did receive two offers to purchase the property from groups representing former members of the Hinesville Korean Presbyterian Church. The recommended offer above was, in the opinion of the Trustees and the Council, the best offer (with the highest purchase price, the most money up front and the fewest contingencies).

The Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Hinesville, Inc. has made application to The Capital Presbytery of The Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad (KPCA) to form a congregation in Hinesville. We have received a letter from their Stated Clerk informing us that they plan on charting this congregation at their September 2012 meeting, and that in the meantime, they are willing to provide any and all congregational care to this group. The PC(USA) and the KPCA are in covenant agreement as fellow Reformed denominations.

Recommendation Approved

2. The Council recommends that the current mortgage of approximately \$154,000 on the former Hinesville Korean Presbyterian Church property at 1010 Beatie Blvd. be refinanced. This would involve paying off the mortgage held by the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) using Savannah Presbytery funds currently invested in New Covenant Mutual Funds of the Presbyterian Foundation. This new loan, in essence self-financed, would be based on a 15-year amortization schedule at 6% interest. Payments would be approximately \$1,350/month and would come out of the above lease payments.

Rationale:

In essence, if this is approved, the Presbytery would be making a short-term loan to itself for the next three years as the “Lease to Own” agreement in Recommendation 1 is being executed. Monthly payments would decrease from approximately \$2,400 to \$1,350, and we would be paying ourselves rather than PILP.

Recommendation Approved

Information on other Council actions:

1. Council approved the sale of a 2010 Toyota Camry SE (that came to the presbytery when the Hinesville Korean Presbyterian Church was dissolved) to Russell Gladding for \$14,000. The terms of the deal were \$2,000 down and 48 monthly payments of \$250. The car title was transferred to Russell with the Presbytery as first lien holder. As purchaser, Russell is responsible for all taxes, insurance and maintenance.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS
Rev. Wayne McDaniel**

Whereas the minister, session, and congregation of Christ Church prepared for the Presbytery in wonderful fashion;

And

Whereas we were all blessed through worship and challenged by the Reverend Kathi Parchem;

And

Whereas the Acting General Presbyter and staff organized for the meeting so well;

And

Whereas the Council worked so diligently in working out the details of one business;

And

Whereas our moderator conducted the business with grace and efficiency, and conducted the briefest presbytery meeting on record.

Be it resolved that the minutes of the special called meeting of the Savannah Presbytery held on this 31st day of July 2012, reflect our deep appreciation for a job well done.

**BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT
The Rev. Kathi Lindsey Parchem**

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