

SUMMIT CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Board of Trustees Meeting

September 13, 2025

PRESENT: Angie Arnold, Larry Berlin, Tristan Bridges, Rick Derr, Andy Gudahl, Del Hamon, Lyle Hinebaugh, Jeff Holloway, Jim Kittell, Ila McClenahan, Kirk Rusch, Chuck Schmidt, Jonathan Seng, John Steele, Warren Steele, Academic Dean Larry Leathermon, President Dave Parrish, Director of Operations Missi Prohs

ABSENT: Roger Curry, Raul Martinez, Wing Wong

Meeting was brought to order by Jeff Holloway and Jonathan Seng opened with prayer.

For the devotion, Dave Parrish shared a poem "Hasten the Day."

Jeff welcomed Tristan Bridges, the newest member of the Board of Trustees. Tristan shared that he graduated from Summit in 2019 and has served as Associate Minister at North Point Christian in Spearfish, South Dakota, since August 2019.

Minutes of the past meeting on May 9, 2025, were presented for approval with motion by Warren Steele and 2nd by Ila McClenahan; accepted as written. The request was made that a copy of the minutes be sent out with the Board report distribution before the board meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Jeff already introduced Tristan Bridges, who was presented and approved last meeting. All members have been assigned to committees and everyone was reminded that if they are interested in serving on other committees or changing committees, contact the Personnel Committee.

Ila McClenahan's term expires this month and she has agreed to continue to serve. Motion to affirm Ila by Del Hamon; 2nd by John Steele; approved.

Rick Derr, Jeff Holloway and Wing Wong's terms expire in January 2026. Jeff and Rick have agreed to continue to serve. Wing has requested to step down for a year and then return. Dave did request that Wing continue to receive the Prayer Point emails to stay informed and up to date on college happenings.

Annual Evaluations were emailed to everyone on the board in August, hoping for 100% participation. Everyone was reminded to return your evaluation to Angie at your earliest convenience by mail or email. President Evaluations will also be received from faculty and staff. Evaluation results will be presented at the January meeting.

A copy of the Doctrinal Statement was distributed and needs to be affirmed. Jonathan Seng so moved with 2nd by Lyle Hinebaugh; unanimously affirmed.

A copy of the Conflict of Interest Statement was distributed. The last page needs to be signed, dated and returned to Missi by all board members.

Angie led the Book Study and discussion of "Mission Drift," Chapters 1-5. Next meeting we will review chapters 6-10.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rick Derr reported from the finance committee with one of the best reports in a long time. Bayard Church of Christ recently paid off our mortgage with the assistance of the Alumni Association. Thanks was expressed to the Alumni Association for the critical role they played in bringing our loan down to a manageable amount that Bayard could effectively pay off with their gift.

The audit should be available mid to late October.

Giving at the Praise Banquet was \$10,680 with table sponsorships at \$22,750. The goal for the number of tables was 30. We had 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ tables sponsored: 19 full tables, 7 - $\frac{1}{2}$ tables and 1 - $\frac{1}{4}$ table, so the overall total was down from in past years.

Plans are starting now for next year's Praise Banquet on Friday, September 18, 2026, (note a different date than what was announced previously), to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the school. Lyle Hinebauch has spoken to Dave about allowing the Alumni Committee/Association to be active in the planning of the Praise Banquet and possibly include keynote speakers from the years of Platte Valley Bible College, the years of the transition from Platte Valley to Summit and the years of Summit Christian College. Ila suggested a possible challenge to encourage additional giving for the 75th anniversary.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Larry shared that the Populi platform is a great improvement over Oasis, for faculty and staff. Kayleen Collopy, Registrar, did a lot of work ahead of time before the change happened and it has been successful change.

Branden's role as recruiter encompasses a lot and he is now able to focus on recruiting with Annette Leraaen taking over Marketing responsibilities.

Larry shared that there will need to be a change to the Catalog to reflect the new federal law regarding college debt.

Creation Science is no longer offered at the school but he questioned if it should be pursued as an elective for students? Larry will explore possibilities of such a class being available in the future.

Other class suggestions included: Principals of Conflict Resolution, Finance Management, and Addiction Breaking --all areas to be improved upon for the benefit of our students.

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Dean of Students Report is again very positive. Tristan will reach out to the RA's and get periodic reports from them in regard to the dorm and student impressions.

ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Lyle shared that the Alumni Committee meets in the Trustee setting and the Alumni Association meets to organize and be responsible for local events. The committee and association are looking for ways to breathe life into the student body. The association hosted a 'Welcome Back' picnic at the beginning of the year to allow the student body to meet local alumni and alumni to meet students. The committee has also reached out to Genae Denver (Manhattan Christian College) and Shirley Leathermon (Intermountain Bible College) asking for ideas to expand and improve our Alumni Association.

Genae did share three points that Lyle passed on:

- Be proud of who you are and don't compare yourself to other colleges
- Survey alumni to discover their expectations and what they expect from their Alumni Association
- Do we have a specific and active Social Media presence for the alumni?

The association will continue to work with the Summit to Summit. Lyle has already talked to Dave about helping with next year's Praise Banquet. He will talk to Branden about how the Alumni could help with the Fall Fling. The goal is to be a blessing to students and the school. Dues for the Alumni Association are \$50/year, \$75 per couple for a year. Those funds are in turn used to fund scholarships for students.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jeff shared that we have looked for ways to do something for Scott Gribble in recognition of his years of service to the school. The possibility of a trip to Israel has been suggested, even as early as this Spring. Lyle suggested that the first logical step would be to ask Scott and Tammey if they would be interested in such a

trip. Jonathan questioned if this would be setting a precedence since others have also served but have not been offered a trip. It was agreed that Scott has done so much for the college that something special needs to be done for him. Jeff will speak to Scott to gauge his interest. Jeff will also speak to Harvey Friesen with True Hope Travel about the possibility of a 2027 trip to the Holy Land for the Summit Alumni Association.

The President's Report covered items that are covered in the weekly prayer time. Dave encouraged everyone to join the Tuesday morning prayer time.

Technology issues have been an issue that we have been able to overcome, which have all been an answer to prayer.

Be praying for the decision of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance to cover the college. They seemed impressed with the college and the potential quote was encouraging. Brotherhood would cover property, trustees, faculty and staff.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Missi and Dave will begin exploring training for Foundation Search, the grant writing program.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Jonathan shared that a highlight of the Praise Banquet was hearing the students share their testimonies. He questioned if there was any interest in starting a fifth Sunday rally to allow the college, staff and students to participate and share at other times than just the Praise Banquet. Lyle agreed that it takes one church or person to spearhead such a gathering. Dave did point out that at the Praise Banquet the seniors were the main focus and participated in the program. Jonathan, Lyle and Rick will meet to discuss further.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 at the school.

Jeff Holloway closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Arnold
Secretary
Summit Christian College Board of Trustees