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The Board of Stewards meeting was called to order by Ida Hudson. Ida read a devotional written by a Columbine student.

The minutes of September 18, were approved with the following addition. The Board tentatively approved a budget of $1,958,656.

The Finance Committee presented a balance sheet for the year ending 12-31-00, one months balance sheet for 1-31-01 and the proposed operating budget for 2001. Julia Turlington discussed these figures and they are available in the file for this meeting. Lynn Hendricks indicated that normally in July and August, the budget for the work areas is developed and it usually is tentatively approved in September. Then we know what is pledged and where we stand. Lynn gave praise to Stacey Brandon who ran the every member canvas this year. She did an outstanding job. A voice vote was taken on the budget of $1,958,656 and it was approved.

The Board of Trustees is planning to meet on April 9, 2001. There is no report at this point. Rev. Stillwell did mention that a statue of Vardry McBee is being commissioned and the downtown churches who received property due to his gift are being asked to donate $5000. to this fund. Rev. Stillwell also discussed guidelines for giving to the church and how these donations will be handled. There will be a vote in May on these guidelines and then the entire church will be informed of how gifts can be processed.

The Council on Ministries is planning a week or month in the Fall for Heritage, celebrating past, present and future.

Gayle Quay reported that the CDC is using a 3-prong approach including CDC, after school program and Mothers Morning Out. This summer there will be an all-day elementary program for the entire summer. This program is full and has a waiting list. Gayle also reports that the new computer lab for children is being set up. The computers will be used in the 3-prong CDC and this summer in the Sunday School rotation.

David Stubbs celebrates the winning of the State Tournament in Florence by the Senior High Girls team. This is the 18th or 19th time BSUMC girls have won the Tournament. The Basketball Banquet will be Wednesday night. The Steeplechase, which is a 5K race, is coming up. The speaker is Jean Driscoll. She is rated in the top 25 greatest female athletes of the century. She gives a wonderful message. We need 80 volunteers to have the race on April 1. The Christian Sports Network includes seven churches who combine to have sports for children. Two hundred children have already signed up.
Marti Hatch talked about what wonderful ambassadors the Senior High girls are and how well they represent BSUMC. She was happy to also report that the Senior Highs did not fold up after the ski trip in January. They went to a retreat in the mountains and are still a viable interested group. They have started a prayer training for youth. There will be two nights of training and learning the differences between sharing news and praying for someone. They are also beginning to work on a sex education curriculum for parents and youth. There will be a comprehensive weekend for parents and youth in the Fall. There is a big Confirmation Class of 6th graders coming up. This will be the first class that Marti has had graduate. Registration for camp is taking place.

Rob Cole reported on Reach and Connect Stewardship. They have got the Welcome Center up and running. The Revelations Sunday School Class is staffing the Center this month. Each month a different class will staff it. They are incorporating a small token from the Church in the form of a small New Testament.

Fellowship friends are friends of new members who are matched by age, children, marital status, what service they normally attend, etc. The last group to join the Church included about 50, and they just got matched. SHAPE is headed by Sally Smith.

Summer Sneed reported for the Worship Committee on Dr. Mallett’s up-coming visit. They are busy planning for the future.

Missions Outreach reported by Mimi Parks included the Feeding Jesus Program, the Triune Methodist Church evening service, Habitat for Humanity Collegiate build, Happy Day’s Day Camp, Kairos and the banquet for the homeless being planned for the Fall. Jerry Hill reported on the New Beginnings Class mission project, Crises Ministry, the Greenville Interfaith Hospitality Network and the Bruton Town Project.

Rev. Stillwell representing the Nominating Committee put forth the following names which were approved on voice vote. Becky Edmonds will finish this year and one more year on the CDC Board due to a resignation. John Beam will serve on the Older Adult Council due to a resignation, and Ada Kain will work as the Elementary Co-coordinator.

Bill Kutz reported on the music we can expect in the near future.

Rev. Stillwell discussed the Dr. Mallett visit. There will be a Physicians luncheon one day next week. Anyone wishing to provide hospitality for lunch Monday or dinner Monday and Tuesday night would be appreciated. Dr. Mallett will preach at 8:45 p.m. in Sisk Hall, and 11:00 a.m. on the Sanctuary, plus 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. He needs a ride to Columbia Friday, March 30th.

Rev. Stillwell reported on the death of Curtis Fowler. His funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at Woodlawn. We have hired a replacement for Lauren Simmons. Her name is Paedra Martin, a native of Brazil. The Board of Stewards meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Littlepage, Secretary
Board of Stewards
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
May 21, 2001

Agenda

Call To Order - Ida Hudson, Chair

Devotion

Minutes of the March 19, 2001, Meeting

Finance Committee - Julia Turlington

Board of Trustees - Les Hudson

Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Pam Evans

Boards, Commissions & Committees Reports: (As needed...It may not be necessary for every group to report each meeting.)

  Council on Ministries - (Debbie Kelly)
  Pastoral Counseling Center - (Bob Howell, Marion Crooks)
  Congregational Care Task Force - (Cherron Saad)
  Child Development Center - (Andy Forrest, Gayle Quay)
  Education - (Evelyn Rogers, Gayle Quay)
  Leisure Ministries - (David Stubbs)
  Youth & Young Adult Ministries - (Eddie Nabers, Bruce Meyer, Marti Hatch)
  Reach & Connect/Stewardship - (Renee DeMoss & Rob Cole, Susan Leonard-Ray)
  Worship - (Helen Porter & Summer Sneed, Bill Kutz, Susan Leonard-Ray)
  Missions Outreach (Rosamund Korybski & Mimi Parks, Jerry Hill)
  Religion and Race - (Margie Gust, Jerry Hill)

Staff Reports

Senior Minister's Report - Bob Stillwell

Other Business

Adjournment
Mission/Outreach Report
Monday, May 21, 2001

Habitat for Humanity: Jeanene Gowan's home is nearly ready to be occupied. We will assist in moving help and continued nurturing. Possibility for joining into three other churches to assist Carlisle, PA group to completing home in August. Need $17,000, 30-40 volunteers. Women build off to great start, some slots still open for women to volunteer.


Banquet for the Homeless: Date set for Tuesday, September 11, 2001 in Sisk Hall.

Feeding Jesus: Continues on! Six Sunday School classes have participated, over 100 individual Buncombe Street members have been involved.

Jesus Video Project: Informational meeting, Wednesday, May 30, 2001, Sisk Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m. John Terry, Glenn Batson, Jay Boyer, Reverend Hill involved to recruit Buncombe Street members to contact local churches.

Crisis Ministries: See enclosed report.

United Ministries: Plans progressing to enlist Buncombe Street members in helping United Ministries in Capital Fund Drive.

G.A.I.H.N. (Greenville Area Inter-Faith Hospitality Network) Local organization progressing nicely: Covenant United Methodist Church, Lee Road United Methodist Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, (?), Messiah Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, St. Giles Presbyterian, Covenant Presbyterian, Eastminster Presbyterian have all committed to be a host church, several other churches are considering project commitment. Buncombe Street Commission on Mission voted to consider being a host church, Trustees, Pastor Parish have been informed of project. See enclosed materials for further information.

UMVIM/Foreign Missions: Planning for Buncombe Street to participate in UMVIM trip in October or November.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BOARD OF STEWARDS

December 4, 2001

The Board of Stewards was called to order by Chairperson, Ida Hudson who then gave a devotional. She welcomed District Superintendent Gareth Scott who is to conduct the Charge Conference following this meeting. The minutes of the last Board of Stewards meeting was mailed to each member prior to this meeting and were approved as read.

Marv Jane Steele of Staff-Parish announced that two ministers had left and two had arrived. She thanked Gareth Scott for the smooth transition. There is a benefits manual being developed which includes the staff, Pastoral Counseling Center and the Child Development Center. The purpose of the manual is to make things more equitable between those three groups.

Lyn Hendricks from Finance Committee reported on the end of year collections and the Every Member Campaign.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Littlepage
Secretary

IH/jhl
Board of Stewards  
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church  
February 25, 2002

1. Call to Order:
   - The Board of Stewards was called to order by Tom Whitted, Chair, who then gave a devotional. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

2. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:
   - Finance Committee - Dixon Harrill gave a financial report for the church. Lynn Hendricks submitted for approval from the Finance Committee the revised 2002 operating budget. It was approved by the Board. There was discussion regarding the 3.5 million dollar loan that is due in May 2002. John Redmond made a motion for the Board of Stewards to give Les Hudson, Chair of the Board of Trustees, the authority to execute the documents necessary related to the new credit facility. The motion was seconded and passed.
   - Strategic Planning Committee - John Redmond outlined the committee's progress. They are presently seeking input from various areas.
   - Council on Ministries - A summary report on communications was given by Robin Whitten.
   - Mission Outreach - Rosamund Korybski discussed the many mission projects for the upcoming months including housing the college students who are here to build a Habitat house and the upcoming rotation for the Interfaith Hospitality Network.
   - Pastoral Counseling Center - A summary report was given by Bob Howell.

3. Staff Reports:
   - Music - Summary report by Bill Kutz, who is coming up on 10 years of service to BSUMC.
   - Congregational Care - Summary report by Marion Crooks. Skipper Snipes outlined plans for the Shepherding Program for all Board Members. There will be a training meeting for the Shepherding Program on Sunday, March 10th @ 4PM.

4. Closing Benediction:
   - After a closing benediction from Doug Bowling the meeting was adjourned.

Faithfully Submitted,

Matthew Wise  
Secretary
1. Call to Order:
   - The Board of Stewards was called to order by Tom Whitted, Chair. David Stubbs gave the devotional. Roll was taken and the minutes from the last meeting were approved.

2. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:
   - Board of Trustees - Toni Ramsey reported that the parsonage will be sold.
   - Finance Committee -
     - Dixon Harrill gave a financial report for the church. Revenues are slow to come in but are up in August. Expenses are on or under budget for most areas in the church.
     - Lynn Hendricks that the proposed operating budget for 2003 be approved by the Board of Stewards. The motion was approved. The EMC 2003 will be similar to the last two years.
   - Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Mary Jane Steele reported that after interviewing 5 candidates for the Youth Minister Lanecia Rouse was hired. This committee approved the policy manual.
   - Strategic Planning Committee - None
   - Congregational Care - Marion Crooks discussed the Shepherding Program, Parish Nurses, Grief Ministries, Helping Hands, Crisis Phone, and the Order of St. Luke.
   - Education - Gayle Quay reported on the new Rotation Sunday School program. She explained how this program works and asked for testimony from three of the teachers.
   - Adult/Single Ministries - Grover Putnam discussed the fall schedule for Wednesday nights and urged everyone to come. He also reported on the success of the new Sunday School Class.
   - Leisure Ministries - David Stubbs reported on the two recent mailings with regard to leisure activities.
   - Reach and Connect - Kitty Holtzclaw recognized Rob Cole and discussed the BSUMC commercials.
   - Mission Outreach - Ida Hudson discussed the successful Homeless Banquet and how Jerry Hill has really connected with this group of people. She recognized Irmgard Robelot because this was her idea.

3. Staff Reports:
   - Senior Minister - Doug Bowling discussed lay leaders being nominated for next year and the Every Member Campaign for 2003.

4. Closing Benediction:
   - After a closing benediction from Doug Bowling the meeting was adjourned.

Faithfully Submitted,

Matthew Wise
Secretary
1. Call to Order:
   - The Charge Conference was called to order by Tom Whitted, Chairperson of the Board of Stewards. Kitty Holtzclaw gave the devotional. Roll was taken and the minutes from the last meeting were approved. The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Gareth Scott, District Superintendent.

2. Actions of the Charge Conference:
   - Election of Officers
     ⇒ The nominations for Charge Conference were approved with minor changes.
   - Recommendation for candidates for Ordained Ministry
     ⇒ Mary Jane Steele, chairperson of Staff Parish Relations, presented 2 candidates for ordained ministry. Charles Brookshire was approved for continuation of ordained ministry. Deborah Bishop was approved for ordained ministry unanimously by written ballot.
   - Motion to sell parsonage
     ⇒ Mary Jane Steele, chairperson of Staff Parish Relations, made a motion for the Charge Conference to approve selling the senior parsonage. The money from the sale would go into an endowment fund with the interest to be used to offset the housing allowance. After being seconded, the motion passed.
   - Projection of Ministry at Triune UMC
     ⇒ Dr. Gareth Scott discussed the situation at Triune UMC. The congregation there can no longer continue and has voted to discontinue the church. The Dr. Scott discussed the possibility of Buncombe Street UMC taking over the responsibility and overseeing the churches activity. Jerry Hill talked about how the homeless have identified this church as a welcome place and how this is a unique situation. Dr. Scott asked the members of the Board of Stewards to pray about this subject.
   - Comments from the District Superintendent
     ⇒ Dr. Gareth Scott praised the staff at Buncombe Street and told us how proud he was of this church. He offered a plaque commending the service of Buncombe Street UMC.

3. Closing Benediction:
   - After a closing benediction from Dr. Gareth Scott the meeting was adjourned.

Faithfully Submitted,

Matthew Wise
Secretary
1. Call to Order:
   - The Board of Stewards was called to order by Tom Whitted, Chair. Bob Hall gave the devotional. Roll was taken and the minutes from the last meeting were approved.

2. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:
   - Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Mary Jane Steele announced 2 candidates for ordained ministry; Chrissy Kelly (Emory), and Justin Gilry (Duke)
   - Finance Committee -
     ⇒ Dixon Harrill presented the year-end summary for 2002. Expenses were in line with the budget although revenues were less than expected.
     ⇒ Stacy Brandon presented the revised operating budget for 2003 for approval by the Board of Stewards. The motion was approved.
   - Strategic Planning Committee - None
   - Council on Ministries – Robyn Whitten discussed the following subjects:
     ⇒ The Commission on Education is being disbanded and responsibilities appropriated to each particular age level.
     ⇒ Communications continues to be a huge challenge.
     ⇒ Emphasized the importance of the Safe Sanctuary Task Force and ask that the Board of Stewards support this.
   - Triune Task Force – Robert Gage outlined plans for the Triune Project. The following motion was made to the Board:
     The Triune Task Force, composed of members of the laity, would like to propose that the Board of Stewards accept the title and responsibility of the property, and the care and responsibility of the membership of Triune Methodist Church.
     After much discussion, the motion passed.

3. Staff Reports:

4. Closing Benediction:
   - After a closing benediction from Doug Bowling the meeting was adjourned.

Faithfully Submitted,

Matthew Wise
Secretary
1. Call to Order:
   - The Board of Stewards was called to order by Acting Chair Ida Hudson, who also gave the devotional. The minutes of the last meeting were approved after correcting the spelling of Justin Gilreath’s name.

2. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:
   - Board of Trustees – Toni Ramsey gave a report on the Sisk Fund and the assistance given to a number of groups.
   - Treasurer – Dixon Harrill stated that, while the church is behind in collections, pledges are up from last year and expenses are less than anticipated.
   - Finance – Stacy Brandon presented revenue and expense studies and informed the board that it may be necessary to ask the bank for an increase in the line of credit. The Board of Trustees will discuss this further in June.

3. Staff Reports:
   - Bill Kutz described the special music being planned for the future.
   - Jerry Hill discussed the mission trip to Mexico, the progress of the collegiate Habitat home, and Paint the Town. He also reported that $20,000 was raised for GAIHN by the golf tournament and that $517 raised by the wheelchair basketball game would be shared by GAIHN and the Mexico mission trip.
   - Gayle Quay gave an update on the progress of Safe Sanctuary and urged the group to fill out the paperwork for a background check so that a message of support can be sent to the congregation.
   - Bob Hall reminded the group of the forum stressing issues of war and peace, in light of the recent war with Iraq. Several professors from Furman University will be featured.
   - Kitty Holtzclaw is looking forward to the Annual Conference.
   - David Stubbs announced that information on the summer programs will be listed on the website rather than mailed to the congregation.

4. Closing Benediction:
   - Doug Bowling gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Gordon
Acting Secretary
Board of Stewards / Charge Conference  
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church  
November 17, 2003

1. Call to Order:
   - Tom Whitted, Chairperson, called the Board of Stewards / Charge Conference to order. The minutes were approved from the last meeting. Jerry Hill gave the devotion.

2. Charge Conference:
   - The meeting was turned over to Dr. Gareth Scott, District Superintendent.
   - Recommendation of Candidates for Ordained Ministry:
     ⇒ Dr. Scott recommended three candidates for continued ordained ministry. Debora Bishop, George Brookshire, and Justin Gilreath. All three were approved.
   - Recommendation of Ministerial Salaries:
     ⇒ Dr. Scott requested approval of ministerial salaries. The motion was approved.
   - Election of Officers:
     ⇒ The Committee on Lay Leadership recommended a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Three minor changes were made and the motion was approved.
   - Report from the Pastor:
     ⇒ Doug Bowling reported on the healthy status of our church. He also announced that Bill Kutz was retiring effective next Thursday.
   - Dr. Scott thanked the members of Buncombe Street for their hard work over the past year and stated how proud he was of the church.

4. Closing Benediction:
   - After a closing benediction from Dr. Scott, the meeting was adjourned.

Faithfully Submitted,

Matthew Wise  
Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Jerry Steele, Chairperson, called the Board of Stewards to order and gave the devotion. New members were introduced. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

Reports
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Falls Harris reported on the progress of the Columbarium. Construction will begin in the summer.
TREASURER: Dixon Harrell discussed the December 2003 Balance Sheet. The church raised more money in 2003 than ever before. However, expenses were up 4.46% and there was a loss of $112,000 in operating costs.
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: Elise McCasland reported that there was a 4.6% increase in income in 2003. However, expenses were up by 11.5%.
PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER: There was a 1% increase in income.
CONTINUING OUR LEGACY: The campaign received $95,000 in 2003.
SISK FUND: The fund had a value of 5.4 million dollars in 2003.
TRIUNE: Jim Hunter reported that Triune had revenue of $70,000 and expenses of $65,000 in 2003. Debora Bishop is the new Director of Triune.
FINANCE: Stacy Brandon reported on 2003. Only 84% was collected of what was planned. We will not be able to pay 100% of our apportionments due to the budget crunch. There has been a deficit for three years. Stacy made a motion from the Finance Committee for a revised 2004 budget of $1,975,581.00. Betty Meyers seconded the motion. It was passed.
STAFF-PARISH COMMITTEE: Margaret Clayton reported that the new Director of Music and Arts Ministry will be Billy Fallaw. He will begin May 1, 2004.
SHARING GOD’S GIFTS CAMPAIGN: Ida Hudson reported on the fund raising.
CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Marion Crooks reported that the congregation was divided by zip codes. Care is given in special need situations.
MEMBERSHIP: Kitty Holtzclaw reported that we have 3187 full members. We have a total of 150 new members. We have a net gain of 81 members in 2003.

PASTOR: Doug Bowling thanked the Finance Committee for its hard work on preparing the 2004 Budget. He also thanked Ida Hudson, Matt Shouse, and Doug Stambaugh for their leadership on the SHARING GOD’S GIFTS CAMPAIGN.

The meeting was closed with prayer.
Ranette Gaffney,
Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jerry Steele called the Board of Stewards to order and gave the devotion. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

REPORTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Judge Victor Pyle reported that the Board of Trustees approved a parking lot contract with new fees. The Sisk Fund grant proposals were approved by the Board. He also reported on the progress of the 192 niche columbarium under construction. The Board approved funds to protect the stained glass windows at Triune Methodist with plexi-glass.
TREASURER: Dixon Harrell gave the balance sheet highlights. The budget is 1% under revenues at this time. He encouraged all members to continue their giving during the summer months. The CDC has increased its income and has a positive cash flow.
STAFF PARISH: Pam Evans introduced the new Director of Music and Arts Ministry, Billy Fallaw.
SHARING GOD’S GIFTS: Matt Shouse reported that a follow up is in progress. There were 475 pledges for a total of $3,961,298 just $39,000 short of the goal.
COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Robyn Whitten reported on the plan to redevelop the web site.
REACH AND CONNECT/STEWARDSHIP: Kitty Holtzelaw reported that the Open Hearts Welcoming Team, a group of 14 people, will help new members assimilate into the church and work with them for six months.
STAFF REPORTS: Doug Bowling introduced Debora Bishop, the new minister of Triune Methodist Church and director of the Triune Mercy Center. Debora reported that there are 250 regular members of the church. The food program is going well. She explained that the Mercy Center is completely separate from the church and as such is applying for various grants. She answered questions about the program.
Gayle Quay reported on the summer Children’s Ministry plans. There are 271 children registered for VBS, June 21 - 24. There are 98 adults who are volunteering. David Stubbs reported on the summer camps that he and Gayle will direct. There will be Camp Buckhorn day camp for first graders and a mini camp for second graders who spend two nights at Camp Buckhorn. Camp Moseley will be at Asbury Hills for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Teens from our church are the counselors.
Harold Boman, Tim Poole, and Bill Mulligan gave a year end report on the Boy
Scout Troop 9. They gave a beautiful power point presentation celebrating the 80th anniversary of the troop founded in 1924. The troop has produced 49 Eagle Scouts to date. Today it has 60 members. A senior troop member wrote a letter to the Board of Stewards thanking Buncombe Street for its long time support of the Troop. The letter is attached.

OLD BUSINESS: Doug Bowling thanked Alane Kelly for her hard work and dedication during the Sharing God’s Gifts Campaign.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Ranette Gaffney,
Secretary
Dear Board of Stewards,

My name is Clarke Sumerel and I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 9. I have served six months this scout year along with Marc Mulkey, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. The 2003-2004 scout year was a great success. We had many new members join the troop and a lot of returning scouts. As usual, we went on one camping trip every month. Here is a quick review of those trips:

The troop usually attends a few camporees where many local troops get together for a weekend of “car camping” and scout activities. These trips take place at the beginning of the year which is a nice way to introduce the new scouts to camping skills. These trips are good for all of the scouts to interact with scouts from other troops.

The backpacking trips we had were very good in terms of learning outdoor camping skills and having a fun time with fellow scouts. Personally, I like the backpacking trips the best because unlike the camporees with many troops involved, they provide a great opportunity for the scouts to have one on one interaction with each other.

We had a wonderful turn out for the annual lock-in. The scouts went out for pizza and a movie and then returned for a night of activities such as basketball, hockey, movies and more. This is one of the favorites among all the camping trips.

Another one of the major trips we had this year was the caving trip to Tennessee. This was a three day trip and we caved for two of the days. We caved at two different places, Cumberland Caverns and The Lost Sea. Not only the boys enjoyed this trip but there were many adults who attended also.

Troop 9, as you can see, is a very active troop in terms of camping trips, but these trips are made possible by our annual fundraisers which include the Chicken Dinner and the concession stands. The Chicken Dinner is our biggest fundraiser and went exceptionally well this year. We sold over one thousand dinners and donated some 500 dinners to local community service centers. All members of the troop helped to prepare the meals on Friday and Saturday, and were at the church on Sunday distributing the meals.

Our other fundraiser is the concession stand we run during the church basketball season. Every weekend the stand is run by scouts and adults, and every scout in the troop runs the stand at least once.

We have activities planned through the summer including our sailing trip to The Bahamas and Summer Camp.

As someone who has enjoyed Troop 9 for over five years, I want to express my personal thanks to Buncombe Street United Methodist Church for their continued support.

Sincerely,

Clarke I. Sumerel
Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
July 19, 2004

In Attendance:
See attached list.

Agenda:
• Call to Order: Jim Sarratt
• Devotion: Jim Sarratt on the Mary and Martha story – reminding us all that while we
may be doers, that we also need to leave time to stop, pray, and listen.
• Board of Trustees - Charlie Pyle:
  1. Reported that several ideas had been discussed to use other funds to reduce the
     church debt including a request to use Sisk Funds to pay on the debt, and that the
     Board of Trustees would be making decisions in the future based on the result of
     the vote taken later in this meeting.
  2. Triune Parsonage - A potential buyer is interested in purchasing the parsonage for
     a price that will net approximately $130,000. A Charge Conference was called
     for the following Wednesday, (July 28, 2004) at 7 PM in the FAB Dining
     Room to take action on this motion.
  3. The work on the Columbarium is proceeding well. Alane Kelley is preparing
     information on the details.
• Treasurer - Dixon Harrill provided financial reports that showed overall good trends
  including:
  1. very good expense control for the first half of the year,
  2. CDC doing well,
  3. PCC has plans to correct a shortage,
  4. Money is coming in well for Sharing God’s Gifts,
  5. Triune is doing well,
  6. Need to have a strong EMC Campaign for 2005, Dixon will chair this committee.
• Finance: Stacy Brandon:
  1. The Finance Committee proposed a 75/25 split between Debt Reduction (75%)
     and Triune Capital Needs (25%). After discussion on the subject, a motion was
     made, seconded, and the vote carried on the motion for a: “75/25 split
     between Debt Reduction (75%) and Triune Capital Needs (25%) subject to
     the Trustees approval of Capital Funds for Triune”.
  2. During the discussion, Robert Gage reported that $1.1 Million dollars in
     renovation would only bring Triune up to code. Approximately $1.8 Million
     would allow the Sanctuary to be retained, while demolishing the three story
     structure to allow for new construction of an 18,000 sq. ft building. An
     architectural plan is being developed.
  3. Timing of dispersals to Triune of the 25% must be examined to determine the best
     way to handle. No additional campaign will be planned, any remaining debt for
     BSUMC will be amortized into the operating budget three years from now.
• Staff Parish-Relations Committee – Margaret Clayton reported that two search
  committees are in place: 1) Gary Daniels Jr is chairing the search for a Youth
Minister, while Lou Ellen Davis is chair of the search for a Spirit-to-Spirit Coordinator.

- Sharing God's Gifts - no report.
- Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  1. Robyn Whitten reported for the Council on Ministries that a Ministries Fair will be held in October to highlight the ministries of the church.
  2. Music and Arts ministry - watch the Web Site and newsletter for many exciting activities planned in this area.
  3. Worship - The audio in the sanctuary is a concern, and the problem is being addressed by the Music and Arts Ministry, both from a current and future need.
- Staff Reports:
  1. David Stubbs provided an exciting report on the 25 years of Leisure Ministry successes including: Christian Sports Network for children from seven churches; Camping, After School, and Wednesday night suppers; Mission projects through basketball teams; Trip ministries to 41 states and foreign countries; the web site; CRSM (National Association of Church Sports and Recreation Ministers) of which David is the president-elect; the number of basketball teams has grown from eight to over fifty; new sports and activities are being offered including: Karate, fencing, personal fitness, Upward Basketball, small men's groups; the 26th Fall Festival is planned; Summer Camping experiences are planned for EVERY week next summer; and the first sports mission trip is scheduled in 2005 to go to the Bahamas.
  2. Jim Hunter (retired minister) had been asked to work part time to assume some administrative responsibilities. Jim reported on his work that will free Doug up for more pastoral work and allow Doug to become more involved in community activities. Jim is working on: staff development, lines of authority, and organization; EMC Campaign; communications; budget; and coaching and mentoring of staff.
  3. Doug Bowling provided a report on several areas of interest to the church including:
     - We have a gift of heritage in our church, and a responsibility to it. We must take on this responsibility, provide guidance, work through questions and answers, and spread the good news (for example, we were challenged to tell five people about the decision made tonight on the split of funds for debt reduction and Triune).
     - At the 2004 Jurisdictional Conference, Will Willimon was elected Bishop, giving Buncombe Street a second Bishop from BSUMC (Jack Meadors being the first). Mary Virginia Taylor was elected as a bishop and was assigned to South Carolina. Lanecia Rouse was given special recognition at the conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenna Robinson
9/13/2004
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jerry Steele called the Board of Stewards to order and gave the devotional. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.

REPORTS
TREASURER: Dixon Harrell gave the balance sheet highlights. The operating fund is ahead from this time last year. Expenses have been kept in line. The CDC revenues are up by 7.4%. The Pastoral Counseling Center revenues are down by 7.2% and they are reviewing their fees. Triune is operating on a break even basis.
FINANCE: Stacy Brandon presented the Proposed Budget for 2005. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed budget.
STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Margaret Clayton, chair of the committee, introduced Gary Daniels, Jr., chair of the Youth Search Committee. Gary introduced the new Minister of Youth, Heidi Nelson from Butler, PA. Gary explained the process of finding a youth minister and emphasized that the youth, parents, and church members had input in the selection. He welcomed Heidi to our church.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Julie Turlington reported that there would be a Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 31 from 8:30 - 12:30. All Sunday classes are asked to participate in this information opportunity.
LEISURE MINISTRIES: Doug Bowling reported that David Stubbs was on a trip with 24 of the senior church members to Nova Scotia.
MISSIONS AND OUTREACH: KC Carter, a BSUMC member, took a plane load of supplies to the Bahamas following the hurricanes. He has also volunteered to stay and help with the recovery.
REACH AND CONNECT/STEWARDSHIP: Rob Cole reported that the New Member Class will begin in October.
TRIUNE: Robert Gage reported that the ministry at Triune is growing. The church is operating most efficiently under the leadership of Debora Bishop.
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Judy Benedict reported that the United Methodist Women will be selling nuts on Sunday during the month of October. They will cost $6.00 a bag and the proceeds will go to missions.
YOUTH: Tom Buchanan reported that the Youth are looking forward to working
with Heidi. They had a concert with Christian artist Jay Memory on Sept. 19 which was well attended. Their numbers have been growing. A new format on Sunday nights has been well received.

SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL: Candler Ellis reported on the many activities that the Council has planned. They include seminars, fellowship, and Bible studies. They are wanting to start a tape ministry to those who cannot attend church services.

STAFF REPORTS

BILLY FALLAW: Billy reported on the many new programs in the Music and Arts Ministry. There are two new choirs: Men’s and Women’s Choirs. A children’s Recorder Ensemble has been organized by Dianne Eikenbusch. The church is participating in the Royal School of Music program and have students from the 4th - 7th grades participating weekly. There will be a concert series at BSUMC beginning October 23 with a piano concert. Other concert dates will be December 19 and February 19. There will be concerts in the Chapel on Thursdays during Advent at noon and special programs also on Sunday nights at 7:00. An acoustical engineer has analyzed the two pipe organs in the church and found them to be in good condition with only minor repairs needed.

JIM HUNTER: Jim reported his pleasure in helping to choose the new youth minister, Heidi Nelson. He will serve as her mentor on Staff. He will also be working on a reorganization for the church staff to make it clear lines of accountability.

DOUG BOWLING: Doug reported that Kitty Holtzclaw was doing well after recent surgery. He thanked Greer Daniels, Jr. and his committee for the excellent job they did in finding a youth minister and welcomed Heidi Nelson to our church family.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Ranette Gaffney
Secretary
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHARGE CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 15, 2004

In Attendance:
See attached List

The Annual Charge Conference for Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was opened by Dr. Doug Bowling with prayer. Chairman Jerry Steele asked for approval of the minutes from the last Board of Stewards meeting. The minutes were approved.

Doug Bowling introduced Dr. Charles Johnson, new District Superintendent for the Greenville District, who led the Charge Conference. Reports were given concerning the church’s ministry.

John Redmond reviewed the annual report of the church. He highlighted the Triune Mercy Center ministry and the support of the missionary family to the Bahamas.

Doug Bowling reported on the successful God’s Gifts Campaign, and two new staff members: Director of Music and Arts Ministry, Billy Fallaw, and Youth Minister, Heidi Nelson. He also reported on the missions of the church: the Triune Mercy Center and support of the Bahama missionary family. A columbarium is under construction and will be ready in the new year. The total church membership is now 3217.

Dr. Jim Hunter reported on the staff reorganization project he is leading. He also spoke of his new project, an Academy of Spiritual Formation. This will be a focus in the new year.

Dr. Johnson recognized Rev. Patty Fallaw, Rev. Kitty Holtzclaw, and Rev. Chris Cox who are members of the Charge Conference.

Judy Benedict, President of UMW, reported that the church has six active circles and highlighted the year’s various projects.
Bruce Meyer made the report for UMYF. He thanked the church leadership for the choice of the new youth minister, Heidi Nelson. He highlighted the youth’s year with the addition of a Virtuous Retreat Weekend and a new Youth Praise Band. He praised the adult volunteers that help in the youth program.

Sue Wilson reported from the Archives Committee that they are working on a complete history of Buncombe Street and asked for everyone’s support.

Mary Jane Steele gave the Trustees report. They have approved the building of the columbarium this year and have approved an update in the sound system in the sanctuary and Sisk Hall.

The Lay Leadership was approved, officials elected, candidates for ordained ministry approved, and bonded staff members approved.

Dr. Johnson presented Doug Bowling with a certificate for the church paying 100% of its apportionments fees. He commended the church’s work and said it had an impact in our nation and the world. He also gave Doug a video, “Sharing God’s Gift”, that explains the work of the Methodist church in the world.

There being no further business, Dr. Johnson dismissed the group with prayer.

Ranette Gaffney
Secretary

2. **Minutes of Last meeting** – Approved as presented.

3. **Board of Trustees – Charlie Pyle:**
   - The Columbarium is almost finished. Informational material is being prepared for distribution. There are 184 spaces with two per space.
   - The Sound System upgrade is in the works.
   - The trustees are looking into a security system upgrade.

4. **Treasurer – Dixon Harrill:**
   - We had a surplus in 2004!! This was the first positive year after three straight years of having financial losses for the year. Expenses were down 6% (staff did very well) and revenues were up to over $2 million. This should total a surplus of $80,000 - $100,000. The CDC and PCC both had surpluses.
   - The Sharing God's Gifts campaign collected $942,000 during the year. The debt was reduced by $500,000 during the year, and an additional $250,000 will be applied this month.
   - The Sisk fund is worth Five million dollars.
   - Triune had a loss of almost $11,000 but there are restricted funds available that will zero out that loss.
   - The kitchen had a loss of $4,000.

5. **Finance – Dixon Harrill (for Stacy Brandon):**
   - The financial results of the Operating Budget campaign are being evaluated. We need additional pledges but the dollar amount per card is up. The 2005 budget will be presented at the next meeting.

6. **Staff-Parish Relations Committee:** No report

7. **Boards, Commissions, Committees:**
   - Adult Ministries – Grover Putnam: Thanked Jim Doolittle for service as Adult coordinator, introduced Laura Styles as new Adult Coordinator.
• CDC – Elise McCasland: The board has four new members, with four new members. Programs are full and after school has grown. Goals for the year include: Continuing to improve financial situation and update the mission statement.

• Congregational Care – Kitty Holtzclaw reported that additional caring groups have been formed including AA and a Cancer Support Group.

• Leisure Ministry: David Stubbs reported that Fitness Ministry is going well and Men’s Accountability groups have been started.

• Mission and Outreach – Mary Helms reviewed the structure of the Committee. There are about eight sub-committees that are operating well.

• Reach and Connect/Stewardship – Rob Cole: New Member classes will be held 2/13, 2/20, and 3/6 with a luncheon on 4/10. Work is in progress for a new Visitor Center at the Spirit-to-Spirit service.

• Youth and Young Adult – Heidi Nelson reported that over twenty youth participated in Youth Sunday with five seniors talking about “What Buncombe Street has meant to me”. She also provided an update on plans for the re-decorating of the Youth Hall.

• Communication – Gaines Huguley: Asked that Communications be added to the agenda for future meetings. Eight people participated in a two day MAPS session in February to discuss communications. Plans for the year include: 1) Writing a marketing communications plan for the church, 2) working with the Archives to store old video, 3) Editing the Triune Video (due to Debora Bishop resigning), and 4) Filming the weekly service to provide church services to older adults living in Assisted Living facilities. The weekly Embrace newsletter is doing well.

• Pictorial Directory: - Betty Meyers: All of the slots for the pictures are full, and we will have additional times available for signup next Sunday. Cards will be sent, and phone calls will be made to those who did not signup.

8. Staff Reports by Doug Bowling:

• Organizational Task Force, reported by Brad Hughes: This task force was requested by Staff-Parish to evaluate the organization of the church office, because too many people reported to Doug Bowling. Robyn Whitten was the chair. All of the staff provided much input on their duties. The purpose is to reorganize in a better way, more like a business by identifying strengths and weaknesses. A search committee is in place for a Director of Administration and Finance. More information will be presented soon to the Board of Stewards.

• Tsunami Offering – over $20,000 has been collected for UMCOR.

• Triune – reported by Rev Jim Hunter: Debora Bishop (Triune Pastor) offered her resignation to the Triune Board due to commitments to her family. She will continue to support Triune and Buncombe Street working as a lay person. A search committee is in place for her replacement.

• Amahl and the Night Visitors: Attendance for the two performances at the Peace Center Gunter Theater was very good with 75 – 85 % of the tickets being sold. The performances were great. Many Thanks to Billy Fallaw and the Music and Arts Ministry for their hard work.

10. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 21, 2005 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenna Robinson
2/20/2005
CALL TO ORDER
Jerry Steele, Chairman, called the Board of Stewards to order and gave the devotion and opening prayer. The minutes were corrected to read that the debt was reduced by $75,000.00 in 2004.

TREASURER: Stacy Brandon gave the 2004 end of the year report. The church had a surplus of $89,816.00. The CDC and Counseling Center were also in the black for 2004. The Sisk Fund did well also. The FAB Kitchen had a deficit and steps are being made to correct that. The church will be able to start making larger payments toward the debt reduction.

The Finance Committee presented the final 2005 Budget Proposal. It has a $71,000.00 increase from 2004. The apportionments were not fully funded in 2004 and will not be in 2005. The pension and health coverage of the apportionments will be covered. Discussion followed. The Budget for 2005 was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING: Gaines Huguley reported on his committee’s work. They are doing a survey of ministry chairs which is due by March 15.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH: Jerry Hill reported on the Bahamas Mission trip in March. Twenty-one BSUMC members and twenty-eight from Covenant Methodist Church will be going. He reported that there were 330 in Triune church on Sunday night and that 346 were fed.

MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRY: Pam Evans reported on the Arts Fair in progress at BSUMC. Visual arts as well as live music performance are being presented. The response has been very good. The Music & Arts Board has joined the Metropolitan Arts Council in order to expand our resources. A brochure showing all the music, arts, and camp opportunities for young people in the summer was shown to the Board. It shows all the many activities and events for children and youth every week of the summer.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: Heidi Nelson invited the Board to view the work of the youth on Youth Hall. They are painting a mural over the entire hall. The work should be finished in a few weeks. Heidi introduced Hannah Williams as the youth representative on the Board of Stewards. College addresses
of church members are needed by Jesse Ninestein. The youth will have an auction on April 20 to raise funds for various mission projects.

STAFF REPORTS: Doug Bowling introduced Robyn Whitten who is chairing the Organizational Plan for the church. Also serving on the committee are Brad Hughes, Gary Daniels, Jr., Jim Hunter, Dixon Harrill, Stacy Brandon, and Margaret Clayton. The committee is looking for a Director of Finance Administration. The full details of their work will be given at another meeting. Doug thanked the group for their diligent work.

Gayle Quay discussed the summer brochure in more detail and thanked Heidi for help in preparing the brochure. Gayle explained that church members will have the opportunity to sign up for the activities first. After two weeks, the activities will be opened to those in the community.

COLUMBARIUM: Scott Powell reported that the columbarium is near completion. Frank Hammond, chairman of the committee, will be speaking at the three Sunday services about the columbarium on March 6. The niches will sell for $3,000.00 each. Each niche can hold up to two urns. There are 184 niches. The project was privately funded.

There being no old or new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ranette Gaffney
Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Jerry Steele, Chairman, called the Board of Stewards to order and opened with prayer. He recognized Elizabeth Morgan’s birthday that day. Copies of the minutes had not been made, so they would be presented next month.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Judge Victor Pyle, chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported that the board had accepted the recommendation of the Sisk Fund Committee and had dispersed funds, had approved the purchase of a large screen for Sisk Hall, and had approved the sale of niches in the columbarium for $3,000 each.

TREASURER
Dixon Harrill gave a complete report of the church’s finances. Revenues from the Sharing God’s Gifts campaign are reducing the church debt. The Child Development Center is doing very well and has a surplus of funds. Church revenues are down and expenses are up by 12%.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Stacy Brandon presented the revised budget for 2005. The budget was approved by the Board. The apportionment fees were increased to cover the salary section of the fees. We have presently paid 60% of the requested apportionment fees of 2004 due to our budget problems. When the budget is secure, the apportionment monies will be increased. Stacy explained that the Advocate had mistakenly reported that we had only paid 20% of our apportionment fees in 2004. That is not correct.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS
Margaret Clayton introduced the new Director of Finance and Administration, Anna Irmiter. Anna is coming to us from Charlotte, but is originally from Spartanburg. She comes highly qualified for our church’s needs.
ADULT MINISTRIES
Grover Putnam reported that the Older Adult Council wants to video services for church shut ins. The group has established a project to call church members who live alone on a daily basis to make sure that they are doing okay. Martha Frances Morgan thanked Grover for the work he does with the older adults.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Elise McCasland reported that the Center recently celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Brad Hughes reported that there is a program of some kind for the children of the church every week of the summer. The Vacation Bible School promises to be a very exciting week in June. Brad thanked all of those who volunteered in the children’s ministries.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES
Pat Duncan reported that the Council is conducting a review of all the ministry programs. They are presently working to enhance the Wednesday night programs.

LEISURE MINISTRIES
David Stubbs reported on the High School Senior Dinner. Of the ten boys attending, 5 were Eagle Scouts. That is far above the national average of Eagle Scouts in one group. David said this was due to the fine Scouting program at the church.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH
The Mexico Mission Trip will be July 23 - 30. There will be a garage sale held at the church to raise funds.

MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRY
The children’s musical had 90 children participating. The adult and youth handbells gave a concert in May. The children’s choir will sing at Conference in June.
PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER
Bob Howell reported that Marion Crooks will be leaving. Another counselor will be coming in July.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES
Heidi Nelson reported that $4500 had been raised from the Youth Auction. The Senior Dinner was very successful. Bruce Meyer was named the first Volunteer of the Year for the Youth.

ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN
Doug Bowling thanked Robyn Whitten and her committee’s diligent work in presenting a new organizational plan for the church staff. Their recommendations have been made and the staff is working well with the new set up. Robyn reviewed the flow chart and explained that job descriptions were written for each job. Grover Putnam has now become the Parish Minister. This position will no longer be filled by an associate minister. This will give greater continuity to the church family. David Stubbs will become Director of Education & Programs.

COMMUNICATION PLAN
Doug introduced Gaines Huguley, chairman of the Communication Committee. This group did an analysis, marketing, and planning session for the church’s mission statement. Their goal was to define the church’s mission, identify the outreach ministry as our strength, communicate our association with the Methodist church, review the mission statement, and develop a strategy. They wanted to have in all communication from the church a more unified and focused congregation. Gaines presented an audio presentation of the goals for church members to embrace: grace, faith, and service. Doug thanked Gaines for the job he and his committee had done.

Doug dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Ranette Gaffney
Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Jerry Steele, Chairman, called the Board of Stewards to order and opened with prayer. The minutes for the February 21, 2005 and the May 16, 2005 meetings were approved. Jerry announced that the church needed e-mail addresses from those who had them so we could save money not having to mail meeting notices.

TREASURER
Dixon Harrill discussed the balance sheet. The debt is being reduced. Expenses are up 14½% from this time last year. Income has not increased to that level, so we must be careful about expenditures. The CDC income has increased 7.7% from last year. The PCC revenues are down 18%, but expenses are down some as well. Truie is doing very well with increased revenues. A reminder will be going out to the congregation about the commitments to Sharing God’s Gifts.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Elise McCasland reported that the center is at capacity. The Pre-K class will include a Spanish class in the Fall. Every staff member will have their driving record on file, and it will be renewed annually. The playground repairs are in progress. The CDC was without a playground for two months. Elise praised the CDC for their creativity and patience during that time. The playground has lost all of its shade and the CDC Board is exploring shade solutions. They are also working on a new mission statement and objectives in line with the new BSUMC mission statement of Grace, Faith, and Service.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Brad Hughes reported that the VBS had gone very well and was at capacity.

COMMUNICATIONS /MARKETING
Gaines Hughley reported that the new pictorial directory would be available in about a month.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES
Judge Victor Pyle reported for Pat Duncan that the council is doing well with its plan to revise Wednesday night activities. It will be an “Explorer Night” and different classes will be offered to appeal to all groups. The activities will be family friendly so that the participants will not be getting home too late.

STEWARDSHIP
Rob Cole reported that a new member class would be offered in late September. Also a new Sunday School Class would begin in late October that will have various topics for 3 to 4 weeks. Grover Putnam will lead the first topic. Hopefully, this class will appeal to members who are not in a Sunday School Class.
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Hannah Williams reported that the youth had been to Hinton on a work project and had attended a Youth Conference at Wofford.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

David Stubbs introduced the new Director of Leisure Ministry, Michael Stevens.

STAFF REPORTS

LONG RANGE PLANNING
Doug Bowling introduced Stacy Brandon as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. Stacy reported that the committee was in place and had had its initial meeting the end of June. They set goals and are now gathering information. They want to incorporate the new mission statement and use it as a guide for planning. They also want to set up a process that this plan would be evaluated in a few years and not be forgotten. They will meet again in September and would welcome comments and ideas.

STAFF REORGANIZATION
Jim Hunter reported on the work of the Reorganization Committee. The plan is in place and is going well. He thanked the staff for their support and cooperation. The plan will be tweaked and perfected as we move through the rest of this year.

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT
Brad Hughes and Gaines Hughley will be the 2006 Every Member Commitment Campaign Chairs. Brad explained that the approach would be to tie into the mission statement of Grace, Faith, and Service. Gaines explained that the objective would be to emphasize the benefits of giving and the role of giving in our lives. This will be a new approach in that this campaign will be based on faith. Members will pledge, but the pledge card will not be kept by the church. The church will not know the amount of anyone’s pledge. It will be an act of faith that the church membership will provide the funds necessary for BSUMC. Jim Hunter made a motion that the Board accept this new approach to the Every Member Commitment. Jenna Robinson seconded and the motion was carried.

Doug reported that he had completed staff evaluations. He expressed his great appreciation for the entire staff and thanked Jim Hunter for his assistance.

There being no old or new business, Doug dismissed us with a prayer.

The next meeting will be September 19.

Ranette Gaffney
Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Jerry Steele, Chairman, called the Board of Stewards to order and opened with devotion and a special prayer for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The minutes for the July 18, 2005 meeting were approved. Jerry suggested that we e-mail the minutes next time in order to save paper costs.

TREASURER
Dixon Harrill discussed the balance sheet. Sharing God’s Gifts’ pledges are a bit behind. Revenues are down and expenses are up 9%. Members will be encouraged to pay their pledges. The CDC has had a very good year. The Sisk Fund is in good shape. The PCC has fewer revenues, but their expenses are also down. Triune is paying for itself. The FAB kitchen has a small loss.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Stacy Brandon explained the need for a Fundraising Policy. There have been a lot of requests from various groups to raise funds. The Finance Committee wanted to make sure that most of the church work is done through the budget process. There may be fund raisers for special events, and Sunday School Classes may still raise money within their membership without having to get approval. Coleman Shouse made a motion to accept the new policy. Motion carried. The Finance Committee is working on the 2006 Budget and seeking God’s will for our church.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Brad Hughes reported that 41 third graders received Bibles.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING
Gaines Huguley said that the proof for the directory was here, and members should get their copies in October.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES
David Stubbs made the report for Pat Duncan. He said that Explorer’s Night was going well. They have had an average of 365 people.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH
Jerry Hill reported that Happy Days Camp had been a great experience. The Banquet of Hope was held September 15 and was well attended.
committee is working on ways to help meet the needs of victims of Hurricane Katrina. They have purchased a large trailer to take to work sites. Church members prepared the lunch meal for 200 evacuees being housed in Greenville on September 16. GAIHN was present at our church this week with three families in attendance.

PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER
Bob Howell reported that Chris Cox was named interim director of the PCC.

TRIUNE
Jerry Hill reported that Deb Richardson-Moore was the new minister. The 6:00 Sunday evening service is going very well. Triune has elected a church council with eight members. Debora Bishop is still serving as Chairman of the Board.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES
Hannah Williams showed the youth T shirt with this year’s theme: G to G, meaning Go to God. The youth collected 159 blankets on Sunday. Thirty-seven youth attended the Youth Conference this summer. Tom Buchanan encouraged everyone to go see the Youth Hall with the beautiful murals. Each room has a theme. The new curriculum has been well received. The parents’ meeting had a great turnout of 75 parents.

Doug Bowling reported that the reorganization of the administrative staff is going well.

Grover Putnam encouraged members to let other members know all the wonderful things going on in our church and encourage them to participate. There will be a class for new members called “Inside Buncombe Street – Your Path to Involvement”. There will also be a class on Wednesday nights on Spiritual Gifts to explore opportunities for service. The church web page is being updated to show who is in the hospital.

David Stubbs reported on a conference he attended this summer about a member driven church versus a staff driven church. A video illustrating this point was presented to the Board. The skit was called “Laity in Service” and was written, produced, and acted by Buncombe Street members. Sallie Smith explained that 27% of our members are actively involved in the church ministry. This percentage is above average for most churches, but certainly not as good as we want it to be. Our desire is for every member to
embrace GRACE, FAITH, AND SERVICE in our church. The committee proposes that the volunteer service year begin January 1 each year with a month of training, followed by twelve months of actual service, ending January 31 of the following year. The goal is to have trained volunteers who understand and are committed to their responsibilities; as well as having all members aware of ministries opportunities and them finding their place of service. There will be a Ministry Fair in November to focus on how each member can serve. The proposals were wholeheartedly adopted by the Board.

There being no old or new business, Doug dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The next Board of Stewards Meeting will be November 21, 2005.

Ranette M. Gaffney
Secretary
The Annual Charge Conference for Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was opened by Jerry Steele with a Thanksgiving devotion. Chairman Steele asked for approval of the minutes from the last Board of Stewards meeting. The minutes were corrected.

Dixon Harrill gave the Treasurer’s Report. The Child Development Center, Kitchen, and Pastoral Care Center are doing well. The church operating funds, however, are down. A deficit is projected for the year end. Sharing God’s Gifts is on target; and Triune Church is breaking even.

Jerry Steele introduced District Superintendent Dr. Charles Johnson who led the Charge Conference. Dr. Johnson said the conference gives the church the opportunity to celebrate the work of God’s spirit in our church this past year.

Jerry Steele gave the report of the church. There were 118 new members in 2005. The average Sunday worship attendance was 711. Highlights of the year included the Ministry Fair, the Music and Arts programs, and the excellent scouting program.

Dr. Doug Bowling, senior minister, reported on the staff reorganization and the positive benefits of that effort. He also highlighted the revamped Wednesday programs with increased attendance and the many programs developed by the Music and Arts programs. Dr. Bowling introduced the new minister of Triune Mercy Center, Rev. Deb Richardson Moore.

Dr. Jim Hunter addressed the issue of apportionment giving and reported that the church would be paying the full amount in 2006. He also emphasized that the church is facing a large deficit, and the members must give accordingly.

David Stubbs gave the report of education and programs. He explained the new emphasis to have programs laity driven rather than staff driven, and the
excitement that this has generated. Job descriptions have been written for church positions, and job training will begin the month of January.

Hannah Williams gave the report for UMYF. She gave the highlights of the year and reported on the Youth Leadership Team. The Youth Hall has been redesigned and many of the youth participated in this effort. There have been mission trips, camping trips, and retreats. Many youth have served as counselors in the church camps for younger children. There are presently 38 confirmands in the 6th grade. The Youth Praise Band is in its fourth year.

Rev. Jim Leppard was introduced. He has retired from the ministry, and thanked Buncombe Street for welcoming him.

Rev. Jerry Hill reported on the mission programs of the church. Twenty-five church members went to the Bahamas and eighteen to Mexico this year. The church also hosted a group from the Bahamas church for a week. Buncombe Street helped to build a Habitat house with three other churches. The GAIHN Program, Happy Days Camp, and Triune Mercy Center are all doing well.

The slate was presented for church officers and was accepted.

Approval was given by the Board of Stewards for the continuation of candidates for ordained ministry. The candidates are: Debora Bishop, Justin Gilreath, and Charles Brookshire.

It was approved that Nancy Gobbel and Anna Irmiter were to be bonded.

The compensation of pastors was approved.

Elise McCasland gave a report on the Child Development Center. The redesign of the playground is nearing completion, and Elise thanked the church for its support of this big project.

There being no further business, Dr. Johnson dismissed the group with prayer.

Ranette Gaffney
Secretary