

SOUTHERN PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION minutes for the annual meeting held at Cramerton FWB on February 3rd, 2020.

Business session called to order by Rev. Josh Baer. A letter of recommendation from the Randall Association for Rev. Steve Crank, was presented for review by the Credentials Committee and all other ministers that were present. M/S/C to accept Brother Crank, the new pastor of Goshen FWB, into the fellowship of the Southern Piedmont Association.

Rev. Crank offered a brief testimony of his call to the ministry.

All present decided by mutual consent to review our constitution for possible changes or revisions that might be needed and discuss them at our next meeting.

A discussion ensued about possible changes to our quarterly and annual meetings and it was tabled until our next meeting.

Annual reports and annual dues were received for Goshen FWB and Lowell FWB. The remaining churches still need to take care of this matter. Also, Brother Richard Sigmon has informed us that he has a new mailing address. His new address is 1244 Salem Church Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

Brother Ron Davis of Cramerton FWB lead a group discussion on "Why Young People are Leaving the Church. If you need to contact Brother Davis he can be reached at rdavis@cramerton.church.

The following list of books were recommended by Brother Davis so that pastors might better educate and equip themselves for this problem that the church is facing.

Kara Powell & Chap Clark, *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Teams*

Jonathan McKee, *Connect: Real Relationships in a World of Isolation*

John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle, *A Practical Guide to Culture: Helping the Next Generation Navigate Today's World*

Kara Powell, Jake Mulder and Brad Griffin, *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help People Discover and Love Your Children*

Fred Smith, *Developing a Biblical Worldview: Seeing Things God's Way*

Thom S. Rainer & Jess W. Rainer, *The Millennials: Connecting to America's Largest Generation*

Rebecca McLaughlin, *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*

David Kinnaman, *You Lost Me: Why Young Christian Are Leaving Church...And Rethinking Faith*

Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon

Richard Lints: *The Fabric of Theology: A Prolegomenon to Evangelical Theology*

Meeting dismissed in prayer by Rev. Josh Baer.

List of all laymen, ministers and pastors in attendance:

Rev. Don Draughn - Ben Avenue FWB Church
Rev. Randy Arrowood - Mt. Holly FWB Church of
Rev. Josh Baer - Cramerton FWB Church
Rev. Roger Sigmon - Lowell FWB
Rev. Darin Gibbs - Gastonia FWB
Rev. Luke Johnson- Highland Drive FWB, Lincolnton
Rev. Cole Sours - Highland Drive FWB, Lincolnton
Rev. Mike Carper - Shelby FWB
Rev. Steve Crank - Goshen FWB
Rev. William Calvert - Retired
Rev. Leon Perkins – Retired
Brother Ron Davis – Cramerton FWB

Minutes provided and submitted by Anthony Perkins, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE:

There is going to be a Pastor/Wife fellowship on March 21st, (Saturday evening) and all of our active, associate and retired pastors and their wives are invited to attend. We will meet at the Olive Garden in Gastonia. Rev. Luke Johnson is taking care of the details so please RSVP to Brother Luke so that he can get an accurate count for reservations. THANK YOU!