

# From the Pastor's Desk



## Session Meeting Summary for September 2021

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**Here is a summary of the Session's work for September meeting.**

**The Session approved the following at its meeting on September 13, 2021.:**

The Session approved the Pastor's contract for 2022 with a salary increase.

The church's parking lots will be repairs will be completed by the end of September.

### **Special Action Covid-19:**

The Session has made some decisions about the annual congregation meeting and election of officers. The decision was made for 2021 not to elect officers or have a congregation meeting. Please read the attach sheet entitles "Special Action Taken by the Session Regarding Covid-19 it explains the reasons for the decision. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastor or clerk of Session.

### **Sunday School Classes:**

The Youth Sunday school class will meet in the Fellowship Hall and the Adult class will meet in the Session Room on Sundays.

I would like to encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday school to get back to sense of normal church life. Sunday School begins at 10 AM.

### **Financial Report:**

The church is financially stable at this time. We thank God for continuing to bless our church as we continue to grow financially. If there are any questions regarding the finances, please contact the Treasurer, Mike Grier.

### **Pastor's Office Hours:**

The Pastor will continue to work from home and will be in the office on Thursdays or as needed.

### **Where Do We Go from Here?**

This is a summary of how Covid-19 has affected the church. The challenges and changes we face after Covid-19. Please see attached pages.

### **Prayer For:**

Please continue to pray for each other, the church, the community. These are trying times let us be a shining example of faith and trust in God.

### **Worship Notice:**

**Black History Moment every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.**

**Homecoming October 3, 2021.**

**Fall Rally October 3, 2021, \$100.00 per member.**

**Fish Fry Sherriff's department in appreciation for their efforts in the community October 15, 2021, from 11-2.**

**Community Prayer Walk Saturday October 23, 2021, be at the church by 10:30 the walk will start at 11:00 AM.**

## **Special Actions Taken by Session Regarding Covid-19**

The Pandemic has continued through 2021 and with the rise of cases due to Covid-19 Delta Variant, the situation continues to be very fluid and unsure. We remain in extraordinary times. On May 4, 2020, the Session approved the following actions;

1. Suspended election of church officers for 2020. And no congregation meeting was held.
2. No Congregation Meeting held in 2020.

As the Pandemic continues into the Fall of 2021 with Covid cases rising and cold and flu season coming, we see that the situation continues to be fluid. We are still unable to gather in large numbers and be safe. The Session voted on September 13, 2021, to use the Session's Emergency Powers to suspend the election of church officers for 2021. The current officers will serve until 2022.

When Pandemic situations are better election of church officers will be held. At that time a new Officer rotation System will need to be put in place.

The actions taken by the Session are in accordance with the Book of Order Section 3.0201 which states the Session has responsibility for the mission and government. The Session is taking the following action because the Pandemic which began in 2020 is still affecting us in 2021 and may continue to affect us in 2022. We are praying and hopeful that we will be moving toward a new normal in 2022. I ask that each member of the church continue to support and understand the decisions and works of the Session during these strange and unusual times.