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Board of Directors Meeting Notes
September 8, 2026

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Members present: Heather Bryan, Clay Bryan, Melanie Ainsworth, Cindy Puckett, Destin Moore, Sam Scott, Al Reed, Chip Jones, Imogen Nicholas & Larry Nesbit.

Heather called the meeting to order @ 6:30pm.

Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with a devotional based on Acts 15:28.

The August Board minutes were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve, seconded by Al and approved by the Board.

Larry discussed changes requested at the meetings to the updated by-laws for minimum age, expenditure approval and make up of staff parish. The Board made decisions on these areas and approved the final draft which will be sent to the conference for approval and then voted on by the congregation.

Alaina Reed donated an iPad which was given to Julie to load the software that will track attendance. The church will purchase the remaining iPads needed when the prices have fallen to pre-back to school prices.

Committee and team updates:

Facilities & grounds - Al informed the Board the music ministry wanted to purchase a cajon at an approximate price of $200. Al made the motion, Melanie seconded, and Board approved.

Staff parish - Sam said he had contacted Holly Bush to set up a meeting. This will take place before the next Board meeting. The Board agreed that this committee should be made up of both Board and church members. The members are Sam (Chairman), Hope Hester, Al Reed, Ben Bryan and Melanie Ainsworth. Sam will inquire if any other church members would like to join.

Finance - Sam reviewed the August financials.

Children's ministry - Imogen informed the Board that there will be a parent's night out on September 25 and a fall festival on October 24th.

Mission council - Destin said the committee is requesting a donation of $2,000 for Grace Place for the purchase of coats. Cindy made a motion, Heather seconded and approved by the Board. The committee has started planning for the Thanksgiving food boxes for seniors.

Care & nurture - Destin informed the Board that the committee is contacting members that have missed several services. They purchased handicap cones and are putting them in the parking spots in front of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Hospitality - Kristi and her team have planned out the events for the rest of the year including a chili & soup dinner in October, Christmas decorating in November and Christmas program in December.

Heather requested that Board members inform her if they are not going to serve on the Board for the upcoming year. Chip is the only Board member who will roll off after serving 3 years. Imogen informed the Board that she would not serve on the Board next year. Pastor Jeff will ask the nominating committee to meet and come up with a list of prospective Board members.

The charge conference is October 25th. The annual church meeting will be held on October 18th immediately following the church service to elect new Board members and approve the new by-laws.

Pastor Jeff closed us in prayer.