

John Calvin Presbytery
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Two Hundred-Twentieth Stated Meeting
Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Springfield, Missouri

Autobiographical Information

John Goodwin

Born Sallisaw Oklahoma May 15, 1951
Parents William Wesley Goodwin, Lydia B Weir

Attended Grade School Sallisaw OK, Chicago IL, Fisk MO

Fisk/Rombauer High School, Graduate, Fisk MO 1968

Three Rivers Community College, Graduate, AAS Poplar Bluff MO 1971

Employed by Scharr's Stationers/Business Supply Centers St. Louis MO 1971-1985 Sales/Contract Furniture Sales

Owned Advanced Office Supplies and Pre-Sort Mail Service Poplar Bluff MO 1986-2003

Central Methodist University, Graduate, BS Fayette MO 2001

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Graduate, Master of Divinity, May 2004

Clinical Pastoral Education University of Louisville Summer 2002

Field Education Perryville Presbyterian Church Perryville MO Summer 2003

Ordained Designated Pastor (at my request) at Hunter Memorial First Presbyterian Church Sikeston MO Nov. 2004

Continuing Education:

Interim Meetings: Giddings-Lovejoy. As a designated pastor I was allowed to attend along with the interim ministers once a month for two years. Commonly a verbatim was presented by one or two of the members followed by discussions from the group. 2004-2005

Pastoral Enrichment for Transitions to Ministry. Intensive, comprehensive, class/discussion time focusing on giving pastors practical tools to be effective leaders in today's church. 2008-2009

Mediation Skills Training: Kansas City, MO-Synod Of Mid America 2009

Virginia Theological Seminary A week long ecumenical gathering of pastors from the U.S. and Canada coming together to hear lectures from current authors, attend workshops, work together in groups, spend much needed time in prayer and meditation. 2010

2014 Omaha Summer School for Pastors: Hastings NE 2014, 2015, 2017

2015 Department Of Veteran Affairs: Poplar Bluff MO-Rural Clergy Training workshop. A one day long program focused on helping pastors become aware of and ways to help those returning veterans who may be in need after experiencing difficult situations.

December 31, 2016 Retired Hunter Memorial First Presbyterian Church Sikeston MO

January 15, 2017-December 31, 2024

Received Call to Pacific Presbyterian Church as Gap Pastor for 6 Months

July 15, 2017 Received call to Potosi Presbyterian Church as Gap Pastor for 6 Months

June 1, 2018 Began service on Board of Directors Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America. Chair of Mission Committee, Co-Chair of Board.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

John Goodwin

John Calvin writes, "We shall possess a right definition of faith if we call it a firm and certain knowledge of God's benevolence toward us, founded upon the truth of the freely given promise in Christ, both revealed in our minds and sealed upon our hearts through the Holy Spirit." I believe in one God, the Revealer and Creator of heaven and earth. I believe that God is sovereign, perfect in all respects, and possesses all power, righteousness, and holiness. I believe that God is eternal and continues to sustain and maintain the existence and operation of creation. I believe that God is revealed to us through the Scriptures, the Word of God, and through the Word in Jesus Christ. I believe that when the time was right God gave humanity the gift of Jesus Christ.

I believe that God is a triune God: (Father/Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit). God the Father/Parent of Jesus Christ, the Revealed and Son, who is our Lord and Savior. I believe that Jesus Christ is God of God and has always been with God. As God, He is our Lord with God. I believe that Jesus Christ did indeed die and rise again. I believe that through the gift of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven, freeing us for a life of faith and witness to others.

I believe, like John Calvin, that God, Son, and Holy Spirit are the same in substance and equal in power and glory, three are spoken of and, "...each of which is entirely God, yet that there is not more than one God." I further believe in the Holy Spirit, the Revealedness (the ability to see and understand God's own person and work) and Spirit of the triune God, who proceeds from the Father/Parent and Son. I believe that the Holy Spirit has always been with humanity, strengthening, encouraging, guiding, and helping to build the one true holy and apostolic church.

My faith is given to me as a gift from God and strengthened through the gift of Jesus Christ, through study of and the hearing of the Word, the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, through the fellowship of believers, and through prayer. I believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, the body of Christ of this world. The true Church includes a collection of Christians where the Word is truly preached and heard and the sacraments are administered according to Christ's institution.

I believe our model for faith is given to us in Hebrews 11:1-3: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible."