

**Yates Baptist Church  
Business Meeting  
October 15, 2008**

Linda Mercer, Chairman of Deacons, called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of both the July Business Meeting and the August Called Business Meeting be accepted. The motion carried.

Kathy Stickley, Church Clerk, reported that Cheryl Lockwood has notified the church that she has joined Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Roxboro, NC. She asks that her name be removed from the rolls at Yates. A motion was made and seconded that this request be granted. The motion passed.

Bob Wilmarth, Church Treasurer, presented the budget report for both the church and the CDC (Attachment 1). He remarked that the church has received \$30,000 more this year than at the same time last year. He also commented that all of the church's accounts are protected by the FDIC. The reports were accepted.

Linda Mercer reported from the Deacons regarding the upcoming Family Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to present the preliminary report from Team 24/7. This meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th, at 2:00 pm. Linda encouraged everyone to review the copy of the report and to attend the meeting (Attachment 2).

Linda Miller presented information from the Flower Committee. Plans are being made to move the Rose Garden from the side of the Sanctuary to the front of the Family Life Center. Eleven of the existing rose bushes will be moved and additional bushes will be added. The committee plans to encourage church members to donate bushes in honor or in memory of someone. The new bed will be prepared by Witherspoon Rose Culture in November. Roses will be planted in February.

Kathy Stickley, representing the House and Grounds Committee, reported that the Education Building foundation stabilization work has been completed and payment has been made. The committee is satisfied with the work. Monitors were installed to track any future movement. Next steps involve repair of cracks in the exterior wall, and repair of the interior plaster walls.

Brian Smith reported from the Denominational Relations Committee regarding new benefit options that will be provided to the church and the CDC staff. The Personnel Committee created the Benefits Task Force to examine alternative benefits packages, weigh the details, and make a recommendation regarding benefits. They have completed their work. (See Attachment 3 for detailed information).

Donna Athas presented information from the Personnel Committee. The committee has met with the Youth Ministry Council and Don Gordon to review

the current job description for the Minister of Students and Recreation. The changes made reflected both groups' beliefs that major emphasis should be placed on building strong personal relationships with students, grades 6 - 12 and those in college, while maintaining healthy relationships with parents and guardians of the students. Special emphasis was placed on a plan for following up and visiting youth prospects, visitors, and parents. Committee liaison responsibilities reflect the addition of the Transportation Committee and College Student Ministry. Currently, this position's committee responsibilities include the Youth Advisory Committee and the Recreation Committee. The revised Ministry Description for the Minister of Students and Recreation are available for review on the website under Family Documents.

Gayle Davis, Nominating Committee Chair, proposed the following list of individuals to serve on the Minister of Students and Recreation Search Committee: Beverly Garcia, Walt Pickett, Bill Reedy, Kay Scruggs, Kathy Stickley, Timothy Chacko, Mary Elizabeth Russell, Caitlin Shepherd. The Search Committee was approved.

Paul Harris presented information from the Parking Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Parham property on Chapel Hill Road. The motion from the committee read as follows: **The Parking Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the church purchase the Parham property for \$97,000 with a \$1500 option.** There was confusion concerning the motion that resulted in the motion being tabled.

Old Business:

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business:

Messengers need to be elected to both the Yates Association Annual Meeting and the Baptist State Convention. A motion was made and seconded that Don Gordon, John Frederick, Australia Clay, Linda Mercer, and Gloria Wall, plus the first five church members to volunteer, would serve as messengers to the Yates Association Annual Meeting. An additional motion was made and seconded that the first ten church members to volunteer would serve as messengers to the Baptist State Convention.

Linda closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Stickley  
Church Clerk