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BIG CHANGES, BIG NEEDS

TERRY L. JOHNSON

The process of candidating is over, the call by the congregation extended, and the call accepted by Tim Foster. His last Sunday with us was September 25. He preached the evening sermon with his usual skill and insight, and a buffet in his honor followed.

CHANGES

Tim has been with us for just over 15 years, first as an intern, then as an assistant minister, and then as an associate (an assistant is called by the session, an associate is called by the congregation and becomes a member of the session). He has served in our public services with excellence at the lectern as a teacher, at the pulpit as a preacher, and in the choir loft as a chorister. He has pastored widely. He leaves a considerable gap which we will struggle to fill. We are in the process of solidifying new assignments which will be taken up where Tim leaves off. Here is how tasks have been assigned.

- Matthew Burt has been brought onto the part-time staff as Director of Pastoral Care for Seniors. He has taken over the Tuesday evening iPrimes Bible study and will do what comes naturally to him, care for that group pastorally.
- Tim Shaw has been asked to serve as the primary Sunday night preacher and to assume responsibility for the oversight of Christian education: adult, college, youth, and children's Sunday School and nursery.

- Evan Gear has been asked to serve as the primary Wednesday noon preacher and to assume responsibility for oversight of the pastoral visitation program.

Both Evan and Tim Shaw are adding these items to their regular and ongoing pastoral responsibilities. January 2021, we had 5 ministers. Now we have three. We've brought Matthew on board and otherwise shuffled the deck. This is our plan going forward, at least for now.

NEEDS

We have two significant needs, one very large, and another large enough.

POINT PLEASANT

We enjoyed another wonderful summer at Point Pleasant. It continues to be what it has been since first given to the church by Claude Falligant in 1949 (through Dr. Woodbridge, who thought it improper to accept). It is an invaluable asset as a camp (with new director Kenneth Crowe) and as our venue for Sunday night worship from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Our need at Point Pleasant is longstanding. We've outgrown the meeting hall. Attendance averaged 300 for the summer (right at capacity), and was regularly at 330, and approached 400 twice. We need a bigger building. Our problem can be fixed for about \$6 million, with a new building, new kitchen, new restrooms, and additional covered outdoor space. We have already drawn up the plans, with beautiful artistic renderings of the final product. We just await the funds. More recently, we have begun considering a less expensive but less desirable approach (life is full of compromises) of knocking out some existing walls, etc. We recognize that something needs to be done to accommodate our summer crowds. Lacking a big check in the near future, scaled-down plans will soon be available for consideration.

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PARRISH LIBRARY

The Session has spent a year and a half studying proposals for the Parrish Library which will house our beloved Ron's books and likely in the future some of mine. We have decided not to do something inexpensive but to transform the administration building assembly room into a beautiful library that befits our beautiful 19th-century building. Decorative features of the library will borrow themes from the pulpit and our house of worship. Quality materials will be used, as were by our forefathers in both our sanctuary and administration building, not to mention the Axson building.

Our officers have constant need of wisdom. The last two and a half years have hit us hard, Covid, tragically losing Amy and Ron, and now Tim Foster's departure. Pray for our leaders as they seek to do that which most is for the glory of God, the honor of Christ, and the good of His people. •

See ipcsav.org/news or reformationtoday.org for more articles and resources from Dr. Johnson



MOTHERS & BABIES

JANE BOATRIGHT • DIRECTOR OF NURSERY

It is common to see mothers in our church with their babies wrapped and nestled securely to their bodies in "wrap around baby slings." What a beautiful picture of devotion! Even after birth, these mothers want their babies close to them. They want to surround them with their own affection and protection. Though somewhat weary, their faces reveal something more. Their eyes tell us that through the difficulties, they are all in. Motherhood has captured their hearts and given them a focus and a priority. In motherhood we see God's excellent design and loving care for humanity. Therefore, our church values our mothers and babies.

As a church that loves the plans and ways of God, we want to encourage our mothers. We want them to know that we understand the things they are up against and the trials they

will face, as we also share the joys and beauties of motherhood. And, as women of the church, we do have this wonderful God-given responsibility. We have Titus 2 responsibilities to love and care for the mothers of our church. Even as motherhood is not a burden, caring for our mothers is not a burden. There is sacrifice involved in loving and caring for others, but it is not a burden.

Far from being a burden, coming alongside of another person to encourage her in the Lord, even in the simplest of ways, is a privilege. In doing so, bonds with others are formed that give us purpose making our lives richer. And bonds with mothers and babies are the happiest kind! But most of all, we are taking part in God's eternal purposes for coming generations in His church.

IPC DAY CAMP SUMMER 2022

KENNETH CROWE • DIRECTOR OF IPC DAY CAMP

Thank you to the IPC congregation for your prayers for the 2022 IPC Day Camp! Because of your prayers and God's faithfulness and grace, we had a great summer at camp. IPC hosted 764 campers this past summer, with 92% of the campers from non-IPC families. These campers collectively listened to 120 explicit biblical gospel lessons and prayers, plus had countless Christian examples and discussions with our camp leaders. Over the summer, we sang over 200 camp songs, mostly from biblical texts like 1 John 4:7-8 and Psalm 134...plus the occasional "Wonky Donkey" or "Hole in the Bottom of the Sea." Our mission is to be faithful sowers of God's Word to the community, knowing that it is God who brings the growth. Please continue to pray for those gospel seeds that were planted in the hearts and minds of the campers this past summer.

Other fun stats about this summer include only two monsoon-like storms that pushed all campers indoors for extended periods of time. Mr. Espinosa cooked 1,280 (160 lbs) hot dogs for our Friday lunches. We tie dyed over 800 camp T-Shirts, including over 300 by Mrs. Winn Morgan who helped us each Thursday. (We are very thankful to both Josh and Winn for their time and service!) Also, our lifeguards (Grace Jackson and Sarah Schmidt) deserve a "shout out" for checking and treating the pool over 200 times as we pumped over 336,000 gallons of water into our old, leaking pool.

It was such a pleasure to serve my first summer at IPC Day Camp for many reasons. First, it was an honor to work with and learn from Mr. Frankie and celebrate his 30th year at camp. What a legacy! Most mornings, as we finished morning assembly and campers were headed to activities, Mr. Frankie would ride up on his trike, and we would have a short chat before the busy day began. Often, this included swapping old camp stories or high ropes course adventures, but typically ended up on camp director questions, including what to do with 100 campers in a torrential downpour or how to handle that unruly 5-year-old. Mr. Frankie's down-to-earth approach and institutional wisdom (and usually a sarcastic joke or story) was a highlight for me this summer.

It was also such a pleasure to get the opportunity to work and serve with this year's IPC Day Camp Staff. This camp stands

out in our community for several reasons, but one key reason is the hard working and caring staff! The high school, college, and young adult leaders who spend their summers working at camp are exceptional and it was a privilege for me to get to know them. We studied the topic of prayer in our Monday evening staff meetings, and it was such a blessing to hear our IPC young people pray.

Thank you again to the congregation of IPC for your prayers for summer camp. Thank you to the IPC Session for the opportunity to serve in this Camp Director position. Thank you to Mr. Frankie for more than can be listed in this letter. Thanks to the staff for your hard work and fellowship over the summer. Thank you to the parents who allow your campers to join with us as we strive to serve the community with a one-of-a-kind camp experience and a clear, biblical gospel.

Looking forward to next summer!

Kenneth Crowe
IPC Day Camp Director

See ipcav.org/daycamp for more information about IPC Daycamp at Point Pleasant



FAMILY CORNER

OCTOBER

Psalms & Hymns of the Month

(Year 1-10)

PSALM 147

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| 1 Praise God! 'Tis good and pleasant,
And comely to adore; | 12 O Salem, praise Jehovah,
Thy God, O Zion, praise; |
| 2 Jehovah builds up Salem,
Her outcasts doth restore. | 13 For He thy gates has strengthened,
And blessed thy sons with grace. |
| 3 He heals the broken hearted,
And makes the wounded live; | 14 With peace He'll bless thy borders,
The finest wheat afford; |
| 4 The starry hosts He numbers,
And names to all doth give. | 15 He sends forth His commandment,
And swiftly speeds His word. |
| 5 Our Lord is great and mighty;
His wisdom none can know; | 16 Like wool the snow He giveth,
Spreads hail o'er all the land, |
| 6 The LORD doth raise the lowly
And sinners overthrow. | 17 Hoarfrost like ashes scatters;
Who can His cold withstand? |
| 7 O thank and praise Jehovah!
Praise Him on harp with mirth, | 18 Then forth His word he sendeth,
He makes His wind to blow; |
| 8 The heav'n with clouds Who covers,
And sends His rain on earth. | The snow and ice are melted,
Again the waters flow. |
| 9 He clothes with grass the mountains,
And gives the beasts their food; | 19 The words that He has spoken
To Jacob He makes known; |
| He hears the crying ravens,
And feeds their tender brood. | His judgments and His statutes
To Is-ra-el has shown. |
| 10 In horse's strength delights not,
Nor speed of man loves He; | 20 Not so to any nation
Did He His grace accord. |
| 11 The Lord loves all who fear Him,
And to His mercy flee. | For they've not known His
judgments.
O do ye praise the Lord. |

TUNE: LANCASHIRE 76.76.D (31E)
(*New Trinity Hymnal* #580 - "Lead on
O King Eternal"); Based on the *Book of
Psalms*, 1871; vv. 19-20 altered 1994

(Year 11-15)

PSALM 142

- 1 Unto the LORD my voice I raise,
Unto the LORD my voice now prays;
2 Before His face my grief I show
And tell my trouble and my woe.
- 3 When gloom and sorrow compass me,
The path I take is known to Thee,
So are the snares that foes do lay
To snare Thy servant in his way.
- 4 All unprotected, lo, I stand,
No friendly guard-ian at my hand,
No place of flight or refuge near,
And none to whom my soul is dear.
- 5 O Lord, my Saviour, now to Thee,
Without a hope beside, I flee,
To Thee, my shelter from the strife,
My portion in the land of life.
- 6 Be Thou my help when troubles throng,
For I am weak and foes are strong;
7 My captive soul from prison bring,
And thanks to Thy name I will sing.

The righteous then shall gather round
To share the blessing I have found,
Their hearts made glad because they see
How richly Thou hast dealt with me.

TUNE: ROCKINGHAM OLD LM (145C)
Based on the *Book of Psalms*, 1871 and *The
Psalter*, 1912; altered 1994

ABOUT THE PSALMS

PSALM 147

This psalm of praise may be broken into three sections, each beginning with praise:

1. The God who knows and cares for His people (vv 1-6). The God who numbers the stars (vv 4-5a) has detailed knowledge of the concerns of His people (vv 2, 3), and discerning moral awareness (v 6).
2. The God who controls and cares for the natural order, clouds and rain and grass and animals (vv 7-9). Yet His real delight is in His trusting people (vv 10, 11).
3. The God who gives His powerful word. It "runs swiftly" (v 15); it melts snow and ice (vv 16-18); it is a gift to His people (vv 19, 20), explaining the security and prosperity of His people (vv 13, 14).

NOVEMBER

Psalms & Hymns of the Month

(Year 1-10)

THE FIRST NOEL

Traditional English Carol (1833)

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
where they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their
sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of a great star,
Came wise men from a country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain

The star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain

Then they who the great star did see,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of
naught,
And with His blood mankind hath
bought.

Refrain

TUNE: THE FIRST NOEL:

Traditional English carol
Anonymous (1833), alt.

(Year 11-15)

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WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

Samuel Rodigast, 1649-1708 (1675)

Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. 1961

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He doth,
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God: though dark my road,
He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path;
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
Though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
Here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet am I not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all.

TUNE: WAS GOTT TUT 8.7.8.7.4.4.8.8.

Attr. to Severus Gastorius
Weimar Gesangbuch, 1681

PSALM 142

Like Psalm 57, it was written by David “when he was in a cave,” fleeing from Saul. Like Psalms 34, 52, 54, 56, 59, 63, and 67, this psalm arose from Saul’s persecution of David. Likely references are to 1 Samuel 22:1 or 1 Samuel 24:3ff, the latter when David refused the opportunity to kill Saul. We may note the intensity of David’s prayer: “cry,” “plead,” “pour out,” “tell” and “complaint.” Verses 3 and 4 describe the situation: his danger and isolation. Verse 5 describes his confidence: God is His refuge and portion. Verses 6 and 7 renew his plea, concluding with reasons for God to rescue him, why it is in God’s self-interest to do so – that he may praise God and gather the righteous.



Maddie Oliver - Veritas

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As always, a new academic year begins not with a whimper but a bang! There is a lot happening in the lives of our youth and within our student ministry. Our mid-week high school gatherings are downtown each week from 6:30-8:30 and include a meal, a game and a service of singing, prayers, Bible reading and Bible teaching. Our Sunday night youth activities began September 11 and include Youth Choir before the evening service, and after the service we enjoy a meal together before high school small groups and a middle school session that includes a game and a lesson.
- We have a Father-Son Trip October 7-8. Please see weekly student ministry emails for registration link and more information. If a student would like to participate but the father is unavailable for whatever reason, please contact Paul - we would like to accommodate! Also note that there are two options for the event, one of these for those who would not be able to join us until after Friday night sporting events or other conflicts.
- November 21 in the morning and through lunch, there is a block party at IPC for the high school. This will include lots of outdoor games and other activities. Generally it is just a fun time!
- Our annual delivery of gift baskets to shut-ins and elderly of the church is December 3.
- Also, in August we said goodbye to Rachel Carpenter as our long-time Youth Assistant. Rachel has been a great asset for our ministry as well as a joy to work with. While she and her family are still in our church family, they are heading into a new phase of family life that takes her away from her long time role with our student ministry. Rachel has a ready smile, a willing heart and a wise mind. Rachel, you are a great friend and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for laboring with me these years. You will be missed!

Paul Rodgers
Acts 20:24

Births

Judson Uriah Piet was born on Monday, August 1, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. Bryan A. Piet (Chloe)*.

Adeline Tyner Duron was born Tuesday, August 30, 2022 to *Dr. & Mrs. Garret W. Duron (Bethany)*.

Sophie Joyce Brodmann was born on Friday, September 2, 2022 to *Dr. & Mrs. Andrew W. Brodmann, Jr. (Morgan)*.

John Evans Parrish was born on Monday, September 12, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Parrish (Claire)*.

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Women's Holiday Hospitality
Holiday-themed crafts, demonstrations, & fellowship
with the ladies of IPC (Telfair Hall)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Mac Barrett	10 Sarah Blake Rodgers	19 Anna Gross	25 Bastian Kim
2 Tim Miller	11 Betty McLaurin	20 Tripp Jackson	26 Rebecca Dugal
2 Wallace Milling	11 Lillie Black	21 Finley Gergacs	26 Dede Roberts
2 John Holland	11 Allie Nolen	22 Mark Dusek	27 Tricia Barrett
3 Sarah Miles	12 Ruthie Mullinix	22 Adelaide Murns	27 Heyward Berry
3 Brantley Laffitte	12 Anne McCune	22 Sarah Crowe	28 Cindy Sutlive
3 Max Rosenfeld	12 Louis Oswald	23 Mary Van Puffelen	28 Doris Cope
4 Howie Pavlo	12 Sarah Roth	23 Bob Dykema	28 Jonathan Allen
6 Lindsey Van Puffelen	12 Karen Sparks	23 Hunter Lanier	29 Melvis Edenfield
6 Paul Rodgers	13 Conrad Martin	24 Mark Stall	29 Timothy Barrett
6 Leighann Rosenfeld	15 Inger Prescott	24 Clay Hostetter	29 Elizabeth Hammond
6 Hailey Williams	16 Rachel McKee	24 Emily Shields	30 Louise Marlow
7 Dot Richardson	16 Lucy Biemiller	24 Abigail Shaw	30 Owen Kenard
7 Andrew Parrish	16 Andrea Harris	24 Jessica Cruzado	31 Chandler Williams
8 Lakelyn Ward	16 Brent Savage	24 William Immel	
9 Elizabeth Savage	17 Doug Winks	24 George Langley	
10 John Heritage	17 Molly Mathews	25 Margaret Knoche	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jane Torrance	8 Becky Hill	17 Laura Sweat	24 Rick Barron
2 Sharon Brown	8 Jeff Oliver	17 Jody Robinson	25 Susan Jackson
2 Dean Horstman	9 Andy Brodmann	17 Tracy Wood	25 Maggie Breckenridge
2 Polly McCune	9 Matthew Nyce	17 Caroline Wood	25 Karen Cooper
2 Andrew Tanner	11 Ava Foster	17 Grace Poppell	25 Daphne Ratliff
2 Hannah Scharer	11 Brenda Oliver	18 Glenn Frick	26 Laura Gift
3 Agnes Brown	11 Minnie Moore	18 Stephen Rodenberg	26 Jim Vainas
3 Holmes Bell	12 Carol Scott	20 Wendy Sutton	27 Linden Helmly
4 Dianna Freeman	13 Tiffany Breckenridge	20 Andrea Tanner	27 Gail Baxley
5 Katherine Marie Schenk	14 Julia Barrett	21 Donna Kay McLaurin	27 Andrew Barrett
6 Ben Robinson	15 Sarah Coile	23 Rose Wade	29 Venessa Shields
7 Lilly Helton	16 Ron Berry	24 Alice Chisholm	30 Jeff Ross
7 Laura Savage	16 Sarah Wiggins	24 Abby Rookstool	

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Fall Family Festival



Grab your costumes and mark your calendars for Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5pm - 7pm as we gather at Point Pleasant for our annual Fall Family Festival.

Come climb a rock wall, do some gladiator jousting, shoot some hoops and get your fill of candy, hot dogs, popcorn, sno-cones and cotton candy!
