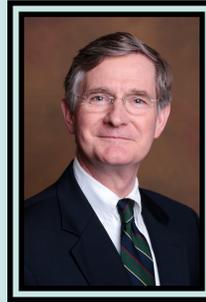


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Lant's Lines

A MESSAGE FROM
OUR PASTOR



[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. John 15:1-2 (NRSV).

Amanda and I just returned from a trip to California, where we participated in the annual gathering of the presidents and board chairs of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminaries. As the hosts, the administration of San Francisco Theological Seminary planned some good meetings and also some good meals and entertainment, as is typical of these gatherings, where the host seminary shows off some of the better features of their location. One afternoon our group boarded a small bus and traveled to the in the Napa Valley—the Flora Springs Winery (www.florasprings.com) –for a tour and some tasting. One of the owners of the winery was a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, so we received special treatment, including going into the vineyard and seeing how the vines, after the harvest, were pruned for the next season’s growth. I was fascinated to learn that pruning is a real art—one of the most skilled jobs in the entire production process. Each vine is pruned individually to take into account the soil type, the exposure to sunlight, the amount of moisture in the ground, and many other factors. For example, the pruner can control where the leaves will grow when they begin to sprout in the spring, putting them on the shady side or sunny side of the vine, as conditions dictate.

I’ll always think of that trip to the vineyard when I read the passage above from John’s Gospel. What an encouragement—that over time God prunes away from us any part that is not bearing fruit for the Kingdom/Realm of God. Even the parts of us that are bearing fruit, God also prunes in order that we will bear more fruit. As I witnessed the work of the California pruner, I saw his care and love in every cut of the shears. It was not a violent action—more akin to a grooming of the vine (the Bible often speaks of “vine-dressers”). It does me good to know that God has a plan for my life and that I’m constantly being pruned so that I will conform to that plan.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on Valentine’s Day—February 14. We’ll have our normal Wednesday meal at the church and then go to the sanctuary for a service that will include the option of receiving the mark of the ashes. Over the course of Lent, maybe we can consider if there are any parts of us that are not bearing fruit and need to be pruned or (perhaps more likely, given the helpfulness and generosity of this congregation) that already are bearing fruit and that could be even more bountiful under God’s loving care.

Staff

Pastor
Rev. Lant B. Davis

Director of Music
Dewin Tibbs

Organist
Gary Smoke

Youth Director
Emily Frandsen

Administrative Assistant
Sally Gregson

Director of Preschool
Mary Liz Ingram

Financial Assistant
Bernie Gregson

Boy Scout Troop 320
Scoutmaster: Frank Tynes

Cub Scout Pack 320
Cubmaster: Dave Caskey

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February 7, 21, 28: Wednesday Nights at MBPC

4:30 pm Toy/bike riding and fellowship

5:00 pm Hand bell Choir

5:30 pm Grace Notes Choir

5:30 pm Lectionary Light Bible Group

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Finding Our Way around the Bible

7:00 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 11: MBPC Annual Meeting

after 11 o'clock worship in the sanctuary

February 14: Ash Wednesday

5:00 pm Hand bell Choir

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary

February 25: Scout Sunday

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Calling All Liturgists!

Please visit our website at

www.mbpcusa.org

and click on the button on our home page to go to our signup genius and sign up to be a reader.

If you have any questions, contact Sally Gregson in our church office.

Thank you for volunteering!



MBPC Calendar, MBPC Preschool, Holidays in United States

Feb 2018 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study 1pm - Carlos 6:30pm - FH: Step	Van Reservations (Youth) 8am - Body Works 4pm - FH: Step Sing 10am - FH: Step	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Van Reservations (Youth) 9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 6pm - Cub Scouts in	8am - Body Works 6:30pm - FH: Step	8am - Body Works 9:15am - Lectionary 10am - Property 12pm - Property & 1pm - Worship Staff 6:30pm - Christian	Donuts for Dad 4:30pm - Programs 5pm - Hand Bell 6pm - Dinner 7:30pm - Chancel	deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study	PCUSA church 8am - Body Works	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Boy Scouts in 9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 12pm - Annual 12pm - Finance 3:30pm - PneuMatri 5pm - Session	Boy Scouts Repairing Van 8am - Body Works	8am - Body Works 9:15am - Lectionary 1pm - Worship Staff	ASH WEDNESDAY Valentine's Day Valentine's Day 4:30pm - Programs 5pm - Hand Bell 6pm - Dinner 7pm - Ash	deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study	No School 8am - Body Works	3pm - wedding
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship	President's Day - No Presidents' Day 8am - Body Works	8am - Body Works 9am - Prayer Team 9:15am - Lectionary 1pm - Worship Staff	4:30pm - Programs 5pm - Hand Bell 6pm - Dinner 7:30pm - Chancel	deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study	8am - Body Works	
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship--	Dr. Seuss Week 8am - Body Works	8am - Body Works 9:15am - Lectionary 11am - Worship 1pm - Worship Staff	4:30pm - Programs 5pm - Hand Bell 6pm - Dinner 7:30pm - Chancel			

THE PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS & LAPSLEY PRESENTS

THE MAIN EVENT

Leadership Training & Development



February 23-24, 2018
First Presbyterian Church
900 Greensboro Ave
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

OUR CHURCH'S CONTACT:

<http://pslpcusa.org/main-event>



Youth News with Emily Frandsen

Our Martin Luther King service project was a huge success. This is a picture of our group after the event. We went to Boutwell Auditorium to serve lunch to over 200 people who are experiencing homelessness or hunger in our community. It was a joy to see such a loving, caring group of young people take care of others for a few hours. I am looking forward to this weekend (February 2nd-4th) when our youth will join other youth from around the Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery at Living River to learn and grow deeper in their faith. The dates for Montreat Middle in Maryville, TN (July 18-22) and the High School Montreat in Montreat, NC (July 7-14) are fast approaching. Be sure to reply to this email if you are interested in registering or would like more information about any of these incredible opportunities to grow closer to God.

Pray without ceasing, Emily

Please see below for our February calendar.

BYG (Sunday night youth group) will meet at Shades Valley Presbyterian Church on February 11th and we will move to First Presbyterian Church (downtown) beginning February 18th.

February 2nd - 4th: Presbytery Youth Retreat @ Living River

no mid-high/high school Sunday School or Sunday Night Youth Group (BYG)

February 7th: 6:00-7:45pm - Wednesday night youth group

February 11th: 9:30-10:30am - Mid-high & High School Sunday School Class
5:00-7:00pm BYG @ Shades Valley Presbyterian Church

February 14th: Dinner(6:00) and Ash Wednesday Service (7:00) at MBPC

February 18th: 9:30-10:30am - Mid-high & High School Sunday School Class
5:00-7:00pm - BYG @ First Presbyterian Church

February 21st: 6:00-7:45pm - Wednesday night youth group

February 25th: 9:30-10:30am - Mid-high & High School Sunday School Class
5:00-7:00pm - BYG @ First Presbyterian Church

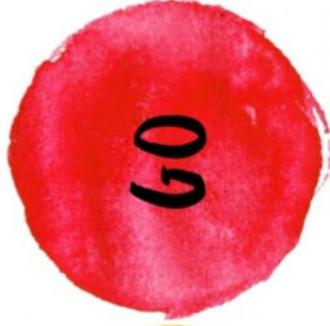
February 28th: 6:00-7:45 - Wednesday night youth group



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR

SUMMER FUN!

EARLY RATE \$08
PER WEEK DUE
BY APRIL 13TH!



MBPC PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN 2018

Open to ages 3 months to completed 2nd grade

8 weeks, 9:00-1:00 with Sunshine Bunch (8:00-9:00) & Wee Play (1:00-2:15) offered

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.MBPCPRESCHOOL.COM TO REGISTER ONLINE!

Preschool & church family registration opens Feb. 22nd @ 6am

Open Registration: March 1 @ 6am

Registration is by the week

From our racing feet to rockets in space, we will run, jump, climb and fly our way through another great Summer Fun! Join us this summer as we race our way around the world, from the sea to the sky to the land in between. We will get our bodies moving, our minds growing and our hands creating with games, crafts, science experiments and more.

SUMMER FUN DATES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
June	4	5	6	7
June	11	12	13	14
June	18	19	20	21
June	25	26	27	28
July	9	10	11	12
July	16	17	18	19
July	23	24	25	26
July	30	31	Aug 1	Aug 2

RACE RULES AND PROCEDURES

- **Before** April 13th, \$20 per day + \$35 Supply Fee
- **After** April 13th, \$25 per day + \$35 Supply Fee
- 1st 1/2 or full payment due with registration; 2nd 1/2 due by June 22nd
- Checks payable to MBPC Preschool, or pay via PayPal on our website (please add 4% service fee to total when paying with PayPal)
- MBPC must have a current Immunization Card on file
- We are unable to provide make-up days due to absences or inclement weather closings
- We are unable to swap days, but you may add days if available

MBPC Preschool

2018-2019 Calendar

August 23:	Open House
August 27:	1 st day of school
September 3:	Labor Day, no school
September 27:	Fall Fundraiser
October 5 & 8:	Prof. Dev. & Columbus Day, no school
October 31:	Halloween Parade & parties
November 12:	Veterans Day, no school
November 21-23:	Thanksgiving Holiday, no school
November 27:	Conference forms go home
November 27 & 28:	Conferences (3s, 4s, 5K)
December 12:	Christmas Program 12:00
December 14:	Last Day
December 17-January 4:	Christmas holidays, no school
December 17 & 18:	Holly Jolly Days
January 7:	1 st day back
January 11:	In-house registration due
January 14:	Open registration begins
January 21:	MLK holiday, no school
February 12:	Donuts for Dad
February 14:	Valentine's Parties
February 15 & 18:	Off Day & President's Day, no school
February 25-March 1:	Dr. Seuss Week
March 1:	Summer Fun Registration begins
March 11-15:	Teacher Appreciation Week
March 25-29:	Spring Break
April 10:	Spring conference forms sent home
April 17:	Spring conference forms due
April 19:	Good Friday, no school
May 1:	Muffins for Mom
May 15:	Graduation
May 16:	Field Day for 4s/5K & last day of school

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley



Registration for **summer camp 2018 at Living River** is now open! Don't miss out on a summer of fun, growth, spirituality and community. This summer we are introducing some new concepts to our camping programs including; new camps, longer camps, new volunteer positions and new activities! This summer everyone at Living River will be able to experience a loving, intergenerational Christian community. Registering someone for camp is also an excellent Christmas gift! It is truly the gift that will help children and youth develop some lifelong friendships and some of the most important skills they need in every part of their lives.

Living River is also looking for **new volunteers** who would like to have an impact on the lives of campers. This summer we are introducing two new positions to anyone who is capable and interested. The first position is that of Camp Healthcare Provider. This position is crucial to keeping all of our participant's safe and healthy while at camp. To qualify for this volunteer position you must be a paramedic, nurse or doctor that has all of the necessary, and up to date, certifications or degrees. The second position is just as important for the campers well being, the Camper Advocate. The Camper Advocate is just that, and advocate for the campers. They are an adult on site that is there for the campers when they need it. Home sick, tired, medically sick, frustrated or any other emotion or thought that camper might have that needs some extra attention, the Camper Advocate is there to help. The only qualifications required are the desire to help children when they are away from home. Both of these positions are crucial to the health, comfort and safety of our campers and come with some perks. All of our volunteers are given a free place to stay at camp and free meals all week long. We ask if you can help the campers and Living River, please do so.

Presbyterian Home for Children Thrift Store

The next collection date is Saturday, February 3. Bring your usable discards, gently used clothing, etc., to the Presbyterian Home for Children's reception center in the rear parking lot, below the playground of Shades Valley Presbyterian Church. Terry Tingle will be serving as host. Volunteers will be on hand to unload your vehicle and to give you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation. The center will be open from 8 AM - 12 noon. To volunteer or for more information, email Terry Tingle (terryjtingle@gmail.com).

Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2018

By Presbytery Admin January 11, 2018

Mark your calendar now for September 24-26, 2018 so you don't miss this annual event offering plenary speakers, workshops, and worship experiences, with incredible networking opportunities among others passionate about stewardship and generosity.

January Session Meeting

Moderator Lant Davis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Norton Montague offered a devotional and opened the meeting with prayer.

Excused absences: Judi Huddleston, Scott Miklic, and Frank Semmes.

The moderator reported that Catherine Carter, in light of the fact that her family would be worshipping at another church for the time being, had tendered her resignation from the session. The session accepted her resignation with regret and with thanks for her effective and energetic service.

Clerk's Report

In the absence of the clerk, the moderator volunteered to take minutes for the meeting and to deliver the clerk's report. The presence of a quorum of session members for action was noted.

The proposed agenda was accepted by the session.

The minutes of the session's stated meeting on December 10, 2017, were approved with three corrections, as follows:

- The second bullet point under the Stewardship Report was corrected to read as follows: "The Finance Committee has sent 'follow up' letters to those who did not respond, and subsequently all responded."
- The fifth bullet point under the Finance Report was corrected to read as follows: "The salary for the youth director has been put in the budget since funds are available, and that is appropriate."
- A sixth bullet point has been added to the Mission Report, as follows: "After the date of the session meeting, a car-load of Christmas presents for older children were delivered to First Light."

Drew Spransy will have the opening devotional and prayer for the February stated meeting.

Nancy Harper will accompany the pastor on Home Communion visits on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

The session continued its review of the rolls of the church and took the following actions. The following persons, currently listed as "Friends of the Church," would retain that listing but shall be placed in the "Inactive" category:

Ashby Family	Cathy and Scott Gentle	Dave Howard	Preston Speaker
Anna Averyt	Jill Graham	Gina McKell	Henry & Lois Strock
Carmen Anders	Graves Family	Bill and Sue Pogue	Nancy and Will Stansfield
Chip Bartoletti	Habeeb Family	Bruce Read	James Ward
Burg and Laine Schuyler	Leigh Hessler	Marcie Rodrigues	Blake Westbrook
Bubba Cummins	Holliday Family	Alfred Rose	Jessica Williamson
Peter Escher	David Little	Ava Rush	Fred Wise
Lauren Ferguson	Mary Jane Littlejohn	Susan Rush	

Listings for the following persons, currently listed as members of the church, shall be changed as indicated:

- Barr Family: keep listing “Active,” but change to “Friend,” with notation that they formerly were members.
- Clarkson Family: keep listing “Active,” but change to “Friend,” with notation that they formerly were members.
- Hayden Cook: keep listing “Active,” but change to “Friend,” with notation that he formerly was a member.
- Deupree Family: change listing to “Inactive” and “Former Member.”
- Chris England: change listing to “Inactive” and “Former Member.”
- Jeffrey Harper: change listing to “Inactive” and “Former Member,” with the notation that he has joined Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Sarah Hartley: keep listing “Active,” but change to “Friend,” with notation that she formerly was a member.
- Peggy and Randy Young: change listing to “Inactive” and “Former Member.”

Finance

Bob Dudelston discussed the written financial report for the church, which was prepared as of December 31, 2017. He noted that December had been a very strong month for receipt of pledges and offerings. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the session voted to receive the report.

Personnel

The session noted for the minutes the session’s approval by email vote prior to the end of 2017, of the following resolution concerning the housing allowance for Lant Davis:

Whereas, ministers who own or rent their home do not pay federal income taxes on the amount of their compensation that their employing church designates in advance as a housing allowance, to the extent that the allowance represents compensation for ministerial services, is used to pay housing expenses, and does not exceed the fair rental value of the home (furnished, plus utilities); and

Whereas, Pastor Lant Davis is compensated by Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church exclusively for services as a minister of the gospel; and

Whereas, Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church does not provide Pastor Lant Davis with a parsonage;

Therefore, it is hereby resolved, that the total compensation paid to Pastor Lant Davis for calendar year 2018 shall be \$63,000, of which \$30,000 is hereby designated as a housing allowance; and it is further

Resolved, that the designation of \$30,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2018 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

Property

The Alabama Symphony Volunteer Council’s “Decorator Showhouse” fundraiser will be in Mountain Brook again this year. They are again requesting use of our parking lot for parking and shuttle runs to and from the Showhouse site. The dates are April 28 to May 13, 2018, which is after Easter. On motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the session approved this use of the property.

The written report of the Property Committee, included in the session packet, contained a copy of an email from Dick Trueb, summarizing the progress of two lighting projects. The session generally has been aware of these from earlier reports, but more details are now available. In accordance with the requests in the email, the session approved the expenditure of up to \$2,500 to pay Lee Jolly Electric for work in connection with the interior sanctuary fixtures that shine on the stained-glass windows. This amount is anticipated to cover the removal of the fixtures for retrofitting so that they can accommodate LED lamps.

There would be an additional charge (not a part of this request) for re-installing the fixtures once they have been retrofitted. The session approved this request; the source of the funding will be the Special Church Support Fund (#8904). Norton Montague said that he would place this request before the Endowment Management Committee for their approval. [Subsequent to the session meeting, the Endowment Management Committee approved the request by email vote.]

The second request outlined by Dick Trueb's email was for additional funding to design the lighting in the Parlor/Reception Room. The session in a previous meeting had authorized \$300 to be paid to a lighting engineer to design lighting for the Fellowship Hall. An additional \$400 is being requested for the lighting design in the Parlor/Reception Room. The design in both rooms is only the first phase of the work. After the design has been approved, then electrical contractors would be asked for pricing to accomplish the work specified in the design. Based on bids received, the Property Committee would make future recommendations to the session, which would consider and take action to contract for lighting improvements, as it decided. The session approved the request for an additional \$400 for the lighting design work in the Parlor/Reception Room, with funding to come from the Major Capital Repair Fund (#8128). When the Parlor/Reception Room lighting project is finished, it may be appropriate to ask for reimbursement of the church from the funds of the former Presbyterian Women organization.

The moderator reported on the repairs of the grinder pump that is a part of the church's septic system. The bill for this emergency work, which has not yet been received, may be substantial.

The Property Committee is recommending the acceptance of a revised proposal from CS Corp. (who provide our current janitorial services) for regular maintenance of the floors in the St. Stephens Building and the hallway/fellowship hall/kitchen. The cost of the additional work is \$5,934 per year. Of this amount, the preschool budget will pay \$4,610; and the church maintenance budget will be charged for the balance of \$1,324. The session approved this recommendation and authorized representatives of the Property Committee to accept this revised proposal of CS Corp. and to document the transaction appropriately.

Worship

The Lord's Supper was served to the congregation in morning worship on Sunday, January 7, 2018, and extended Communion was served on January 10, with elder Norton Montague assisting the pastor.

The session approved the continuation of the schedule for serving the Lord's Supper in 2018, that is, on the first Sunday of each month, plus Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. This schedule will continue in future years unless and until it is revised by the session.

The pastor will be out of town on seminary business on Sunday, January 28. Youth director, Emily Frandsen, currently enrolled in University of Dubuque Theological Seminary's online M.Div. program, will be preaching.

The session noted for the minutes the session's approval by email vote of the request of Charles Ryan Nichols (groom) and Aimee Stagner (bride) for a wedding at MBPC, Rev. Robert A. Sparks (Pastor, Fairview Presbyterian Church, PCUSA, Lawrenceville, GA) presiding, on Saturday, October 27, 2018, with rehearsal the day before.

At its stated meeting in December the session approved advertising our desire for a nice, donated piano for the sanctuary. We advertised our need, and a donor, Anne Redding, came forward offering a Chickering piano built in the early 20th century. Dewin Tibbs and our piano technician have checked it out and found it to be suitable, an improvement over the instrument currently in the sanctuary.

With the replacement of the bass strings and some other minor work, it will be in first-rate condition.

Dewin is requesting that an amount not exceeding \$1,350 be authorized for expenditure from the Music Fund (#1-8008) for the refurbishments and the expense of having the piano moved to the church. On motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the request was approved.

Mission

The session noted for the minutes the session's approval by email vote, prior to the end of 2017, of the recommendation of the Mission Committee for the following 2017 year-end contributions from the Missions Payments account (#1-5420): \$1,000 each to Frontier Fellowship, First Light, and the Presbyterian Home for Children.

Congregational Care

Church members who are scheduling the after-worship receptions on Sundays are finding it increasingly difficult to find persons to provide the reception. This may be due to the enthusiasm with which volunteers have been working on those receptions, which are becoming increasingly elaborate in spite of instructions that a simple reception of cookies and punch will suffice. In an effort to simplify the receptions in the future, this summer we may try out a strict "punch and cookies" instruction. No vote was taken or needed, but the session appreciated being advised of these plans.

Preschool

The Preschool Committee's written report, noting the beginning of the winter term and the registration for the next school year, was contained in the session packet.

Moderator's report

The moderator noted the upcoming special meeting of the congregation set for January 21, the purpose of which was for the congregation and members of the church's corporation to consider and take action on the approval of an Amended and Restated Certificate of Formation and Amended and Restated Bylaws for the church. These documents were approved by the session and were made available to the congregation in November 2017. The pastor wrote an article for the Messenger that summarized the changes, and Wednesday night educational programs were given so that members could ask questions well in advance of any action being taken. Included in the session packet was a copy of an email received from one very thoughtful member, who had reviewed the documents carefully and had some questions and suggestions.

The session discussed these at some length. The moderator then asked for a motion that the session approve the form of a written resolution (included in the session packets) for presentation to the congregation and corporate members, as follows:

RESOLUTION

Background

The session of Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church (the "Church"), acting in its ecclesiastical and corporate capacities, on November 12, 2017, called a special meeting of the congregation and members of the Church's corporation, to be held immediately following morning worship on Sunday, January 21, 2018, for the purpose of acting upon the session's recommendation that the congregation and members of the Church's corporation approve and adopt an amended and restated Certificate of Formation (the "Certificate") and amended and restated Bylaws (the "Bylaws").

Notice of the purpose, time, and place of such special meeting was duly given in the manner required by the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Law, the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the current bylaws of the Church. Copies of the proposed forms of the Certificate and the Bylaws were provided to the congregation and members of the Church's corporation in the narthex of the Church's sanctuary and were offered to be sent by U.S. Mail to any member who requested a copy. Presentations, including questions and answers, about the contents and effect of the Certificate and the Bylaws were offered at all Wednesday night adult educational programs between November 12, 2017, and January 21, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Certificate is hereby approved, in substantially the form presented at the special meeting at which this resolution is being adopted, with whatever minor changes (including, but not limited to, filling in blanks with accurate information) may be necessary or appropriate to satisfy filing requirements of the Secretary of State of Alabama and the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the officers of the Church's corporation be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute the Certificate and to file and record it with the Secretary of State of Alabama and the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, with such minor changes as are described above in this resolution;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Bylaws are hereby approved in the form presented at the special meeting at which this resolution is being adopted;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the officers of the Church's corporation be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to take any and all other or further actions as they, in their discretion, may deemed necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

A motion to approve the resolution for presentation to the congregation and members of the church's corporation at the January 21, 2018, meeting was made and duly seconded. After discussion, the motion was approved.

The moderator expressed his view that, since he had been so involved in the drafting of the documents on which the congregation and corporate members would be asked to take action, it might be well that he not moderate that portion of the meeting when discussion, questions, and comments were invited from the congregation. The session agreed, and Norton Montague offered to moderate that portion of the congregational meeting.

There was brief discussion of the format of the congregation's annual meeting, scheduled for February 11, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

Next meeting on February 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.