

### **Session News 05.23.2016**

The stated meeting of the Session was on Monday evening, May 23. The first order of the day was to welcome, congratulate and pray for Kris Brown, a WHPC member, on her graduation from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, being awarded the W. P. Newell Memorial Fellowship and her ensuing ordination journey.

Other business of the Session included:

- A report from the trustees on our year-to-date financial position through April. Receipts are below budget for the first quarter, but so are expenses, with a net shortfall of \$38K. The Board of Trustees will consider a six-month amended budget for presentation at the June Session meeting.
- There are currently 2,034 active members.
- The Pastor led a study of Mark 10:46-52 and a discussion of the article, *Is the Era of the "Program Church" Over?*
- The Session continued their work on restructuring the work of the Session around the Five Invitations and the elders and staff leaders will hold individual invitations organizational meetings during the upcoming month.
- Discussion continued about responding to needs on Sunday morning in the areas of education for all ages, and the need for the congregation to have sense of itself as the body of the Christ. Discussion continued about possible experiments in the Sunday morning worship and education schedule in an attempt to enrich the worship experience. Before anything would be proposed, the Session plans on hosting a series of listening/discussion sessions.
- A special All Church Sunday will be held on September 11 with a breakfast in the dining hall followed by a one worship Sunday experience.
- Upcoming Stated Session Schedule changes were approved as follows: June 23 in lieu of 1<sup>st</sup> Monday; no July Stated Session; and Monday, Sept. 19 in lieu of 1<sup>st</sup> Monday.

The Session adjourned in prayer at 8:44 p.m.