



Salem Church of the Brethren

Simply Peacefully Together

3rd Quarter Board Report ~ July 9, 2026

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Salem,

The 3rd Quarter Board Meeting was held at Salem Church on July 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Following is a summary of the business & reports of that meeting:

- **In Attendance:** Kaitlin Poth, Scott & Becky White, Paul & Cathy Hager, Pastor Donnie Savage, Scott Savage, Nancy Fike, & Pat Rice.
- **Call to Order:** Chairwoman Katlin Poth called the meeting to order & asked Pastor Donnie to open the meeting with prayer.
- **Reading of the Minutes:** Becky White read the minutes of the April 2nd quarter meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Becky also read minutes from a special meeting of the board held on May 31, 2026, following church requested by Paul Hager. It was decided to donate the remaining "old" tables to the Little Sandy Church of the Nazarene. A discussion was also held in regard to getting meals to Donnie & Hazel.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Ruth Ann Murphy, could not be at the meeting so Becky made the treasurer's report available & asked for questions. A copy of the treasurer's report is made available on the table at the back of the church.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Donnie thanked the church for all the food & gifts. He met with his family doctor today & his biopsy report showed no evidence of cancer.
- **Commission Reports:** Commission reports were presented by each commission chairperson as follows:

***Nurture Commission (Nancy Fike, Sharon Sisler, Cathy Hager)**

The Nurture Commission has done several activities this quarter:

*For Mother's Day, several readings were added to the worship service. Thank you to Kaitlin & Renee for reading. Each mother/grandmother was also given a notebook & a pen.

*For Father's Day, readings were again added to the worship service. Thank you to everyone who contributed! After the worship service, we shared a princess cake & cupcakes.

*Thank you to Paige, Becky, & Bethany for offering a membership class. This class is for anyone interested in joining the church.

*The church paid camp fees for both Sadie & Lanie.

*A picnic is also being discussed for late summer. How does everyone feel about this? A date will be announced soon.

We would like to thank all who helped & participated in these activities. We thank God for all of our blessings.

***Steward Commission (Paul Hager, Tom Bryner, Scott White)**

Jobs Completed:

*New mulch with weed barrier has been installed.

*The shrubbery has been cut, trimmed, & replanted.

*The church was pressure-washed.

*Grass has been planted where the tree stumps were removed & is now mowable.

*A work day was held at the church with cleaning, sorting, & organizing projects. A lunch was served & provided by Barb.

We thank Barb for the great food.

*We thank Tom for doing the mowing & for using all of his “toys” to keep the church looking beautiful & we also thank Barb for keeping the church looking great. Thanks to Nancy for getting the shrub information from Dan Elliot.

More to Do:

*The shed roof needs installed.

*The ceiling in the social room needs repaired.

*A few tree limbs still need to be cut.

*The sign door needs fixed.

*The sign along the road needs fixed.

*7 tables were donated to the Little Sandy Nazarene Church but there are still tables to consider for donation.

*Donated tables will need to be replaced.

*Possible replacement for the trees that were cut down & possible removal of the laurel out front.

***Witness Commission (Pat Rice, Barb Bryner, Bethany Rosenberger)**

Last Quarter Projects / Activities:

*Food Pantry: April – 123 / May – 118 / June – 151. The cost for two items per month is now approximately \$400.00.

*Two CD's are being sent weekly. We thank Trinity (& others) for running the CD's & Chris & Butch for copying them each week & / or mailing them.

*5 Prayer Bears were given this quarter.

*2 Love Gifts were given this quarter. Total: \$500.00

*South Fayette visits were held on April 14 (The Armor of God), May 12 (Bloom Where You are Planted), June (No visit was held due to multiple activities going on with residents that month.) We continue to present a short object lesson & provide a snack to the residents each visit.

*The Quarterly Board Report was posted following the April meeting.

*A weekly prayer e-mail is sent so that we can stay actively engaged in prayer each week for those who have expressed needs or praises.

*Witness Commission is currently sponsoring a Diaper/Pull-Up Drive in the month of July which will benefit the James Isaac House in Kingwood.

New Items for Discussion/Information:

*Any suggestions for future projects or outreach?

▪ **Old Business:**

1. Paul asked for discussion in regard to replacing the trees that were taken out. There was agreement that the trees would not be replaced at this time. The same was decided about the laurels in front of the church.

▪ **New Business:**

1. Paul shared that a new Sunday School class will be offered at the beginning of the fall quarter. This class will view The Chosen & interact with study materials that have been purchased.
2. It was decided to buy new tables to replace the ones that have been donated. Scott made the motion to purchase tables & Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Discussion was also held about the Christmas luminary. There are enough materials to do the lane into & also around the church. Bethany will be consulted about this so a decision can be made by October meeting.

- **Adjournment:** Kaitlin adjourned the meeting & closed with prayer.