

Minutes of 32nd Meeting of Athanasius Presbytery

April 8th, 2025

Valparaiso, FL

Joe Thacker, Presiding Minister
Rich Lusk, Presiding Minister *pro tempore*
Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery

- I. PM Thacker called the meeting to order at 8:30am (CDT) and opened in prayer.
- II. Ben Rossell gave a brief exhortation about the need for God to enlarge our hearts so that we might run in the way of His commandments.
- III. Roll was called and a quorum was established with the (23) presbyters listed below:
 - Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Ted Phillips, Justin Wallick
 - Christ Church (Pace, FL): Bob McGee, Phil Bozarth
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA): Denny DuFour, Galen Sorey
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Drew Maney
 - Christ the King Church (Greenville, SC): Michael Hansen, Steve Roderrer
 - Holy Trinity Church (Greenville, SC): Eddy Field
 - Igreja Reformada de Cristo (Porto Alegre, Brazil): Evandro Rosa
 - Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS): Davy Durham, Mark Samsel
 - Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN): Brooks Potteiger
 - Providence Church (Pensacola, FL): Uri Brito, Al Stout
 - St Mark Reformed Church (Nashville, TN): Jeff Kernodle
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL): Rich Lusk, Kameron Edenfield
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL): Ben Rossell, Mike Ruff
 - Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL): Brian McLain, Larson Hicks

Mission Churches Present:

- Covenant First Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL) Herman Gunter III
- Trinity Presbyterian Church (Winter Springs, FL): Kyle Stewart
- Trinity Reformed Church (Newnan, GA): Jimmy Oliver, Grant Van Brimmer
- Trinity Reformed Church (Columbus, GA): Kyle McMaster
- Church of the Redeemer (Fairhope, AL): JJ Stephens
- Immanuel Reformed Church (Birmingham, AL): Peter Leithart
- Christ the King Presbyterian Church (Tallahassee, FL): Josh Waller
- All Saints Presbyterian (Covington, LA): Kent Burgeron
- Trinity Reformed Church (Chattanooga, TN): Glenn Jones
- Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church (Jacksonville, FL): Jimmy Gill
- Covenant Reformed Church (Dothan, AL): Jerry Young

Mission Churches not Present:

- King's Cross Reformed Church (Columbia, TN)

MOTION 25/04/08:1 Al Stout moved that the agenda be amended to include Jerry Young's white paper on CREC chaplaincy endorsement. Mike Ruff seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent.

MOTION 25/04/08:2 Al Stout moved that visitors be seated and permitted to speak on the floor of presbytery. Seconded Brooks Potteiger. The motion passed without audible dissent. Visitors are listed below:

Immanuel Reformed Church (Birmingham)

Chris Kou

Christ the King (Greenville)

Bob Corneroli

Nick Daniels

Christ the King (Tallahassee)

Jonathan Watt

John Hallas

Christ Church (Pace)

Zach Thames

Pilgrim Hill (Nashville)

Joshua Haymes

Providence Church (Pensacola)

Ethan Lafont (Pastoral Intern)

Jonathan Franzone (Pastoral Intern)

Mickey Schneider (Pastor Emeritus)

Jerry Young, Army Chaplain & Pastor of Covenant Reformed Church (Dothan)

Devin Moore, CRC Dothan

Phillip Baker, CRC Dothan

James Wells, CRC Dothan

Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham)

Allen Powers (RE, Veritas - Tuscaloosa, AL)

Stephen Nippert (RE, Veritas - Tuscaloosa, AL)

Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valpariso)

Elder Greg Parry

Mike Mosley

Deacon Trevor ?

Deacon ?

Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church (Jacksonville)

John Hawes

New Business

IV. Acceptance of New Member Church

MOTION 25/04/08:3 The Session of Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL) moved that their mission church in Newnan, GA (Trinity Reformed Church) be accepted into full membership in the presbytery as a particular congregation. Discussion followed regarding the condition and health of the mission church. Brooks Potteiger seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent.

PM Thacker administered the membership vows to Grant Van Brimmer and Jimmy Oliver as representatives of the TRC Session. The presbytery confirmed their membership vows with a hearty “Amen” and extended the right hand of fellowship to their delegation.

Brian McClain offered prayer on behalf of TRC Newnan.

V. PMOC Brito gave an update on happenings in the CREC. He fielded questions from the presbyters, with particular focus on the status of the “Memorial on Nations”.

VI. Member Church Reports

Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Phil Bozarth prayed.

Christ Church (Pace, FL): Denny Dufour prayed.

Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA): Drew Maney prayed.

Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Michael Hansen prayed.

Christ the King Church (Greenville, SC): Eddy Field prayed.

Holy Trinity Church (Greenville, SC): Al Stout prayed.

Igreja Reformada de Cristo (Porto Alegre, Brazil): Ted Phillips prayed.

[PM Thacker recessed the meeting for a short break at 10:30am.]

[PM Thacker reconvened the meeting at 10:45am.]

VII. Discussion of CREC Chaplaincy Endorsement white paper

PM Thacker recognized Al Stout to present an overview of the white paper.

Discussion followed with questions fielded by Pastor Stout and Chaplain Jerry Young.

VIII. Location and Dates of Next Presbytery Meeting

Christ Church Branch Cove has volunteered to host on October 6-7, 2025.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION 25/04/08:4 Mike Ruff moved to adjourn. Seconded by Uri Brito. The motion passed without audible dissent.

Joe Thacker closed the Presbytery in song. Rich Lusk closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery