

Minutes of the Church Conference First Baptist Church of Tallahassee

January 31, 2007

On January 31, 2007 the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije presented the minutes of the December 20, 2006 business conference.

Mr. Jim Eikeland moved that the minutes of the December 20, 2006 business conference be recorded as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Jim Pitts, Finance Committee Chair who presented the December 2006 Financial Report.

Mr. Pitts moved that the December 2006 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije led the Body in prayer.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor who presented for information the following:

- Prayer for the Building 4 Community:
Gray Cartee, Leon Cassels, Jim Cooke (Chair), John Corven, Eva Davis, Al Eppinger, Cindy Fernald, Matthew Folsom, Virginia Glass, Josh hall, Matthew Jenije, Jeff Latimer, Tom Link, Charles Maynard, Jim Pitts, Lee Scarboro, John Schanbacher, Lorne Shackelford, Larry White, Doug Dortch (ex officio) and Steve Wofford (ex officio).
- Building 4 Community listening sessions scheduled for Monday, February 19, 2007:
4:00 P.M. - Senior Adults in the Chapel
5:00 P.M. – College – Chapel
5:00 P.M.- Youth – Chason Conference Room
6:00 P.M. – Preschool Children – Chapel
6:00 P.M. – Singles – Chason Conference Room
7:00 P.M. - Elementary Children – Chapel
7:00 P.M. - Young/Median Adults – Chason Conference Room
8:00 P.M. – Worship – Chapel
8:00 P.M. – Fellowship- Chason Conference Room

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the January 31, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after a reading from Ecclesiastes 7:8.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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February 21, 2007

On February 21, 2007, the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije, called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije presented the minutes of the January 31, 2007 business conference. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Steve Wofford, Church Administrator, who presented the January 2007 financial report. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the financial report.

Mr. Wofford presented the following items for consideration:

- College Ministry Fundraiser – Appleby’s breakfast on 3/17/07
- College Ministry Fundraiser – John Chafin meat sale on 4/05/07

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve both items.

Mr. Wofford presented for information a Single Adults Spring Fling event and Children’s Ministry “Go Fish” concert.

Mr. Wofford reported an excess of revenues over expenses from 2006 of approximately \$95,000 has been applied to pay off the balance of the amount borrowed from designated funds for the 2004 Repair Project.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Carl Monson, Chairman of the Endowment Committee, who presented the Endowment Fund financial statement as of December 31, 2006.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor, who presented for information the following:

- 2006 Natural Church Development Survey Results
- Youth Disciple Now Weekend, February 25, 2007
- Upward Celebration, February 25, 2007
- Men’s Fellowship, February 26, 2007
- Deaf Ministry 50th Anniversary, March 3-4, 2007
- Legislative Missional Luncheon, March 4, 2007
- Week of Prayer for Spring Missions, March 11, 2007

There being no further business, Mr. Jenije declared the business conference closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Scarboro

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March 28, 2007

On March 28, 2007 the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije presented the minutes of the February 21, 2007 business conference.

Mr. Glen Hicks moved that the minutes of the February 21, 2007 business conference be recorded as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the March 28, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading Ecclesiastes 11:1.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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April 25, 2007

On April 25, 2007 the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije presented the minutes of the March 28, 2007 business conference.

Mr. Bill Daniels moved that the minutes of the March 28, 2007 business conference be recorded as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Jim Pitts, Finance Committee Chair who presented the March 2007 Financial Report. It was moved that the March 2007 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pitts presented the following item for consideration:

- Music Ministry - Hand bell fundraiser.
- Youth Ministry – Youth Choir Trip fundraiser.

Mr. Pitts moved that the items for consideration be accepted and approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pitts presented the following item for information:

- Children’s Ministry – Use of the Church facility for the “Go Fish” concert.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor who presented for information the following:

- Thank you for the excellent response to the Springtime Tallahassee Service opportunities
- The Spring Missions Offering was exceeded.
- Great responses to the Easter Services but much to be done to connect and involve all those who came for the services.
- Youth Ministry Transitioning due to Dean & Chris moving to a new church start to be called “The Wall” in our community. Jane Wofford will be the interim Youth Minister
- The College Challenge Services to be held May 6, 2007 during both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.
- Building 4 Community meeting every three weeks. On April 28th they will be meeting with the Architects and there will be an interim report on May 20th during the 6:00 p.m. service hour.

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Mr. Jenije presented the nominations to the 2007 Nominating Committee. The nominees are:

Bill Gardner – Chair	Jo Davis
Ed Fernald	Carroll Lamb
Alan Langston	Becky Liner
Adam Marshall	Stan Sheppard
Leon Sims	Janice Tudor

Mr. Charles Lawson moved that the nominees to the Nominating Committee be confirmed. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr Doug Dortch who presented the 2007 Church Mission Goals.

Mr. Bill Daniels moved that the 2007 Mission Goals be adopted. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the April 25, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading from Philippians 1:68.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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May 23, 2007

On May 23, 2007 deacon chairman Mr. Matthew Jenije, as moderator, called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije introduced the minutes of the April 25, 2007 church conference for approval. The minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Jenije recognized Steve Wofford, church administrator, who presented the Budget & Finance Committee report of April 2007. The report was approved as presented.

Mr. Jenije recognized Carl Monson, chairman of the Endowment Committee, who presented his committee's report for the quarter ending March 31, 2007. The report was approved as presented.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. Doug Dortch, pastor, who presented his monthly report. Items included:

- Mother's Day Offering Goal – Dr. Dortch indicated that we are closing in on our goal of \$22,000 with one Sunday left for this offering.
- Building 4 Community Report – Dr. Dortch expressed his satisfaction with the interim report given Sunday, May 20. He encouraged members to continue to pass comments and suggestions to committee members.
- Vacation Bible School – June 11–15, 2007 – Dr. Dortch presented the opportunity for more workers to be involved in this event. Interested persons may contact the Children's Ministry office.
- Southern Baptist Convention – June 12 & 13, San Antonio, TX – Dr. Dortch offered the below listed names for approval to send as messengers to this event. All names were approved:

- Dr. Doug Dortch
- Matthew Jenije
- John Corven

Mr. Jenije opened the floor for miscellaneous items. There being none, the conference was closed with reading of John 4:24.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Brian Morris
for David A. Merrill, Church Clerk

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June 27, 2007

On June 27, 2007 the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije, called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije presented the minutes of the May 23, 2007 business conference.

Mr. Bill Daniels moved that the minutes of the May 23, 2007 business conference be recorded as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Jim Pitts, Finance Committee Chair who presented the May 2007 Financial Report.

Mr. Pitts moved that the May 2007 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor who presented on behalf of the Building 4 Community Committee the following update items:

- The committee has met since the last update.
- The committee is scheduled to meet on July 11, 2007.
- The committee has established a sub-committee to explore different proposals for fundraising groups.

Mr. Jenije and Mr. John Corven presented for information a report on the 2007 Southern Baptist Convention.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the June 27, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading from Matthew 28:19-20.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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July 25, 2007

On July 25, 2007 the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije presented the minutes of the June 27, 2007 business conference.

Mr. Al Eppinger moved that the minutes of the June 27, 2007 business conference be recorded as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Jim Pitts, Finance Committee Chair who presented the June 2007 Financial Report.

Mr. Pitts moved that the June 2007 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Rev. Fran Buhler, Associate Pastor who presented a motion on behalf of the Pastors & Staff, that the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee recommends Mr. Luke Whitmore to the New Orleans Theological Seminary as a candidate for admission. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the July 25, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading from Isaiah 49:15-16.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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August 22, 2007

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor who presented the following Pastor's On August 22, 2007 the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Jim Pitts, Finance Committee Chair who presented the July 2007 Financial Report.

Mr. Pitts moved that the July 2007 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pitts presented for information the following items which were approved by the Finance Committee:

- College Ministry Fundraising Activities.
- The Building 4 Community Fundraiser recommendation.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. Jim Cooke IV, Building 4 Community chair who presented the following recommendation for consideration:

- The Church contract with fundraising firm, Generis for a fixed contract fee of \$110,000 for the purpose of raising physical plant remodeling funds.

Mr. Cooke moved that the Church approve the recommendation. The motion passed by an overwhelming majority.

Report items:

- The worship schedule changes starting September 9, 2007
- That Dr. Dortch has been offered and has accepted an adjunct teaching opportunity at TCC to instruct a class titled "Introduction to Biblical Studies".
- That our Church's State Missions goal is \$8,000.
- Presented on behalf of the Pastors and Staff that the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee recommend Mr. Lonnie Salimone to the New Orleans Theological Seminary as a candidate for admission.

Mr. David Merrill moved that the recommendation to recommend Mr. Salimone as a candidate for admission to the New Orleans Theological Seminary be approved. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the August, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading from Hebrews 11:1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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September 26, 2007

On September 26, 2007 the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije recognized Mr. John Corvin, Finance Committee who presented the August 2007 Financial Report.

Mr. Corvin moved that the August 2007 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor who presented the following Pastor's Report items:

- The worship schedule changes that commenced September 9, 2007 have gone well.
- That his teaching opportunity at TCC, instructing a class titled "Introduction to Biblical Studies" is going well.
- That he will be preaching during the First Baptist Church of Elba, Alabama's one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of it's founding.
- That our Church's State Missions goal is \$8,000 and that it runs through September 30th.
- First Love is happening October 13th. Please, sign up if you haven't.

Dr. Dortch presented for consideration the following recommendations to constitute a "Youth Minister Search Committee":

- David Westberry, Chair
- Mark Byler
- Paul Lambert
- Carol Cartee
- Rebecca Fernald
- Will Liner

Mr. Al Eppinger moved that the recommendations to constitute a "Youth Minister Search Committee" be approved. The recommendations were unanimously approved.

Dr. Dortch reporting for the Building 4 Community Committee presented for information that the Committee would be meeting with Generis and would be reporting to the Church shortly with regard to the coming capital campaign.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the September, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading from 1 Corinthians 4:7.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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October 24, 2007

On October 24, 2007, the moderator, Mr. Matthew Jenije, called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Mr. Jenije presented the minutes of the September 26, 2007 business conference. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. Jim Pitts, Finance Committee Chair, who presented the September 2007 financial report. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the financial report.

Dr. Pitts also presented a fundraiser to support a Christmas meal for the Buckner Guatemala orphanage. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the fundraiser.

Mr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor, who presented for information the following:

- Over \$11,000 was received for the State Missions Offering which exceeded the goal of \$8,000.
- First Love project was held October 13, 2007.
- Building 4 Community Schedule.

Dr. Dortch recommended the appointment of a Minister to Young Adults Search Committee to include:

- Joan Cassels, Chair
- Seth Ablordeppey
- Annemarie Craft
- Laurie Dodson
- Matt Powers
- Don Thompson

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the recommendation.

There being no further business, Mr. Jenije declared the business conference closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Scarboro

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November 28, 2007

On November 28, 2007 the moderator, Dr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Dr. Jenije presented the minutes of the October 24, 2007 business conference.

Mr. Jack Nix moved that the minutes of the October 24, 2007 business conference be recorded as read. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije recognized Mr. Steve Wofford, Church Administrator who presented on behalf of the Finance Committee the October 2007 Financial Report.

Mr. Wofford moved that the October 2007 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije recognized Mr. Bill Gardner, Nominating Committee Chair who presented the 2008 recommendations for the Sunday Morning Bible Study Leadership and the 2008 Ministry Group Coordinators.

Mr. Gardner moved that the recommendations be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije recognized Mr. Carl Monson who presented the September 30, 2007 Endowment Fund Report.

Mr. Monson moved that the September 30, 2007 Endowment Fund Report be accepted. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor who presented the following Pastor's Report items:

- Winter Festival, December 2
- Hanging of the Green Service, December 2.
- Week of Prayer, December 2-3. Richard & Barbara Phipps, IMB Japan will be speaking.
- 2007 FBC Christmas Festival, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.
- Holiday Worship Schedule:
 - December 23 & 30, 10:30 a.m. worship service only. No Sunday Morning Bible Study
 - December 24:
 - Family Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 p.m.
 - Candlelight Christmas Worship at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Jenije gave his testimony reciting Romans 8:28.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the November 28, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading from Isaiah 41:10.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk

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December 19, 2007

On December 19, 2007 the moderator, Dr. Matthew Jenije called the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee into business conference.

Dr. Jenije presented the minutes of the November 28, 2007 business conference.

Mr. Stew Fallon moved that the minutes of the November 28, 2007 business conference be recorded as read. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije recognized Mr. Steve Wofford, Church Administrator who presented on behalf of the Finance Committee the November 2007 Financial Report.

Mr. Wofford moved that the November 2007 Financial Report be accepted. The motion to accept was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije presented the 2008 following recommendations for a four-year term beginning in 2008, to the Deacon Body.

Tim Barry	Jim Pullen
Harold Brock	Lee Scarboro
Bob Butler	John Schanbacher
John Chafin	Lorne Shackelford
Phillip Cooper	Bob Snyder
Jodie Dodson-to be ordained	Wayne Tedder
Leonard Flynn	Richard Tudor
Rick Jernigan	

Mr. David Merrill moved that the recommendations be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije recognized Mr. Charles Maynard, Deacon Nominating Committee Chair who presented the following recommendations to be the 2008 Deacon Officers.

John Corven – Chair
Glen Hicks – Chair Elect
John Ward – Secretary
Gerald Culbreth – Trustee
Sherman Wilhelm - Trustee

Mr. Leon Cassels moved that the 2008 Deacon Officers recommendations be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije presented recommendations for three-year terms beginning in 2008, to the Administrative Committees.

Mr. Bob Pullen moved that the recommendations to the 2008 Administrative Committees be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenije recognized Dr. J. Douglas Dortch, Pastor who presented the following Pastor's Report items:

- Holiday Worship Schedule will be:
 - December 23 and 30, 10:30 A.M.
 - No Sunday Morning Bible Study on December 23rd or 30th.
 - December 24th there will be a Family Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 P.M. and a Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at 6:00 P.M.

The Body extended its appreciation for Dr. Jenije's Deacon Chair leadership for 2007.

There being no further business, Mr. Matthew Jenije declared the December 19, 2007 business conference of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee closed after reading from Psalms 122:1.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Merrill
Church Clerk