

Shepherding Committee Report
Spring 2021 Meeting of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery

Below is a list of those who are presently on the general roll who had been members of the mission church in Dayton, Tennessee, with communicants being marked with an asterisk.

Adam* and Sarah* Campbell; Noah*, James. The Campbells are still attending Grace Bible Church, Dayton, Tennessee, and are planning to pursue membership in that congregation. Both Adam and Sarah have struggled with health issues.

Kevin* and Marcia* Clauson; Lori, Rachel. The Clausons are attending Independent Presbyterian Church, Sale Creek, Tennessee. Prof. Clauson reports: “We hope and pray that after we move in about 1+ year we will establish good ecclesiastical roots, and that is a consideration in this next ‘retirement’ (from Bryan—not from activity) move. Stephen is hoping for something better too. Who knows, DV, we may all end up in Ohio somewhere, if so, probably Southern/Southeast/Southwest OH. If we were near Cincinnati, which is a reasonable possibility, we would likely settle in SWORP, Rev. Knodel’s church. But another option is Huntington, WEST Virginia. This is my hometown and we are familiar with life there. There is a good PCA there, as well as two other Reformed churches (a whole lot more than when I last lived there some 40 years ago). That would still be fairly near everyone (including our son/daughter-in-law/grandchildren who live near Chattanooga). We’ll see where the Lord takes us, and what he has for me to do. (Some folks and I are working on a ‘project’.)” He made the following prayer requests: retirement plans; assuming retirement from Bryan College, ‘winding down’ things there and moving; his elderly mother; eventually finding a good church to settle in; same for Stephen; same for his son-in-law/daughter/grandchildren in Pennsylvania (they are having a hard time finding one there; they were fine in Ohio).”

Stephen Clauson.* According to his parents, Stephen has not been attending church. We tried contacting him, but were not successful.

Reggie* and Lori* Ecarma; Nathan, Jonathan. As of last year, the Ecarmas were attending a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation in Cleveland, Tennessee. Dr. Ecarma has not been re-hired by Bryan College for the coming academic year. Nathan is now married, and has become a member of Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCA), Signal Mountain, Tennessee, where he is serving as a ministerial intern.

Bill* and Natalie* Goodpaster; Jonathan, Anna, Jackson, Matthew, R.C. Bill and Natalie Goodpaster and their non-communicant children are attending a Primitive Baptist church, but have expressed interest in worshipping at Atlanta RPC, at least on an occasional basis.

Joshua Goodpaster.* We were not able to contact him, despite our best efforts.

Some of the members from the now-dissolved Pageland (S.C.) mission church have been transferred outside the RPCNA, by action of the Ad Interim Commission. The other members who are still under our jurisdiction are **David Usher, Gil and Gwen Whaley, and Gary and Patrice Wise.** We will be circling back with regard to them in this coming year.

Recommendations:

1. That Nathan Ecarma be transferred to Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCA), Signal Mountain, Tennessee.
2. That this report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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