

Elder Business Meeting Minutes
 Monday, August 10, 5:30–9:30pm

Attendance:

- Hoke
- Stephen
- Tony
- Chris

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, July 21, 5:30pm
- Monday, August 10, 5:30pm

Discussion

TIME	TOPIC	OBJECTIVES
5:30pm	Pastor Chris • Pastor Chris and Kristin informed the elders of their decision to leave BEFC.	
6:00pm	Meal • The elders shared a meal.	Fellowship and Connection
6:15pm	Open in Prayer • Hoke opened the meeting in prayer.	Consecration and Dependence.
6:15pm	Devotional Reflection Stephen shared an expositional devotion from Titus 1:5–6 on: • Titus's Task: appointing elders (v. 5) • A Condition: If they are biblically qualified (v. 6) • Three Qualifications (6): ○ Above reproach ○ A one-woman man ○ Faithful children	
6:45pm	Guarding (Prayer) Membership Matters • The elders followed up on some people at various points in the membership process. Prayer	Spiritual Oversight through Word, Prayer, and Administration.

	The elders prayed for various needs in the body.	
7:15pm	Guiding (Teaching) <i>Preaching Feedback</i> - The elders gave Stephen feedback on recent sermons. <i>Tony Preaching in 2027</i> - The elders approved Tony preaching more frequently in 2027, working through an expository series on a book of the Bible. PC was dismissed from the remainder of the meeting.	
7:30pm	Governing (Leading) <i>Children's Ministry</i> - The elders discussed where the various children's ministry programs stand and how best to shepherd the church through the His Kidz decision. <i>Elder Update August 16 after Service</i> - The elders processed how to share with the congregation the state of the budget, the His Kidz decision, and PC's departure. - It was decided that because we do not know how PC's departure will affect the budget, it would be best not to share at this point. <i>July Financials</i> - The elders discussed the July financials, which continued the trend of giving being under budget. <i>Elder Team</i> - The elders prayed and discussed the elder plan for 2027, since Tony is rolling off the team. <i>Deacons</i> - The elders approved a plan for next steps with deacon candidates (reading <i>Deacons</i> book → questionnaire → interview → presentation to congregation → vote). <i>Weekly Bulletin</i> - The elders discussed reintroducing a printed order of worship bulletin each week.	

	Fall Marriage and Family Teaching Seminar - The elders discussed a potential teaching seminar on a practical theology of family. Outdoor Service September 13 - The elders discussed the outdoor service on September 13. Affirming New Members on Sunday Morning - The elders discussed membership procedure, particularly the idea of affirming new members in the worship service on Sunday morning to make it more congregational and covenantal. Further discussion needed. No decision. Constitution Progress - Tabled until next meeting. PC Vacation - August 24–30 Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 8, 5:30pm	
9:00pm	Close in Prayer The meeting was closed in prayer.	

Worship Opps Table

Date	Opps
August 16	Hoke
August 23	PC
August 30	Stephen
September 6	Stephen
September 13 outdoor, 30th	Tony
September 20 SS Start (Bibles)	Hoke
September 27	Stephen
October 4	Tony

October 11	Hoke
October 18	Stephen
October 25	Hoke
November 1	
November 8	

LIAISON DUTIES

(Goal to connect once/month)

Women's Ministry – (SC)
 Men's Ministry – (TD)
 Student Ministry – (PC)
 Adult Sunday School – (TD/SC)
 Land/Building – (HB)
 Financial Team – (TD)

Welcome Team/Connections Team – (TD)
 Ushers/Greeters/Safety Team/Set/Up – (TD)
 Children's Ministry – (HB)
 Meals Ministry – (HB)
 Local/Global Missions – (SC)
 Worship – (SC)