



Session Highlights

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." (Psalm 127:1)

Greetings Bethel Church family and friends!

We are a month or so from completing our Phase Two building project, Lord willing! There is a certain level of excitement and anticipation as we see construction progress unfolding each week. The Session is making plans for the next steps in preparing the space for its intended uses, ordering furniture, etc. But most importantly we acknowledge the above Psalm and are reminded that we must thank God for His provision, protection, and guidance throughout the project.

Now, for some Session highlights (these are actual excerpts from our minutes):

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary with Moderator, TE Chris D. Donnelly, for the quarterly stated joint meeting with the Diaconate.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by DN Seth Neely.

The moderator read from the Scriptures, Psalm 19:1, and gave a brief devotion.

DN Ethan Wallace provided the Deacons' report and reviewed the minutes of the May 5, 2026, Deacons' meeting. These minutes are appended to the file copy of these Session minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to receive the report, with thanks.

DN Ken Long reviewed the financial report dated April 30, 2026. This financial report is appended to the file copy of these Session minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to receive the report, with thanks.

RE Tim Marsh provided a report on his elder shepherding activity. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to receive his report, with thanks.

RE Neil Allen provided a report on the Phase 2 Building project. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to receive the Phase 2 Building report, with thanks.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to appoint Larry Falls, Paul Robinson, and Dean McCarter to oversee the Phase Two construction punch list once construction is completed. Any contract retainage monies released will be subject to approval by this committee.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to ask Carmel Contractors to provide pricing to install built-in bookshelves in the Phase Two offices.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for RE Steve Linder to lead a committee to buy classroom equipment. DN Ethan Wallace and TE Chris Donnelly will serve on this committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the following minutes, as distributed: April 12, 2026, Stated Session meeting; April 12, 2026, Executive Session meeting; April 15, 2026, Called Session meeting.

RE Bob Love provided a report on the 95th Stated Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery held Saturday, April 25, at Westminster PCA in Rock Hill, SC. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to receive the report with thanks and to commend RE Bob Love and RE Ross Love for their attendance and diligence.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the BPC Youth Summer 2026 Schedule. A copy of the schedule is appended to the file copy of these session minutes.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve holding a Parents Night Out Saturday, August 8, as recommended by the Children's Discipleship Committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to receive the following Ministry Reports, with thanks: Ministry Intern Isak Siemens' report, Young Adult Ministry Intern Matthew Clay's report, Assistant Pastor TE Mark Kozak's report, and TE Chris Donnelly's report.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve Ministry Intern Isak Siemens exhorting the congregation during morning worship on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to add RE Neil Allen as an alternate member of the Indian Land Presbyterian Church Membership Commission, and to send him to the meeting this evening, May 17, 2026.

With no other business to conduct, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 4:12 PM.

The meeting was closed with prayer by TE Chris Donnelly.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your shepherding elder if there are any questions, concerns, and most importantly, any prayer requests.

In the Lamb,
Neil Allen
Clerk of Session

this week	events		volunteer schedule
Sunday's sermon: <i>Building Opposition</i>	Youth 5/24 at 5:00 pm	GriefShare 5/26 at 6:30 pm	<u>Infant Nursery</u> Cathy Robinson and Lindsay Hoffman
Nehemiah 4:1-12	Senior Citizens Lunch 5/27 at 12:00 pm	Men of the Covenant will clean up at the spring area this Saturday, May 23, starting at 9:00 am. If it rains, it will be postponed to the following Saturday, May 30th.	<u>Toddler Nursery</u> Harper Harvell and Jenifer Riddle
			<u>Worship Training</u> Amanda Brummett and Becky Adams