

Reedy River Baptist Association

Annual Session

August 26, 2019

The final night of the Annual Session was called to worship by Dr. Tony Boyce, 1st Vice Moderator.

The congregation sang Lift Him Up. Reverend Michael Thurman, pastor of Christ Mission Baptist Church, read the Scripture, 1 John 2:1-6. Reverend Fernnell Dowell, pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church offered prayer.

Musical selections rendered by Beulah Christian Fellowship and the Reedy Fork Baptist Churches.

Moderator Wilbert Simpson brought the message for the Annual Session 2019. His text was taken from Acts 16:25 and his theme was "Thank God for Trouble".

Officers for 2020:

Moderator – Dr. Tony Boyce

1st Vice Moderator – Rev. Terry Norman

2nd Vice Moderator – Rev. James Nesbitt

Secretary – Sis. Janice Brown

Asst. Secretary – Sis. Betty Moore

All others will remain in the appointed positions.

The Constitution Committee led by Chairperson Sis. Hattie Harris, presented proposed amendments to the Constitution. They will appear as approved by motion:

Article IV – Officers

Section 2 (Proposed by Bro. David Mitchell)

All Officers shall be elected annually. No officer shall remain in any given office more than five consecutive years. Officers may be removed from office for neglect of duties, abuse of authority and for conduct unbecoming the office elected to in the Association, up to and to include behavior deemed detrimental to the Christian values and beliefs of the Reedy River Baptist Association.

Officers may also be removed in the event they become ineligible to hold office according to eligibility guidelines in Section 3 of the Constitution of the Reedy River Baptist Association.

An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote or a majority vote with proper notice being given to the member churches of a date set after two consecutive Sundays announcing a special called meeting of the Reedy River Baptist Association.

Dr. Phillip Baldwin proposed the following amendment to the primary proposed amendment to state: First or Second Vice Moderator shall be authorized to call special meeting.

Question on two-thirds vote or majority vote wording. Motion to add to amendment two-thirds vote required in case of no notice being sent to churches. If notice has been sent a majority vote is required. Motion carried.

Section 3

The moderator of the Reedy River Baptist Association shall be a pastor of a properly registered church in the Reedy River Baptist Association. Persons being nominated for Associational or Auxiliary positions shall be members of churches having registered one year prior to the election. Nominees for Parent Body and Auxiliary positions shall have demonstrated consistent attendance and support to the Parent Body.

Section 4

The moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee. He shall validate with his signature all orders made to the Associational treasurer. He shall appoint all standing and special committees except the Nominating Committee whose members shall be named by the executive committee. The moderator shall receive and approve check request forms; shall ensure that all checks written for staff travel expenses are for reimbursements only, and that two signatures be required for each check written, and that the person who writes checks shall not sign them. Neither the moderator nor the vice moderators shall write or have checks in their possessions. The moderator shall also provide a 30-day resignation notice and shall plan for a 30-day transition period at the end of his tenure or his resignation.

Article IX – Ordination of Ministers

Section 1

The ordination of ministers is an Associational event.

Section 2

The moderator shall appoint an Ordaining Council consisting of seven members of the Executive Board. Any applicant who comes before the Ordaining Council must be called to a church either to serve as pastor or in a church related job that requires ordination. A letter of ordination request which may be mailed or emailed must be submitted to the moderator by the applicant's pastor or the church's appointed designee.

Section 4

The ordination fee for **one** candidate shall be \$400 and \$300 **each** for two or more candidates from the same church. Checks shall be made payable to the Reedy River Baptist Association.

Section 5

The chairman of the Ordination Committee shall set the date for catechism classes, as well as the date, time, and place of the ordination service.

Section 6

The ordination fees shall be used to compensate the speaker, ordination chairman, council members, secretary, and musician, as well as defray the cost of the programs and certificates.

1st Vice Moderator thanked Ms. Harris for the outstanding job.

All hearts and minds are clear.

This ends the 134th Annual Session of the Reedy River Baptist Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Glenda Rhodeman

Out-going Secretary

