

Addendum

January 1, 2017 – St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Becomes Two Churches Sharing in a Cooperative Ministry

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a vibrant community of caring, and loving people. The two locations at Hideaway and Kimberling City are comprised of servant people, and each has its own unique culture. Through the years, situations arose at various intervals which caused disagreements between the two groups, primarily in the area of governance and with specific issues in finance and representation. The strength of St. Andrew is its commitment to serving God through worship, Bible Study, mission, and fellowship activities. The session worked prayerfully, thoughtfully, and diligently to find a way to maintain the strengths of the congregation, while addressing the issue of governance.

A model was developed and fine-tuned to help the church move past the challenges of the past 50 years, while preserving what is loved the most, our shared Mission and Fellowship! The Session proposed a solution through Cooperative Ministry; and St. Andrew became two congregations on January 1, 2017 which govern separately, but participate in mission and fellowship. The process was long and involved, making sure that both new congregations had the highest possible ability to grow and move forward while sharing together.

Once the Session had completed the proposal, it was approved by the Committee on Ministry unanimously. The congregation held informational meetings and moved to the vote of the congregation. That was completed in September 2016 with the Session motion passing by the vast majority. Onward to Presbytery where the proposal passed again by a unanimous vote and complements on finding a God driven solution.

Through this entire process there was an important, unifying, unanimous agreement that no matter what the outcome, no matter whether we are one or two congregations, no matter the differences in cultures, no matter of the different personalities; (1) God is in control, (2) The Great Ends of the Church will guide our steps, (3) both worshiping communities will successfully move into the future, and (4) each new church can claim the 50 year history.

After all of the processes and approvals were received, there were two Administrative Commissions (A.C.s) appointed by Presbytery. One A.C. was appointed for each new congregation. They worked with the current 2016 Session to select temporary pastoral leadership for each location which took place in November 2016. Additionally the A.C.s worked with the Session on new Bylaws, Operations Manuals, Articles of Incorporation, and many more details of forming new churches. Until January 1, 2017 the A.C.s were advisory in nature, helping, guiding, and assisting the processes, documentation and other key aspects of the transition with the current Session.

On January 1, 2017 when the Session along with St. Andrew Presbyterian Church was formally dissolved, two new churches emerged prepared for the future. On that day, the Called

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Congregational Meetings were announced. During January and February 2017 each congregation moved forward to approve Bylaws, elect a Nominating Committee and prepare for the Ordination and installation of new officers. The Administrative Commission for each church assumed the responsibility as the Session until the new Session was installed.

THIS ADDENDUM to the 50 year history of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church was approved by Session and both Administrative Commissions on 20th day of December 2016.