

# Gap Minutes (Corrected)

Sept 19, 2016 @ 7:00pm

## Love's Chapel Presbyterian Church

204 Lincoln St, Belmont

Vision: Gaston Area Presbyterian Congregations working together to serve God

Mission: The mission is to support and facilitate the efforts of congregations in Gaston County in their work to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our hope in doing so is that we transform churches so that their members may find new life and new energy to respond to God's call and others will be attracted to them and their work.

Sue Johnson	Belmont	Bill Glover	Southminster
Charles Davenport	Long Creek & Presbytery	Jackson Mott	Southminster
Ken Unnaschs	Long Creek	Gayla Woody	Southminster
Thelma Isles	Love's Chapel	Carolyn Carter	Third Street
Sherry Lovell	Love's Chapel	Starla Littlejohn	Third Street
Cora Slade	Love's Chapel	Elizabeth Littlejohn	Third Street
Sylvia Groner	Mt Holly First	Bonnie Massey	Third Street
Davie Groner	Mt Holly First	Charles Sellers	West Avenue
Libby Sigmon	Olney	Sylvia Sellers	West Avenue
Jean Faires	Robinson	Guy Wallace	West Avenue
John Pea	Robinson	Paula Wallace	West Avenue

**I. Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Davenport called the meeting to order, opened with prayer and introductions were made. Love's Chapel was thanked for hosting GAP. Sherry Isles, as a member of the Session, welcomed everyone to Love's Chapel. Everyone invited to Fun Day for Families and Friends on Saturday, September 24. Second Sunday of October will be Homecoming and they have 146 responses so far. The Sanctuary just turned 150 years old. Reverend Millsaps has been the Lay Pastor for about two years.

- Approval of Minutes of last meeting August 15, 2016. The minutes were approved as presented. Paula Wallace made the motion to accept the minutes with a second from Libby Sigmon.
- Comments from secretary – Gayla Woody. Participants were asked to sign in on the orange sheet.

## **II. Presbytery News.**

- September 13 was the last day of service for Anita Bernhardt. On Sunday she began and interim in Erie, Pennsylvania. The committee to hire her replacement has been recommended and will come before exams in early October. His name is Billy Robinson. He is married to Mary Elizabeth Robinson who is the minister at Black Mountain. He will come before the October Presbytery for approval.

- Presbytery will host a Ministers Retreat at William Black Lodge at Montreat from September 26-28.
- The HOPE Campaign funds are coming in and being spent. Some have been spent on Camp Grier and some sent to Malawi and Guatemala. Churches should be acting on those pledges.
- Charles Davenport and Sylvia Sellars are commissioners to Synod. Third Street received some funding from Synod for which they applied. The next meeting is in March and will be at Massannetta Springs, Harrisburg, Virginia.
- Love's Chapel was informed that Presbytery website has a link to Synod to request funds.
- Synod Grants and Awards Committee has been looking at Peace-making to look for projects to fund. Perhaps GAP will consider looking at the application for consideration of a project.
- Next Presbytery meeting is at Brevard Davidson River in October.

### III. Other reports and items

- Habitat Update – Bill Glover & Sue Johnson.
  - Bill reported that we got a very fast stop but the trusses did not arrive and work stopped abruptly. Trusses will not arrive until September 26. Nothing to do until they arrive. Walls are assembled and complete.
  - Groundbreaking was well attended and went very well. It is a super family and ready to work. The recipient is a disabled veteran and is a very hard worker.
  - Additional donations are needed. We do not know how much money has been received through Run for the Money at this time.
  - At this time the schedule will not be adjusted until we actually receive the trusses. The weather and Cherryville's ability to do the shingles will bring some challenges in getting the build back on schedule.
  - Churches will be contacted as soon as the schedule has been adjusted.
  - Habitat has completed their Event Room. It would lend itself for GAP to host a fundraiser. They have new sound system, acoustics, offices, new flooring, side entrance, and improved parking.
- Guatemala – Sue Johnson reported the Guatemala Partnership meeting will be November 6 at 2:00 at Belmont First. The Guatemala Partnership Director, Maria, has a new baby. They are home and the mother and baby are doing great. Guatemala at Easter will be an exceptional experience. It will be a great time to go.

- Christtrek at Belmont & West Ave. Paula reported that there was a meeting this afternoon for the first event on October 15 & 16 with the youth from Belmont First. Everyone is very excited. John Pea has started the website. [Christtrek.wncpresby.org](http://Christtrek.wncpresby.org) is the website address. Please take a look to get an idea about what is happening. The next event will be November 19 & 20 and any church youth interested should contact James Holman at Union. Additional events will be planned in the Spring.

#### **IV. Announcements**

- Operation Christmas Child. Jackson Mott reported that 50 slots have been scheduled for GAP for December 9 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm with help from Teresa Locke. To make it work, you need to email Jackson ([fjacksonmott@gmail.com](mailto:fjacksonmott@gmail.com)) and he will see that you get the registration information so that it can be completed prior to December 9. You must be over age 13 and there must be one adult for every four people under the age of 18. It is a moving experience.
- Family Promise Needs. Juliette Smith asked for support for one of the Family Promise families. Contact Juliette Smith @ [704-854-9880](tel:704-854-9880) if you can assist with some of the items needed.
- John Pea reported with Christmas rapidly approaching, it is time to go back to our churches to determine if we want to do another joint ad in the Gazette for Christmas services. Sharing the cost made it more affordable for all the churches. There are still a couple of churches that have not paid for the Easter ad. Representatives should come to the October meeting with information about whether they want to participate.
- The South Carolina Mission trip is October 16-21.
- Robinson Bake Sale is October 22 from 8:00 am until food runs out.
- Charles Davenport reported that the Youth Triennium takes place at Purdue every three years. Long Creek sent 7 youth this year. General Assembly did not fund Triennium for 2019. The Long Creek Youth will hold a fundraiser to send money to General Assembly for start up funds for 2019 Triennium.
- Presbytery appreciates the good work of GAP.

**Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at Lowell Presbyterian on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 pm. John Pea dismissed us with prayer.**

**To: Church Administrative Assistants**

RE: GAP Information for Church Bulletin or Newsletter



In an effort to keep churches aware of how they can become involved in a service project, please include the following information in your church communication at the appropriate time and as you have room to include. In order for GAP announcements to be easily recognized, please include the GAP logo. Suggested times to include the information are noted in red. Thanks!

**Announcement for week of Oct 2:**

Love's Chapel Presbyterian Church will be celebrating 150 years on Sunday, October 9. We celebrate the longevity of God's church in Belmont.

**Announcement for anytime in October/November:**

GAP is sponsoring a service opportunity for 50 people to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The event is Friday December 9 from 6-10pm. Participants must be over age 13 and one adult required for every 4 people between ages 13 – 17. Advance registration is required. Email [fjacksonmott@gmail.com](mailto:fjacksonmott@gmail.com) and he will send you forms.

**Announcement for week of Oct 9 or 16**

Robinson Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Bake Sale on Saturday, October 22 from 8:00 am until food runs out.

**Please forward this announcement to your Youth Advisors:**

There is an opportunity for youth to join other GAP churches in service projects. The event is called Christtrek and the next event is November 19 & 20. Contact James Holman at Union. More information is on website at [Christtrek.wncpresby.org](http://Christtrek.wncpresby.org).