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Presidents 2021 year in review.

At the start of 2021 we started out thinking COVID would be in our rearview mirror in a few months, the vaccines would make us all immune and we could get back to 'normal' by the end of March. As you all know, we are now at the beginning of 2022 and things are much the same. COVID is still making news, mask mandates come and go, and new versions of COVID come and go. Yet here we are, still going to church, still praying for each other, still praising God for the blessing we still receive from Him. We grieve for the friends and family we have lost, we celebrate the ones that recovered, and we prayed for those that are still fighting. Looking back, almost nothing changed when you examine the Church side of SOH. We are still a growing family, reaching out and helping others, taking care of our members and family. We praise God for our health, we thank him for the opportunities to Make Christ Known in our daily lives.

Financially we did just as we had planned. We put forth a budget we felt we could live within. Because of our strong financial position going into 2020, we were able to live within our means in 2021 and ended up in the green. Council did an excellent job managing the money that you generously donated, and still being able to honor our mission of making Christ Known by using our designated funds to focus on Outreach, Evangelism and Fellowship. We ran several ads in local papers, on Facebook, and sent out postcards inviting our neighbors to join us. We have had several new members that found us from these efforts. These new members are bringing fresh talents, views, ideas, and hope to our church.

This is my last year as president of your Church Council. I look forward to remaining on council and serving in any way they see fit. It was a challenging 3 years, but being able to see the support, growth, prayers, and hope each of you bring to SOH every day made this a great 3 years for me. I do not think you will see many council presidents say being on council was an honor, but it truly was.

Thank you all for your support, and your prayers for 2022.

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