

Minutes  
of the  
Tennessee - Alabama  
Presbytery

*Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod*

Spring Stated Meeting

Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church

1607 Firestone Ave, Muscle Shoals, AL

March 14-15, 2008

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# Tennessee - Alabama Presbytery

**Fall Stated Meeting**  
Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church  
Muscle Shoals, AL  
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## Friday Evening Session

The meeting was convened at 8:10 PM with prayer by Moderator C. W. Todd.

The roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

<b>Church</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Ruling Elder</b>
Bethel		
Camden		
Cleveland Street		Jerry Gooch - D
Covenant Family Fellowship		
Connections Mission	Bob Illman	Tom Neve
Fayetteville	C.W. Todd	William Kidd - D
Hopewell	C.W. Bradley	Robert W. Bender - D
Lincoln		Jim Kidd - D
Madison	Roy Hulling	
Muscle Shoals	Stephen Jordan	
Pressly Memorial	P.J. McClung	Fred Hartin - D
Prosperity AL		
Prosperity TN	Charles Dana Crowell - Fri only	Steven P. Weber S. Eugene Renegar - D
Mark Linker WOC	Garet Aldridge HR	

## Called Congregational Meeting of Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church

The meeting was opened with prayer by Steve Weber.

The chair called the congregational roll. A ballot was given to each communicant member. A quorum was declared present.

The Chair stated the purpose of the meeting.

*The stated purpose of the meeting: "To discuss and vote on the Muscle Shoals Church continuing its relationship with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church."*

The Chair reminded the congregation that under the rules of procedure in *The Form of Government* no other business can be conducted during this called meeting.

**Motion:** That the congregation be allowed to leave the ARPC. Motion by Sonny King, Second by Charles Kocisek

The floor was opened for discussion. A number of members expressed their opinions on the question.

When the members finished airing their views, the moderator explained the question. The moderator also stated that in order to prevail, 65% or more of the active membership would have to vote in favor of the motion to withdraw for it to pass.

The vote was taken by secret ballot.

The ballots were tallied in front of the congregation as the chairman read each ballot out loud. Two members of the local church assisted in the tally and affirmed the reading.

The results: 10 members voted against the motion. 5 members voted for the motion. The motion did not carry. The Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church will remain affiliated with the ARPC.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Webber. The congregation was dismissed.

Presbytery Moderator, C.W. Todd called for adjournment until tomorrow at 9:10 PM.

## Sat Morning Session

The Saturday session was called to order by the Moderator with prayer at 8:38 AM.

The morning devotion was presented by Garet Aldridge.

The roll was constituted with a quorum present. (See table).

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the Fall Stated Meeting as published on the internet. The motion carried.

Charles Edgar asked to be excused as he attends the business of Moderator of Synod. Carried.

The Stated Clerk informed the court that Barney Heyward has returned to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and is no longer seeking affiliation with the Presbytery.

C. W. Bradley presented the Report of the Presbytery Commission to Muscle Shoals. Its recommendations were considered seriatim:

**Motion:** That recommendation number one, that the pastor's salary be raised to \$55,000/year be approved. Carried

**Motion:** That recommendation number two, that Presbytery stay the course set by the commission at Muscle Shoals and that Mr. Jordan's ministry be affirmed, be approved. Carried

**Motion:** That recommendation number three, that either the Presbytery Treasurer or Mr. Tom Neve assume the treasurer responsibilities at MSPC, and that great thanks be given to the present Treasurer for his faithful years of service, be approved. Carried.

It was noted that the present Treasurer transferred the books over to the commission last evening and that he has resigned his membership in the church.

**Motion:** That recommendation number four, that the Commission be continued and that it serve as a provisional session until God raises up qualified local leaders from the congregation to populate a regular session, be approved. Carried.

**Motion:** That recommendation number five, that the Presbytery thank Mr. Edgar for his work on the commission and that regret be expressed to him for the personal attacks that he suffered in the performance of his duties to the Lord, be approved. Carried.

**Motion:** That recommendation number six, that all churches in the Presbytery be requested to keep the MSPC congregation in their prayers, be approved. Carried.

**Motion:** That the report be received as information. The motion carried, the report was marked "Appendix One", and filed.

The Moderator called Bob Bender to present the Report of the Moderator's Special Committee to Study the Synod Vision Committee's Report and to lead discussion.

The report was discussed and received as information by consent.

The overture from Synod to adopt the Directory of Public Worship for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was put to the question without discussion, with the results as follows:

Fourteen voting For, and no one voting Against.

C.W. Todd made his remarks as the Retiring Moderator.

C.W. Todd introduced Mr. Jerry Gooch and asked him to assume the chair.

**Motion:** To adopt the program as presented, subject to necessary change, including a time allotment for Mr. William Kidd's report on the work of World Witness. The motion carried, the program was marked "Appendix Two" and filed.

**Motion:** To receive the Treasurer's Report as information. The motion carried, the report was marked "Appendix Three" and filed.

Mr. Bradley reported for the Stewardship Committee. The recommendation contained therein was amended by the court to specify that those receiving aid be from this Presbytery. The report and its recommendation were approved as amended, It was marked "Appendix Four" and filed.

Mr. Reneger reported for Moderator's Committee for Church Reports.

A motion to receive the report as information carried, it was marked "Appendix Five" and filed.

A thirty minute recess was called per order of the day.

Recess out at 10:15 AM

There was no report from the Committee on Christian Education Ministries.

There was no report from the Committee on Outreach North America.

C. W. Todd presented the report of the Committee on Minister and His Work.

On motion, the report was received and its recommendations adopted. It was marked "Appendix Six" and filed.

Fred Hartin reported for the Nominations Committee.

On motion, the report was received as information and its recommendations sustained. It was marked "Appendix Seven" and filed.

S. Eugene Reneger read the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

On motion, the report was received as information and its recommendations adopted. It was marked "Appendix Eight" and filed.

Mr. William Kidd, Presbytery's representative to World Witness, reported on the mission work conducted through World Witness.

Moderator Gooch invited the Presbytery to Cleveland Street for the Spring Stated Meeting for 2009. The Presbytery enthusiastically accepted the invitation.

The Moderator announced that the Adjourned Meeting will be held Wednesday night, June 11th, after Synod business is concluded at a place to be announced.

The Moderator announced that the Fall Stated Meeting will be held at Hopewell on September 19-20, 2008.

Personal Privilege was extended to the Stated Clerk. He made the court aware of the publication of a new biography of the Reformer, Martin Bucer, by Dr. David Lawrence.

Jim Kidd nominated P.J. McClung to be the Moderator Elect.

Motion to elect. Carried.

Members and delegates reported on recent developments in their respective congregations.

A Season of Prayer was observed by the court after requests were taken.

Motion to adjourn by consent at 11:05 AM.

The court sang *The Song of Christian Unity*, after which P.J. McClung pronounced the benediction.

A luncheon was served in the fellowship hall.

Attest:

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Charles W. Bradley, Stated Clerk

## Appendix 1

Commission on Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church Report to the Tennessee/Alabama Presbytery Your Commission was established at the fall meeting of Presbytery, after the Minister and His Work Committee interviewed several members of the Muscle Shoals Church. The Presbytery took the following actions:

. That the presbytery be advised that there is a leadership and communication breakdown (at Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church) and that all outreach plans and major planned expenditures be immediately suspended at Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church.

. That the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church congregation be asked to consider its relationship with its pastor and that it also evaluate the advisability of continuing a relationship with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

. That the provisional session be suspended and that its duties be delegated to a commission to deal with all matters pertaining to Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church. The commission comprised of Tom Neve, Steve Weber, Bob Illman and Charles Edgar, with Mr. Edgar serving as chairman.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Commission held a Congregational Meeting, inviting all members to meet as families with the Commission. Each family was asked six questions, and the results of that meeting were put into a report which was mailed to all members. (A Copy of that report is APPENDIX I hereto, and is essential reading to understand the situation at Muscle Shoals. It should be read before continuing with this report in order to fully understand the rest of the report.) A second Congregational meeting was held to discuss the report. Due to some of the “gossip” which we identified in our report, Mr. Edgar excused himself from the Commission, citing personal attacks against him, and he was replaced by Mr. Bradley who continues to serve as Chairman. Subsequent to that meeting, the Commission has been traveling to Muscle Shoals for monthly Session meetings<sup>1</sup>, followed by a time of teaching at the congregation.s Wednesday evening dinner and teaching time. Mr. Weber has faithfully traveled to Muscle Shoals each month to participate in the worship service on the Sunday that the Lord.s Supper is served. He has also been active in visiting members of the church after the service. **Update to the information provided in the Appendix I** Since your Commission published the report to the Congregation, the following events have significance for the attention of Presbytery.

1 In Accordance with Chapter XII B. of the FOG, Commissions can/should function as provisional sessions where there is not an active session in place.

1. The church is growing! A commission of the “Session,” consisting of Mr. Jordan and Mr. Weber are scheduled to meet with new prospective members on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. There are three new families who have begun attending MSPC since the last Presbytery meeting.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan continue to outreach to the community. Mrs. Jordan has been particularly successful in bringing new families to the church through a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group which she has organized.
3. The church is fellowshiping! The Jordans begin hosting the church at their home after the Sunday service. Others are now picking up this opportunity, and there is body life evident in the church.

4. Problems continue in the area of gossip and back biting. Your commission met with one of the members and had what was termed a “pastoral” conversation. She was asked to refrain from talking with others about the Pastor in ways that would belittle him or cause others to lose faith in him. She was not repentant, but told us that she would consider it. Since that time she has again contacted a member of the church to spread wrong information about the Pastor. The member then contacted Mr. Neve of the commission to complain about the Pastor. She then called back and apologized, seeing that she had gotten wrong information from the “gossiping” member. Your commission intends to meet with the offending member just before Presbytery. This meeting will also be “pastoral.” It is the belief of your commission that the offending member does not believe that the church will do anything in this matter. The purpose of this meeting will be to explain the steps which could next be taken in accordance with the Book of Discipline.<sup>2</sup>

5. Eight members of the congregation have asked the Presbytery for a Congregational meeting to vote on whether or not the congregation should remain in the ARP (The Letter appears as APPENDIX II hereafter). As noted in APPENDIX I, the church runs more as a congregational church or “club.” In keeping with this lack of appreciation for the procedures of Presbyterian government, the group did not make the request through the Commission. Nonetheless, the Moderator properly referred the request to the Commission and the meeting has been called for March 14<sup>th</sup>, during the first evening of the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

2 Interestingly, one of the major complaints of those unhappy with Mr. Jordan and the ARP is that the Presbytery has never taken notice of their situation. These complainants are now upset that the Presbytery is involved.

This congregational meeting was called to coincide with the meeting of Presbytery for two reasons. a. Your Commission is aware that the element within the congregation that is dissatisfied with the ministry of Mr. Jordan is also dissatisfied with some of the Commission’s work, particularly with the report already cited as APPENDIX I. Your Commission wants to extend the opportunity to this faction to be heard by the full court on the crucial question of the church remaining in the denomination in the interest of fairness. b. Your Commission was grieved by the contentious conduct of this same element in the last congregational meeting. It is the hope of your Commission that the presence of the full court will raise the hope of a more decorous meeting this time.

6. The matter of a raise for the Pastor has not been settled. The Provisional Session recommended such a raise before it was dissolved. The Commission, seeing the money available, and the expenses in the personal budget of the Pastor, still believes that the raise is in order. In his four years on the field, he has not received a raise. His present salary is below the starting salary in several presbyteries surveyed by the Commission. Because this congregation is not a „Self Supporting Congregation,” as that term is used in the FOG (as interpreted by Synod in the past), this decision falls to the Presbytery.

7. The Church finances still remain in the hands of a Treasurer who is, due to infirmity, unable to attend church regularly. He also does not maintain giving records (required by the IRS), and is married to one of the members who has a problem with tale bearing within the congregation. We believe it is best to transfer the treasurer responsibility to either the Presbytery treasurer or a member of the Commission (Mr. Neve).

8. We continue to have good hopes for the ministry of Mr. Jordan. He has not been without sin in the goings on at MSPC. While not an excuse, we have observed the difficulty in ministering at MSPC, given the offensive behavior of some within the body. To his credit, he continues to work to grow the church. We heard testimonies to the abilities of Mr. Jordan to lead others to a profession of faith and disciple those to a fuller life in Christ.

9. We continue to feel a burden for those new believers who have come into our ARP church, and believe that even if the present membership marshals the 65% needed to declare a desire to leave the ARP, that will change over the next year as the church continues to grow. There are a few hard-core dissenters, but most people seem to us to be people who will “catch the vision” of efforts to revitalize the church.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the Presbytery approve the Commission's recommendation for a raise for Pastor Jordan to \$55,000/year.
2. That whatever the vote may bring on leaving the ARP, that the Presbytery stay the course in Muscle Shoals and pray for God's continuing work in that place. This includes an affirmation of the hopes for the pastoral ministry of Mr. Jordan.
3. That the treasurer responsibilities be placed with either the Presbytery Treasurer or Mr. Neve of the commission, with great thanks given to the present Treasurer for his faithful years of service.
4. That the Commission be continued at its work, serving as a session until such time as God raises up qualified Elders from within the Congregation.
5. That the Presbytery thank Mr. Edgar for his work on the commission, and express regret that he was subject to personal attacks in his service for the Lord.
6. That all churches in the Presbytery be requested to keep the MSPC congregation in their prayers as they seek to serve Christ as an ARP church.

THE APPENDICIES FOLLOW STARTING ON THE NEXT PAGE

# **APPENDIX I** First Report to the Congregation of Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church From the Commission of Tennessee/Alabama Presbytery, ARP The Commission was constituted at the September meeting of Presbytery after three members of the Muscle Shoals Congregation (MSPC) met with the Minister and his Work committee, requesting that the Presbytery consider removing Mr.

## **Stephen Jordan from the position of Pastor or the MSPC.**

A fact finding session was held by the Commission on October 7, 2007. The session started with a brief congregational meeting at which TE Edgar, as Chairman of the commission, explained to those in attendance the nature of a Commission, and the scope of our work. Short sessions were then held with the congregational members in attendance, by family unit.<sup>3</sup> During these short sessions the Commission focused upon the following questions, which were asked of each family: a. Do you favor retaining Mr. Jordan as your Pastor? Why or why not? b. Your church is not self-supporting. What plans do you have to make it so? c. Do you have a desire to build the church if it means spending money? d. Would you prefer to have pulpit supply to a full-time pastor? e. Do you support a Presbyterian style of government where you must be in submission to Elders? f. Because your church is not called a "Particular Church", it is governed by Elders who do not live in Muscle Shoals. Are you comfortable with this? These questions were chosen to best capture where the congregation stands on the issues of pastor, future growth, and future involvement in the ARP, which were the areas assigned to the Commission by the Presbytery. The results of these discussions will be discussed below by issue. **Pastoral Relationship with Mr. Jordan**

<sup>3</sup> Members in attendance were Don Wassner; Sonny and Delores King; Peggy Vickers; Crimon and Faye King; Heath Davis and April Davis; Christy Mitchell; Charles and Linda Kocisek; Joe Mitchell;; and Jennifer Jordan. Mr. Jordan, although not a member, sat in with his wife. The commission also took into account a letter from Mrs. Mary Crockett, who was unable to attend the meeting. <sup>4</sup> We interviewed by family units, and where the family consisted of two persons, the two persons had the same view. While the split was even by units, by individual members the vote was 8 favoring his departure and 6 favoring his staying.

The family units were split on this issue equally, if we include the position from Mrs. Crockett.s Letter. Five favored his departure, while five requested that he continue as Pastor<sup>4</sup>. The comments on Mr. Jordan.s ministry were conflicting. Those who wanted him to stay pointed out his pastoral nature, his preaching and teaching, and his personal involvement with families, as well as his successful outreach attempts. Those desiring that the relationship be dissolved pointed out shortcomings in the same areas mentioned by those favoring his continued ministry. Most members would prefer to have a full time pastor rather than a pulpit supply, but, as will be discussed below, that was often tempered by a concern for finances.

It needs to be noted that those members who desired Mr. Jordan to stay were not blinded to his “warts” as a man. Every Pastor has his shortcomings, and those who spoke favorably of him noted them. Those who favored his departure seemed to see everything he did through “poisoned” eyes. If he spoke, they objected to what he said. If he didn’t speak, they objected to his silence. In short, they seemed impossible to please, and were so opposed to him that he could do nothing right. **Finances and Moving Forward**

The issue of money was clearly a big issue to those who met with us. Those who favored retaining Mr. Jordan generally felt that the church should get on with attempting to grow, and spend money to accomplish this. Those who favored his departure were less likely to spend for church growth. As will be discussed below, those who favored his departure but were willing to spend money on growth were also “congregational” in their attitude towards review of expenditures; they wanted congregational approval of planned expenditures.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Much of this “congregational” view is the fault of the Session. Our Form of Government (FOG) provides that the Session “approves” the budget. The congregation then “adopts” it. There has not been a good history of either of these two actions happening with regularity. <sup>6</sup> For example, when asked if she would desire to build the church, even if that meant spending money, one member said she would, if **she** thought it was a good idea. (More on this in the discussion below of government.) <sup>7</sup> The Commission was moved by the testimony of one family on their pilgrimage from non-denominational church to a deep understanding of Reformed Theology and Presbyterian polity. This move they attributed to Mr. Jordan’s ministry. <sup>8</sup> There still may be an interest by some in the Congregation to withdraw from the ARP, but this would be a two year process, and the financial and spiritual concerns of those remaining in the ARP, which are protected by the Form of Government, would make this move less attractive, once it is understood

Of particular note by the Commission was the attitude of some to “nickel and dime” the Pastor’s salary. One member had circulated the Pastor’s request to Session for a salary increase. Another member had called others in the congregation to confirm that the Pastor’s wife had bought a new mixer at the same time that the pastor was requesting a salary increase. The commission was saddened by the lack of love and concern for the Pastor’s family. There seemed to be an attitude of “what is the minimum we have to spend” on the part of some. While this might have been a reflection of the members’ dissatisfaction with Mr. Jordan, the Commission sensed that it was more than this. There seemed to be a reluctance to risk spending savings on moving forward.<sup>6</sup> **Church Government** The majority wanted to continue as an ARP church. Most acknowledged that they yearned for the day when they could be a “Particular Church,” with their own elected Elders. They described a lack of involvement in day-to-day affairs of the church with “outside” Elders.

Some, who favored dismissing the Pastor, suggested that they preferred a congregational form of government. One said, “Maybe it is time to consider leaving the ARP.” All of those who favored retaining Mr. Jordan indicated a desire to remain an ARP church.<sup>7</sup> **Conclusion of the Commission**

The church is in turmoil. While the easy solution to the problem would be to declare the situation so overwhelming that the church should be dissolved, this was unacceptable to the Commission.<sup>8</sup> Likewise, removing the Pastor, when the newer members favor growth and involvement in a Presbyterian church would be an unacceptable act on the part of Presbytery. The third alternative, and the one favored by the Commission, is to retain Mr. Jordan, and work

with him and the congregation towards establishing a vital, forward moving church. This means working towards the immediate solution to several problems. First, there is much tale bearing and back biting within the congregation. Some members, during the brief interviews, indicated that they were willing to be in submission to Elders only if “they made the right decisions.” This attitude is in conflict with the membership vows taken by those in membership. Tale bearing and back biting must not be tolerated. The commission must remind all members of their vows, and take action to admonish those who are not fulfilling those vows, in accordance with the Book of Discipline of the ARP. Second, because this congregation is not a particular church, the Commission should foster, along with the Pastor, plans for moving forward, which should be shared with the congregation. It is reasonable to assume, that without the working of God, some will continue to object to any steps taken that do not include the removal of Mr. Jordan. These same objectors will desire a congregational “buyoff” on all plans. The Commission sees this as a direct repudiation of the Presbyterian form of government, and believes that there is a great need to educate the congregation on what it means to be Presbyterian. At the same time, those unwilling to accept this polity should be counseled appropriately. Third, members of the Commission, as available, will begin attending occasional Sunday morning services at MSPC to try and become closer to the situation. We believe that it is our duty to ensure the congregation that we do not want to be “outsiders” telling them what to do.

Fourth, the Commission needs to establish a budget for MSPC, and present it to the congregation as soon as possible. A Congregational Meeting will be called for \_\_\_\_\_, to discuss this report. Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2007 Robert Illman, for the Commission Charles Edgar Tom Neve Steve Weber

9 As Mr. Neve reported at the Congregational meeting, the books for MSPC reflect no irregularities. However, the present situation of one person handling giving records, payables and receivables needs to be changed. Because this congregation is not a “Particular Church,” the budget should be adopted by the ONA committee of Presbytery.

## **APPENDIX II**

January 15, 2008 To: Moderator of Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery,  
At the Fall 2007 meeting of the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery, the congregation of the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church was given the following charge: "That the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church congregation be asked to consider its relationship with its pastor and that it also evaluate the advisability of continuing a relationship with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church."

To date, the congregation has not been afforded the opportunity to fulfill this charge. Therefore, in accordance with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian form of government, we the undersigned active, communicant members of the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church do hereby notify the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery and pastor in writing, of the congregational desire for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the congregation and pastor Stephen Jordan. In addition, we petition that a congregational meeting be called to discuss and vote on the matter.

We the undersigned active, communicant members of the Muscle Shoals Presbyterian Church do also petition that a congregational meeting be called for the purpose of fulfilling the second part of the charge given to the congregation by the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery. That is, to discuss and vote on "the advisability of continuing a relationship with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church".

Signed:

Sonny King, Linda Kocisek, Charlie Kocisek, Delores King, Peggy Vickers, Faye King, Crimon King, Mary Crockett, Joe Mitchell

# APPENDIX III

Present	Proposed	
Salary	\$20	\$31K
Housing	\$20	\$24K
Life, Health and Disability	Provided	Provided
Retirement	Provided	Provided

Recommended Changes to Stephen Jordan.s Call

## **Appendix 2**

The Program is in the Stated Clerk's Copy of these minutes and is available for examination at stated meetings.

**Appendix 3**

**Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery  
Treasurer's Report  
Spring 2008 Meeting**

**Checking Account**

Starting Balance: \$ 6911.29

Deposits: \$2947.82

Withdrawals: \$4111.36

Ending Balance: \$5747.75

CD Balance: \$45,278.38

**Assessments Received From:**

Camden

Bethel

Muscle Shoals

Hopewell

Fayetteville

Prosperity(TN)

## **Appendix 4**

### Stewardship Committee Report

The committee met on March 14th at 3:00 PM, with Charles Bradley, Jerry Gooch and Jim Kidd present.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that volunteers be permitted to make contributions to a scholarship fund for students desiring to attend Erskine Theological Seminary.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

## Appendix 5

Moderator's Committee on Church Reports

Present: Eugene Renegar and Bob Illman.

Opening prayer by Mr. Illman.

The Church records were reviewed.

We noted with regret the passing of

Elders:

Eskin Jennings, Prosperity, TN

Lilburn Jennings, Prosperity, TN

Leroy McMillan, Cleveland Street

Deacons:

Hiram Patterson, Presly Memorial

Adjourned with prayer by Mr. Renegar.

## **Appendix 6**

Minister and His Works Committee

Friday Session

Present: C.W. Todd, P.J. McClung, Tom Neve, and C.W. Bradley.

Opening Prayer by C.W. Todd.

On motion, the following recommendations were passed:

That the following ministers be certified for the 2008 Meeting of the General Synod: Garet Aldridge and C.F. Edgar.

That the Provisional Session at Cleveland Street be dissolved.

Adjourned with prayer.

Saturday Session

Present: P.J. McClung, C.W. Todd and C.W. Bradley

On motion the following recommendations were approved:

That appreciation be expressed to the Elders of the Provisional Session to Madison for their diligence and faithfulness. (Ruling Elders Glenn Beech and Charlie Kocisek).

That the Provisional Session at Madison be dissolved.

That Bill Everit of MS. Valley Presbytery examine Roger Browning, who is currently filling the pulpit at Cleveland Street, in order for him to become the Stated Supply of that church.

Adjourned with Prayer.

## **Appendix 7**

Nominations Committee Report

Meeting March 14th at 3:13 PM.

Present: Fred Hartin, Jim Kidd, Roy Hulling.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Roy Hulling.

Motion: To nominate Jim Kidd for Presbytery's representative to the Executive Board of Synod for the class of 2012. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

## **Appendix 8**

Resolutions Committee Report

Present: Fred Hartin, Jerry Gooch and S. Eugene Reneger.

Opening prayer by Fred Hartin.

Be it resolved that Presbytery commend the Muscle Shoals Church for making its facilities available for the meeting and to commend:

Mr. Jim Kidd, who furnished the evening meal on Friday.

Retiring Moderator C.W. Todd for his service and leadership.

Mr. Steve Weber for moderating the difficult congregational meeting.

The congregation at Muscle Shoals for the Continental Breakfast on Saturday Morning.

Adjourned with prayer by Jerry Gooch.