

Annual Report 2020 of the Independent Presbyterian Church

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In Memoriam 2020

Rebecca Amy Reeder Martin	Jan. 2, 2020
Patricia Mell Monroe	March 18, 2020
Joanne Stephenson Johansen	March 22, 2020
Edna May Knoche	May 9, 2020
Reba Bernice Colson	June 26, 2020
Annette Jones Billings Hartley	July 9, 2020

Senior Minister
Terry L. Johnson

Loss, Confusion and Recovery

The big story of 2020 was (and continues to be) the coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic and the loss, confusion and partial recovery that we've experienced. The mid-March "two-week" shut-down of the country placed unprecedented restrictions on businesses and churches. We continue to labor under those restrictions, as adjusted over time. Mid-year the social fabric of the nation began to fray and its political norms challenged. Beyond this our own congregation has suffered grievous losses due to sickness and death, some Covid related, most not. Let's look at our losses and the ensuing confusion.

Losses

Our church losses

The year got off to an ominous start when on January 2 our Amy Martin, for 21 years our Director of Children's Education and perhaps the biggest personality in the church, left us for her home in heaven. Though her departure followed several months of decline, it still came as a shock and grievous blow. A year later the tears are still flowing and for years to come we will lighten our moods by telling "Miss Amy" stories. The children of IPC have lost their biggest advocate. Then, on March 22 Joanne Johansen died after a twelve-week struggle to recover from a surgical mishap incurred during an ordinary gallstone removal procedure. Joanne had just stepped down after 30 years of service as an assistant and then lead wedding coordinator. Joanne was unmatched as an unflappable handler of bridezillas and (even more trying) their mothers. She made my job easy. I just showed up. She handled everything else. These two losses combined with Kathryn Van Eck's retirement and the end of Jane Boatright's tenure as President of Women of the Church left a void in our formal female leadership. Others have stepped into the gap (as we'll see), yet the loss has been profound.

Also, beginning Sunday, March 22, we were hit by coronavirus restrictions. Ironically, I was in China December 20, 2019 to January 11, 2020 teaching a week on the *Westminster Confession of Faith* in Shenzhen and a week teaching on "Reformed Ministry and Worship" in Shanghai. Twenty days later our government shut down all travel to China. For a month we were limited to one morning and one evening service with 50 attending as moral support for the preaching and singing. On March 29 we moved the service to 10:00AM. On May 3 we added a second morning service, one at 9:00AM and a second at 11:00AM. Thereafter changes came quickly. May 3, we increased our attendance limit to 150 per service. May 10, we increased the limit to 200. June 7, we increased the limit to 250, adding a nursery for the 9:00AM service. Our observance of the Lord's Supper also resumed on June 7, and the Sunday evening fellowship supper on that same Sunday. Social distancing requirements also kept us from moving our summer evening services out to Point Pleasant, a sad loss for our congregation. At the peak, restrictions on congregation on-site interactions were reduced by 90-plus percent. Tim Foster began our virtual adult Sunday School on March 29. We still have not yet restored our on-site Sunday School.

Capping off our losses, our beloved senior associate minister Ron Parrish contracted the coronavirus on October 16 and despite steady improvement over many weeks, suffered cardiac arrest and passed away on January 26, 2021. His absence has been and will be keenly felt throughout the whole life of our church as his contribution to our congregational life for the past 25 years is impossible to calculate.

Our national losses

Since March over 276,000 (as of January 1, 2021) Americans have died of COVID-19 or COVID-19-related causes according to official statistics. At the peak of the shutdown 30 million of our countrymen were out of work. The elderly have been isolated and school children locked out of their classrooms. The

nation has experienced a spike in depression, suicides, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and violent crime. One study estimates 75,000 “deaths of despair.”

Mid-year witnessed shocking rioting and looting in America’s cities following the killing of George Floyd. The violence went on for months, the governing authorities often refusing to confront the rioters and enforce order. Property damage due to vandalism, arson and looting has been estimated as at least \$1 billion and perhaps as much as \$2 billion, easily eclipsing the previous record. Nearly 1500 businesses were either heavily damaged or destroyed. The social fabric seemed to be unraveling.

Likewise, political norms were challenged. A majority of the American people no longer trust the results of our elections. We witnessed a four-year attempt to reverse the results of the 2016 election through federal law-enforcement agencies (FBI and CIA), the two-year Muller investigation report (May 2017-July 2019), and the impeachment hearings December 2019-February 2020. The nomination of Amy Coney Barrett as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in September, followed by her confirmation by the Senate on October 26 and oath of office a day later led to threats of politicizing the court through a court-expansion, court-packing scheme. Mainstream political figures have further destabilized the American political system by talk of abolishing the Electoral College, eliminating Senate filibuster, and adding Puerto Rico and Washington DC as states.

Following the election, accusations of voter-fraud were flung about (as in 2016) and court challenges were launched in all the hotly-contested states. Public discussion took place of state legislatures or Congress or the Vice President intervening to alter the outcome of the voting. All of this is indicative of mounting social and political instability. Our system of government is likely more fragile than any of us imagined.

Our personal losses

We may add to the losses of 2020 our family’s loss of Emily’s mother, Annette Jones Billings Hartley (Netsi), at the age of 92. While she died “full of years” (as the Bible expresses it), nevertheless the loss was real and deeply felt. The family is convinced that by isolation of the elderly, the COVID-19 restrictions hastened Annette’s death. We have distributed her multiple Bibles among family members and her commentaries to some of our young pastoral staff. Her worn-out Bibles, marked up from cover to cover, are yet another testimony to her solid Christian faith and further confirmation that our loss is her gain, for “to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil 1:21).

I can point to only a handful of men who have had a decisive influence on my Christian life and calling. Two of them died this year. The Rev. Dr. James M. Baird, Jr. was my pastor during my first 2 years in Miami, where I served as an intern and then as an assistant minister working with youth (1981-1983). Hardly a week goes by when I don’t quote something Dr. Baird taught me about pastoral ministry. He died on January 31, 2020. You can read my tribute to him here: <https://www.reformation21.org/blog/james-baird-a-personal-remembrance>.

J. I. Packer humanly speaking was the man responsible for the direction of my entire adult life. Reading his 20th century classic *Knowing God* led to the decision to attend Trinity College in Bristol, England, which in turn led to me becoming a Calvinist, a paedobaptist, and a Presbyterian. I was blessed by two years of his direct instruction (1977-1979), and a lifetime of indirect instruction through his books. You can read my tribute to him here: <https://www.reformation21.org/blog/ji-packer-a-personal-remembrance>. My indebtedness to these two men is enormous.

Confusion

Confusion has been a prominent result of the “losses” of 2020. The churches’ responses to the pandemic have ranged from the total shutdown of in-person ministry to total defiance of lockdown orders. Lengthy

discussions/debates among the IPC officers have been necessary as we crawled towards consensus. The states also have responded differently to the pandemic, some with perpetual lockdowns, others with minimal restrictions. Our staff losses have required a “shuffling of the deck” as we have scurried about to cover various responsibilities. Ideas, decisions, and programs have been worked and reworked as we have labored to cope with unprecedented circumstances.

Recovery

Services

Our priority has been to maintain our Sunday congregational services. Other activities could be set aside (meals, Bible studies, smaller group meetings [e.g. youth, choir, WOC, etc.], even Sunday School). The gathering of the whole congregation for worship on the Lord’s Day is biblically mandated and therefore has been our first concern. We are not yet back to normal, yet we have moved strongly in that direction. Our internet audience was well over 500 in March and April and continued to hold at about 300 through the end of the year. We worked our way back to 80% of our normal Sunday morning on-site attendance on June 7, 90% on June 14, and 100% (once, on Nov. 18). On-site attendance has fluctuated between 80-90% depending on the state of the pandemic in our region. Similar participation characterizes the Sunday night service. We restored on-site men’s prayer breakfast on May 5, career Bible study at Pt. Pleasant on May 7, on-site college Bible study on June 1, youth group meetings on June 16, and choir practice on Oct. 28. Through the exceptional efforts of Frankie and his staff, we even managed to hold our Pt. Pleasant Day Camp with some adjustments. However, at peak restoration, *our total congregational participation in the life of our church is still only at 65% of normal.*

Staff

“My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:19). So we have found it to be. The irreplaceable have had to be replaced.

- ❖ The “gang of six,” as I affectionately call our team of WOC leaders, began their work on Jan. 1, to great effect;
- ❖ Following heroic work by our member keyboardists (Tevis Garnett, Denise Winks, Caitlin Frasure), Jacob Fuhrman, a superbly trained musician, began his work as our organist-choirmaster on May 3.
- ❖ Following Ron’s hospitalization (November 1), the pastors redistributed his responsibilities:
 - Tim Foster has assumed Ron’s pastoral duties, especially in connection with the plans for Sunday School generally and Garmer and Agape age groups. He is now responsible for the iPrimes Bible Study assisted wonderfully by Rev. Matthew Burt.
 - Evan Gear has assumed Tim Foster’s pastoral responsibility for the Berean age group, while continuing to lead our college ministry.
 - Paul Rodgers has assumed Tim Foster’s pastoral responsibility for the Emmaus age group and has begun assisting Evan with college ministry.
 - Looking ahead, our plan is to divide Ron’s work among our existing pastoral staff. Time will tell whether we are able to fill the gaps that Ron leaves behind. We cannot replace Ron, yet we hope to cover his responsibilities, however inadequately.

This new leadership has been excellent even as the old has been missed.

Josh Espinosa’s work as Director of Administration has been superb. Everything that we have done through technology to maintain our ministry has been Josh’s work. I shudder to think of where we would be if we didn’t have Josh’s expertise, energy, and patience, coupled with his zeal for Christ and His gospel.

We are recovering, but we are not back to normal. We hoped to start Sunday School in December, but the spike in infections in our region put those plans on hold. We repeat: Our on-site congregational life still is

operating at year's end only at about 65% of the norm. This has consequences. We have used live-stream in order to compensate, yet recognize that there is no replacing the in-person gatherings of the people of God.

Personal

Preaching twice on Sunday morning (the last eight-plus months of the year) has been a new experience for me. I normally fast on Sunday mornings. I soon found that I was mentally running out of gas half-way through the second sermon. So, I started snacking between services: banana, tangerine, cashews, and a piece of chocolate. Snacking helped! I also found that I was exhausted by the time I arrived at home after the second service. Sunday afternoon naps became particularly intense, Sunday night sermons marginally more difficult.

Thankfully, Sam and Molly's wedding on February 15 was just days prior to the lockdowns. A month after Netsi died, we welcomed Boone Hamilton Johnson into the world (August 8). The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away, blessed be His name.

I have written quite a bit more this year than previously (see publications on p.8-9), both articles and books. Currently multiple publications are in the works.

Conclusion

Only in hindsight are we able to see what a special time the 90's and 2000's have been for our families. IPC has enjoyed the service of devout yet bigger than life personalities. Miss Amy guided our children through the Sunday School, listening to them recite their catechisms and sing their songs of the month. Our children also attended Point Pleasant camp, and as youth many worked at the camp under the direction of Mr. Frankie. When they married, Miss Joanne coordinated their wedding plans with unequalled calm. Through it all, from birth to giving birth, from the nursery to the nursing home, there was Mr. Ron bringing love, good cheer, wise counsel, not to mention name recognition to our pastoral care. Why is it that so often we fail to recognize what we have until it is gone? We take for granted and even neglect God's good gifts until it is too late. Is it not now clear that the church is so much more than the man delivering the Sunday morning sermon? Does not the departure of Miss Amy, Miss Joanne, and Mr. Ron make emphatic that point? At least now let us not fail to express our gratitude for those now departed, or fail to appreciate those still with us. Let us recognize them for what they are: God's gifts to us. As others step up to fill the gaps that they leave, let us not fail to appreciate them from the start.

Summary of Senior Minister's Work

(Many events/activities postponed or canceled due to COVID-19)

Teaching (IPC)	No. of class sessions
Jan.- May – Catechism Sunday School class for Gr. 5-8 (some classes recorded)	17
Jan. – Dec. – Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast	40
Jan. – Apr. – Women's Tues. AM Bible Study class	19
Jan. – Dec. – Dead Theologians' Society reading group	12
Jan. – Dec. – Intern Discussion Group	4
Feb. – Dec. – Mars Hill/PCA Pastors' Group	5
Feb. 8 – Veritas Tour of Churches	1

Teaching (outside)	No. of class sessions
Jan.1-4 & 6-10 – Westminster Standards and Reformed Worship course, Shenzhen and Shanghai, China (60.5 hours total)	60
Feb. 26 – Veritas History Class, "World War II"	1
May 14 – India Pastors Talk on "Family Worship" with Jonathan Iverson	1
June 13 – Commencement Address for Veritas Academy Graduation Ceremony	1

Total Teaching Hours **161**

AM Preaching	No. of sermons
Jan. – Dec. – Expositions of the Gospel of John, XCIX-CXXVIII	30
Jan. 19 – "The Long View," Ps 78:1-8, Sanctity of Life Sunday	1
Mar. 22 – "The Shadow of the Almighty," Ps 91	1
Mar. 29 – "Sickness and the Soul," Mt 9:1-7	1
Apr. 5 – "Yearning for the House of God," Ps 42:1-5; Palm Sunday	1
Apr. 12 – "Easter without the Trappings," Mt 27:57-28:10; Easter Sunday	1
Nov. 1 – "Our Stake in Elections," Jer 29:4-7; Election Day Sermon	1
Nov. 8 – "Loving the Church," Ps 137:1-6; Stewardship Sunday	1
Dec. 6 – "Watchmen of Israel," Ezek 3:1-11; 16-21 Officer Installation Sunday	1
Dec. 20 "Word, Lord, God," John 20:28 "Lessons and Carols" Sunday	1

PM Preaching	No. of sermons
Jan. – Dec. "Texts that Transform":	
Jan. 26 – "Bought with a Price" – 1 Cor 6:18-20	1
Feb. 23 – "Sabbath" – Mk 2:23-28	1
Mar. 29 – "Sabbath" -2 – Mk 2:23-3:5	1
Apr. 26 – "Sabbath" -3 – Mk 3:1-5	1
Aug. 2 – "Christ's Victorious Kingdom" Mt 13:31-33	1
Sept. 20 – "Christ's Victorious Kingdom"-2 – Mt 13:31-33	1
Oct. 11 – "Christ's Victorious Kingdom"-3 – Mt 13:31-33	1
Nov. 15 – "Christ's Victorious Kingdom" – 4 – Mt 13:31-33	1
May 31 – "Gospel Ordinances," Acts 2:42	1
June 7 – "Covenant, Remembrance, and Proclamation" – 1 Cor 11:23-26	1

Other Preaching

July 25 – Wedding of Rupert Bradley and Caroline Lester	1
Mar. 27 – Graveside service for Joanne Stephenson Johansen	1
July 14 – Memorial service for Annette Jones Billings Hartley	1

Total Sermons **52**

Other Duties/Activities

Jan. 24 – Savannah River Presbytery meeting
 Jan. 15-16 – Westminster Seminary CA Board Meeting
 Feb. 11 – CERF meeting
 May 27-28 – Westminster Seminary CA Board Meeting (virtual)
 June 14 – Installation Service for Rev. Timothy Shaw – Charge to the Pastor
 July 20-24 – study leave

Writing**Books, magazine articles****No. of pages**

<i>Who Am I? What the Bible teaches about Christian Identity</i> , Sept. 2020 by EP Books	151
“James Baird: A Personal Remembrance,” www.reformation21.org/blog , Feb. 17, 2020	6
“Parachurch or Quasi-Church?”, www.reformation21.org/blog , March 3, 2020	3
“Where Jesus Is,” www.reformation21.org/blog , March 16, 2020	2
“Corona Virus and the Church,” www.reformation21.org/blog – April 6, 2020	3
“The Good Shepherd,” www.reformation21.org/blog – April 21, 2020	2
“Christian Growth and the Missing Link,” <i>Banner of Truth</i> magazine, August/September 2020	4
“China and the Reformed Faith,” <i>Presbyterians of the Past</i> website, August 8, 2020	4
“J. I. Packer: A Personal Remembrance,” www.reformation21.org/blog , Aug. 2020	6
“Jesus the Truth Teller,” <i>Tabletalk Magazine</i> , Nov. 2020	3
“Favorite Psalms and Hymns, Trinity Psalter Hymnal – Psalms in a Minor Key,” <i>New Horizon</i> magazine, October 2020	2
“Who Am I?” – EP Blog, Sept. 2020	2
“Worship from Calvin to Westminster: Continuity or Discontinuity,” Part 1 <i>Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology</i> , Autumn 2020	43

Total **231**

I.P.C. Newsletter articles**No. of pages**

Feb. – “The Future of Christianity in the West” – 5	5
Mar. – “The Future of Christianity in the West” – 6	5
July/Aug. – “The Future of Christianity in the West” – 7	5
Oct./Nov. – “The Future of Christianity in the West” – 8	5
Dec./Jan. – “The Future of Christianity in the West” – 9	7

Total 27

Pamphlets

New:

XLIV. "You Are Not Your Own," 1 Cor 6:16-20; Texts that Transform, 11pp/12 copies	11
XCIX.-C. "Sin, Righteousness, & Judgment" 1, 2 (Jn 16:9-11); 17pp/15 copies	17
CI. "The Spirit, the Church, & All the Truth" (Jn 16:12-15); 15pp/14 copies	15
CII. "Turning Sorrow into Joy," Jn 16:16-22, 14pp/14 copies	14
CIII. "Joy and Prayer in Jesus' Name," Jn 16:23-27, 16pp/14 copies	16
XLV.-XLVI. "The Christian Sabbath" – 1&2, Texts that Transform, 22pp/14 copies	22
CIV. "Confidence, Overconfidence, and Certainty," Jn 16:28-32, 16pp/14 copies	16
"Peace and Tribulation," Jn 16:3, 9pp/14 copies	9
XLVII. "The Christian Sabbath: Lord of the Sabbath" – 3, 4, Texts that Transform; 21pp. 14 copies	21
CV. "Peace and Tribulation," Jn 16:33; 9pp, 14 copies	9
CVI. "Christ's High Priestly Prayer: The Glory of God," Jn 17:1-5; 15pp, 14 copies	15
CVII. "Christ's High Priestly Prayer: Knowing God," Jn 17:1-5; 14pp, 14 copies	14
CVIII. "Christ's High Priestly Prayer: Those for Whom He Prays," Jn 17:6-10; 15pp, 13 copies	15
CIX. "Christ's High Priestly Prayer: Preserving Believers in the World," Jn 17:11-16; 16pp, 13 copies	16
CX. "Christ's High Priestly Prayer: Thy Word is Truth," Jn 17:17-19; 12pp, 13 copies	12
CXI. "Christ's High Priestly Prayer: The Unity of the Church," Jn 17:20-23; 14pp, 13 copies	14
"The Christian Sabbath," 55pp, 20 copies	55
CXII. "Christ's High Priestly Prayer: Jesus' Final Plea," Jn 17:24-26; 15pp, 12 copies	15
CXIII. "The Cup Which the Father Has Given," Jn 18:1-11; 16pp, 13 copies	16
CXIV. "A Corrupt Interrogation," Jn 18:12-14; 19-24; 13pp, 13 copies	13
CXV. "Watch and Pray," Jn 18:15-17; 14pp; 13 copies	14
CXVI. "A Kingdom Not of This World," Jn 18:28-36; 13pp; 13 copies	13
CXVII. "What is Truth?" Jn 18:37-40; 13pp; 13 copies	13
CXVIII. "Behold the Man" Jn 19:1-10; 15pp, 13 copies	15
CXIX. "No King but Caesar" Jn 19:11-16; 12pp, 13 copies	12
CXX. "There They Crucified Him" Jn 19:17-18a; 12pp, 13 copies	12
CXXI. "The Incidentals of the Cross" – John 19:18b-27; 14pp, 13 copies	14
CXXI. "It is Finished" – John 19:28-30; 14pp, 13 copies	14
CXXIII.-CXXIV. "Crucified, Dead, and Buried," – John 19:31-42; 22pp, 13 copies	22
XLVIII.- XLIX. Texts that Transform, "Christ's Victorious Kingdom," 1 & 2, Mt 13:31-33; 24pp, 13 copies	24
"Our Stake in Political Elections," Jer 29:4-7; Election Day Sermon, 25pp/55 copies	25
CXXV. "The Empty Tomb," Jn 20:1-10; 13pp/13 copies	13
"Loving the Church," Ps 137:1-6; Stewardship Sunday; 13pp/13 copies	13
L.-LI. Texts that Transform, "Christ's Victorious Kingdom," 3-4, Mt 13:31-33, 27pp, 13 copies	27
CXXVI. "The Risen Savior," Jn 20:11-18; 15p/13 copies	15
CXXVII. "Establishing, Sending, and Empowering the Church," Jn 20:19-23; 19pp, 13 copies	19
CXXVIII. "Those Who Have Not Seen," Jn 20:24-31; 17pp/13 copies	17
Total	617

Reprints:

“The Shorter Catechism,” – 15pp/35 copies
“The Shorter Catechism, Honorable Mention – 7pp/25 copies
“Examine Yourself,” – 8pp/25 copies
“Abortion, Human Nature, and the Law” – 19pp/25 copies
“Abortion and the Christian Church” – 30pp/25 copies
“Why Plant and Grow PCA Churches?” – 12pp/25 copies
“Is Reformed Worship Eurocentric?” – 27pp/15 copies
“Parents, Require Obedience” – 6pp/15 copies
“Fathers Teach Your Children” – 15pp/15 copies
“Lord’s Supper: Epitome of Catechizing Our Children” – 15pp/15 copies
“Baptismal Vows and Childrearing” 27pp/14 copies
“Baptismal Vows and Childrearing” 27pp/14 copies
“Baptismal Vows and Childrearing” 27pp/14 copies
“The Stones Cry Out,” 14pp, 50 copies
“Our Order of Service,” 12pp, 18 copies
“The Kind of Government We Want,” 24pp, 20 copies
“Television and the Christian,” 35pp, 20 copies
“The Christian Use of Visual Art in Worship Today,” 24pp, 16 copies
“The Educational Crisis,” 17pp, 15 copies
“Our Order of Service,” 12pp, 35 copies
“The Duties of Parents,” 29pp, 20 copies
“The Shorter Catechism,” 15pp, 20 copies
“What Kind of Government We Want,” 24pp, 25 copies
“Who We Are,” 13pp/20 copies
“An Evangelical and Reformed Faith,” 31pp/20 copies
“The Church As It Was Meant to Be,” 68pp/20 copies
“Our Order of Service,” 12pp/20 copies
“The Stones Cry Out,” 14pp/20 copies

Pastoral Contacts

Counseling – 62
Hospital/home visits – 14
New member interviews – 12
Total: 88

Boards, Committees, and Organizations

Coastal Empire Reformed Fellowship (CERF)
MNA Committee, Savannah River Presbytery
Savannah River Presbytery
Steering Committee of the Twin Lakes Fellowship
Board member – Westminster Theological Seminary California
Lecturer – Westminster Theological Seminary California
Lecturer – Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte
Lecturer – China Reformed Theological Seminary Taipei, Taiwan
Reformation Worship Conference Steering Committee
Confessional Church Planting Fellowship

Weddings - Baptisms - New Members

Weddings

(*Members of IPC)

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brandon Carter (nee Caitlin E. Forehand)	Feb. 8
Mr. and Mrs. Rupert H. Bradley (nee Caroline C. Lester)	July 25
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Piet (nee Chloe Donaldson)	Aug. 23

Baptisms

Charlotte Ashley Lafitte (born Feb. 5, 2020)	Oct. 4
Molly Kate Mathews (born Oct. 17, 2019)	Mar. 8
Robert Brooks Tanner (born Mar. 26, 2020)	Nov. 8
Howard Grant Pavlo (born May 19, 2020)	Aug. 2
Vivian Grace Gift (born June 17, 2020)	Sept. 27
Jeffrey Dean Blevins (born June 23, 2020)	Sept. 27
Grace Verity Poppell (born Nov. 17, 2019)	July 26
Joel Durham Parrish (born July 28, 2020)	Oct. 11
Boone Hamilton Johnson (born Aug. 7, 2020)	Oct. 25
Mary Lawrence Shaw (born Sept. 5, 2020)	Nov. 15
Seth Hunter Dixon (born May 8, 2020)	Nov. 8
John Peter Gibson (born Nov. 24, 2020)	Nov. 29

New Members *under age 16

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Matthew L. Burt (Regine)	June 21
Mr. K. James Ivy	July 28
Mr. Kenneth "James" Ivy	Aug. 2
Mr. Bryan A. Piet	Aug. 16
Miss Chloe E. Donaldson	Aug. 16
Miss Elise S. Rustine	Aug. 23
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brown (Sharon)	Sept. 20
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Holland (Therese)	Oct. 18
Mr. Benjamin M. Holland	Oct. 18
Miss Emily K. Shields	Nov. 15
Miss Elizabeth R. Topping	Dec. 6
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey B. Oliver (Beth)	Dec. 13
Austin	
Madeleine	
*Hadley	

Transfers of Membership - Moved Out-of-Town 2020

(*considered children, under 16 yr.)

Transfers of Membership/ Letter

Out-of-town transfers:

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton M. Austin (Chamblee)	Jan. 10	North Shore Fellowship Presbyterian (PCA) Chattanooga, TN
Mr. John P. McLean	Jan. 12	Christ Reformed Church Anderson, SC
Mrs. Laura R. Smith (Laura Dantin)	Jan. 15	Morning Star Community Church Bloomington, GA
Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Brown (Sarah) Charles Miller, Jr. (non-communing) Elizabeth Joy (non-communing)	Jan. 27	High Desert Presbyterian (PCA) Albuquerque, NM
Mr. and Mrs. Tyler K. Butcher (Alyssa)	Feb. 24	Mercy Presbyterian Church (PCA) Dallas, TX
Mr. Matthew S. Parrish	Feb. 24	Redeemer Anglican Church Richmond, VA
Dr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Holley (Lori)	Feb. 26	Good Shepherd Presbyterian (PCA) Florence, SC
Mr. Matthew D. Gobel	Nov. 1	Christ Church Presbyterian (PCA) Atlanta, GA
Mr. Thomas M. Smith	Dec. 7	Trinity Presbyterian (PCA) Opelika, AL

Sub-total: 13 communing adults & 4 non-communing children

In-town transfers:

Dr. and Mrs. Ryan B. Moody (Emily) Charles Hattrich (non-communing) Hamilton Elliot Moody (non-communing) Emma Jane Moody (non-communing) Virginia Greer Moody (non-communing)	Jan. 12	Isle of Hope United Methodist Church
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Sub Total: 2 communing adults & 4 non-communing children

TOTAL Transfers: 15 adults (communing) & 6 children (non-communing) = 21

Moved Out-of-Town (members)

Mrs. Christopher Bloomgren (Amelia Shipes)
Mr. and Mrs. William D. James, Sr. (Alex)
Liam James (non-communing)
Mr. and Mrs. Sean D. Fatzinger (Joy)
Joan (communing)
Shane (non-communing)
Miss Marina Krivosheyne Dandass
Mr. and Mrs. Neal A. Davis (Katie)
Coral Lyndal (non-communing)
Alice Ryall (non-communing)
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Joe) S. Celento
Mrs. Anne Y. Portell

Miss Caroline (Callie) J. Monroe
Miss Hattie O. McQuitty
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. McDougall (Julie)
Mr. Mark K. Mitchell
Mr. Isaac C. Van Puffelen

Total: 18 adults & 4 children (non-communing) = 22

Inactive Members Removed from Roll

In-Town Members Removed

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none

Out-of-Town Members Removed

none

Moved back to town (Restored to roll)

Mr. C. Conrad Martin
Miss Emily K. Shields (non-communing)

Total: 2 adults

Communing and Non-communing Membership and Attendance 2020

Additions (communing and non-communing)

Births	18	(18 non-communing children)
Professions of Faith	1	(1 adults)
Reaffirmations of Faith	0	
Associates	0	
Transfers of letter.	18	(14 adults, 2 communing children, 2 non-communing children)
Added back to rolls	<u>1</u>	(1 adult)
Sub-total communing	16	
Sub-total non-communing	<u>20</u>	
	35	(14 adults, 2 communing children, 19 n/c children)

Losses

Transfers (in-town)	2 (communing)
Transfers (out-of-town)	13 (communing)
Deaths (in-town)	5 (communing)
Deaths (out-of-town)	1 (communing)
Removed from rolls (in-town)	0 (communing)
Removed from rolls (out-of-town)	0 (communing)
Total in-town	7
Total out-of-town	14

Net Gain (in-town)	
Communing members	9

Total In-Town Communing	598
Total In-Town Non-communing members	170

*based on ACS data 1/4/2021

Associate Minister

Timothy P. Foster

The past year has introduced a severe season of adversity and loss to our church. Events have conspired to impede the joy in our hearts. We've seen church programs hobbled. We've had longtime partners in gospel ministry enter their heavenly rest. We've had staff members sidelined by illness. But we rest in the promise that God is faithful (1 Cor 1:9; 1 Thess 5:24). The joy of the Lord is our strength (Neh 8:10). I can attest to God's faithfulness. What a great privilege to serve a generous and patient congregation that loves and prays for its ministers! While the events of 2020 have proven difficult and challenging, by God's grace, we remain steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor 15:58). Here are a few highlights from 2020:

Preaching — I shared the responsibility with the other ministers for preaching on Sundays and Wednesdays. On Sunday evenings, I teamed up with Revs. Shaw and Gear to complete a series on 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Our Wednesday Noon Bible study and lunch fellowship did not meet for several weeks due to the pandemic. Initially, we were able to restart the service in the sanctuary and offer live streaming before we moved back to the chapel with lunch served. I was able to begin a series on 1 Corinthians. It has been an enjoyable and edifying study. I've also continued to provide pulpit supply to several local PCA churches.

Teaching — I started the year participating in our adult Sunday school rotation, but once the pandemic struck, we switched to an online format. This year I've covered topics such as "The Bible and the Future," "The Song of Solomon," and "Encounters with Jesus." I also assisted with the online Garner Bible Study (aka "iPrimes").

Pastoral — The lockdowns sorely hampered multiple avenues of ministry, most notably hospital visitation. Visiting the sick has been difficult due to our local hospital protocols. We hope the Lord restores this vital ministry soon. I also served on the Congregational Growth and Care committee which oversees the shepherding ministry of the church. I served as the Assistant Clerk for Savannah River Presbytery and the chairman for the Sessional Records Committee. I offered pastoral counseling when needed. One of the highlights of the year was serving as the chairman for the search committee that recruited our new organist and Director of Music, Dr. Jacob Fuhrman. The committee worked efficiently to interview candidates after Kathryn Van Eck's retirement. Jacob is an answer to prayer. He's been an outstanding addition to our staff.

Personal — I want to reiterate how much the members of IPC mean to us. Caroline and I are grateful for your continual love, prayers, encouragement, and support for our family. Our children, Ava (5) and Luke (3), continue to bring us great joy and also challenge us to lean on Christ for grace and wisdom. Ava began pre-K at Veritas Academy this year. She loves it! Thank you again for loving us so well. We look forward to what the Lord will do in 2021.

Associate Minister

Timothy D. Shaw

By the grace of God, at the time of writing this, I have been serving IPC as an intern and pastor for five-and-a-half years now. I am so thankful the Lord has called my family and me here.

My family continues to strengthen and grow in the midst of our church family. Abby is so thankful for all the rich friendships she enjoys and all the special care she has received in the last year, especially while being ill with pregnancy sickness for several months, and then the delivery of our fourth child, Mary Lawrence. The encouragement, the meals, and the prayers have been such a deep encouragement. Mary is a beautiful, healthy, happy baby girl so far. Her brother Levi enjoys her especially. It's been an unforeseen joy for us to watch him learn to play with, talk to, and care for her. Levi turned 4 this year, loves playing ball in the back yard, building things, playing with trucks, and seeing his friends at church. Annie turned 6, loves 1st Grade, her teacher Ms. Brodmann, and has already developed a love of reading too. And Ginny our two-year-old, is a vivacious bundle of spunk. She keeps us always laughing. We all look forward to Sundays—our favorite day of the week—and I thank you for this incredible gift.

My ministry has been marked this year with surprising steadiness and joy despite the pandemic. We averaged around 40 throughout the summer, and around 35 throughout the fall at the Thursday Night Bible Study. We also finished a 2-year study in the book of Acts. This is the best attendance and lay leadership that the group has had in my time here. I attribute much of this to the greater number of covenant children returning home and jumping in the life of the church, and to an especially dynamic group of interns (Alex Sutherland, Jake Busch, and Brock Garrigan).

Overseeing the pastoral interns is a part of my responsibility here that I especially enjoy. I determine much of their reading schedule and our pastoral discussion topics, and I get to spend a significant amount of time discussing the ministry and our vision of it with them.

This year has also been marked with more opportunities to preach, for which I am very thankful. I am working my way through the Sermon on the Mount as I have opportunity. The assistant and associate pastors also preached 2 Thessalonians as a team this fall.

As far as general pastoral responsibilities, I am continually pursuing young men to meet one-on-one for discipleship/counseling/evangelistic opportunities. Normally, I make regular hospital visits. I serve on the Youth, College and Career Committee for the church and on the RUF Committee for the Presbytery. This year we have begun to meet monthly with the other local PCA pastors for conversation and encouragement. I have been peripherally involved with Medical Campus Outreach and the CMDA at Mercer Medical School. I am continually looking for ways to be found at the “doorways” of entry into Savannah for people in their 20's, but this has been especially difficult during the pandemic.

I love our church and the men I am privileged to labor alongside. Thank you for your love and support!

Assistant Minister

Evan J. Gear

The Psalmist reminds us that time is relative to God. A thousand years are as a day and a day as a thousand years. He can stretch and shrink time at will. I often think that we experience something of this reality in our own way. Minutes can feel like hours and days like minutes. This was especially true this year, the year that has felt like ten years. It all began in the usual fashion with our annual plan set in place and ministry to SCAD beginning in the first weeks of January. But as soon as that seemed to pick up momentum the entire world stopped. Students went home and Savannah went silent and still.

You all know what it was like. All of our lives were suddenly changed. We felt it as a staff, socially distanced lunches and meetings, Sunday mornings in a nearly empty sanctuary, the family at home worshipping by means of a screen. Then there was the imposition of masks, the hand sanitizer, and strange trips into public spaces where people seemed on edge. With all this came the sense of a slowing down, a blessing really. It was something like an enforced Sabbath for all, a year of Jubilee. It is reminiscent of that which we read in the law, *the land shall rest and enjoy its Sabbath's* (Lev. 26:34). This is stated as the result of the punishment that God sends his people, a blessing in the midst of a judgment. His discipline accomplishes what they have failed to accomplish in obedience to His command. They were required to rest the land every 7 years and had failed to do so and therefore God accomplishes in judgment what they failed to fulfill through obedience.

He brings the rest.

He brings the rest through His own action apart from us. And, as we read further, we find that the period of rest will cultivate in the people a desire to return to God. In the language of the NT, they will *remember their first love* (see Rev. 2:4). They will repent and return to the God who brought them out of the land of Egypt so that He might (Lev. 26:45) *be their God*.

Why do I write of these things in my annual report?

I write them because I think that this year has served to be something of a call to similar repentance for us, for me. The shut-in, slow-down has served to awaken a turn-back to those essential and foundational things. It has forced us to realize that like our daily bread, we need the regular, bodily gathering of the church. We need the ministry of word and sacrament. We need our basic creed.

For this reason I recorded a series of teachings on the Lord's Prayer (using an app called "Marco Polo"), I taught through the *Apostles' Creed* during the summer months, and then, at the start of the school year in the fall, the "Foundations of the Faith" (using Hebrews 6:1-3 as a template). As we returned to those foundational things in our study so we also laid foundations in our life and ministry. We purchased a new home just 7-short minutes from the church and we started a mid-week College Bible Study – two "new beginnings" that I hope will serve as a means toward a "return to God and remembrance of our first love."

I am thankful continually to our Lord to be part of a congregation which has remained faithful to that basic calling throughout these trying times. I am grateful to serve with a staff and session who seek to protect the basic and free functioning of the church ministry come what may, while doing so in a measured and thoughtful way. So that, though time may stretch and shrink, though the world around us crumble and fall, we will find that we are among those counted by Jesus as wise, living in a house founded upon the rock.

The storms may come, the wind will blow and beat upon the house (as they have) but it will remain standing, it will not fall, *because it had been founded on the rock*. I am thankful, then, for this year (though it has been trying) for the grace of God to call us in life and ministry back to the rock that, in the words of Psalm 61:2, is “higher than I.”

Staff Updates

Jane H. Boatright

There is a sense in which we could say that the COVID-19 virus impacted our lives more than anything else this past year. Uncertainty and confusion about what it would mean for each person in the family was almost always on our minds, especially because we have a large family, with so many people to think about. Quarantines changed our plans and sadly limited our time with extended family. Dennis, Hunter, and I had the virus over Christmas, so we hardly knew that it was Christmas Day and missed seeing the others in our family. But one thing we can say- in the midst of all of the change, uncertainty, and disruption, God was doing something in our lives. He was still all that He has always been. He was our rock. He was in control. To have a surer sense of this was more important than anything else could have been. We'll never forget our COVID-19 Christmas for many reasons, but as it turns out, the *lessons* from the virus were what impacted us the most. And as we struggle with life in this world, blessings still abound. Boone Hamilton Johnson was born to Caroline and Drew. A precious reminder that life still moves on, completing the purposes of God.

Francis V. Daniell

IPC continues to be a wonderful place to work for me and central to our whole lives as a family. It is hard to express the gratitude that Judy and I feel for all that IPC means to us. Judy continues to have a great interest and involvement in volunteer ministry to our elderly and shut-ins, visiting them and supervising the flower distribution ministry. We're glad to have Jennifer in town. She has taken a job teaching at Veritas Academy and is living with great group of young ladies from IPC. Their house has become a place of ministry for those in their age group/demographic. My work with the Missions Committee, Missions Conference, IPC Day Camp, music for the 20's/Career Bible Study on Thursday night all continue to be enjoyable and good for my soul. Leading challenge course and canoe/kayak outings with many groups in the church (Sunday school classes, Bible study groups) are significant as well. The other members of the staff create a great environment and it is an honor to serve with them. Thank you to the IPC congregation for all that you contribute to the areas of ministry for which I am responsible. I owe you much.

Joshua M. Espinosa

The Espinosas continue to find blessings in 2020. The joy (and challenges) of raising twins along with their brothers gave us all opportunity for thanking God for His continued grace. The boys attend Veritas Academy where this autumn Joshua entered the 10th grade, Caleb the 7th grade and Isaac, 2nd grade. They are all doing very well in their schoolwork and continue to be wonderful brothers to their sisters. The twins turned 4 in 2020 and we all anticipate their time when they can enter Veritas Academy (next year). Lauren attended the weekly Women's Bible study on Tuesdays and enjoyed her year of singing with the Adult Choir. In our sixth year in Savannah, we continue to be thankful for God calling us to the ministry and family at IPC along with the opportunity to experience life in this community. We remain indebted to God's grace. Soli Deo Gloria!

Jacob H. Fuhrmann

I arrived at IPC in May of 2020, following a wonderfully enjoyable interview on what turned out to have been about the last possible interview weekend before things closed down in March. My wife Cameron joined me here permanently in October after completing the on-campus requirements for her graduate studies.

My main task for the summer and fall, besides getting into the weekly rhythm of services, rehearsals, and meetings, was to restart all the music ministry programs that had been suspended back in mid-spring. As

of December, we had successfully done that, with the exception of the Cherub and Seraph choirs (since those require a Sunday school hour). Youth Choir (grades 6-12) and Chapel Choir (grades 2-5) are rehearsing in the choir room on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, respectively. For those groups, we are not requiring masks or distancing, but we are checking temperatures and asking parents to monitor their children's health and keep them home if there is any question of contagion. The Sanctuary Choir has since been paused again, but through December, it was rehearsing on Wednesday evenings: not in the choir room but in the sanctuary, where we can allow plenty of room for distancing. The Handbell Choir is operating completely normally except that we are wearing masks whenever we meet.

Thanks to all of you from both Cameron and me for the tremendously kind, warm welcome you have given us! We're really enjoying it here, and we're endlessly grateful for the opportunity to be part of a church like IPC.

A. Paul Rodgers, Jr.

While many will lament 2020, the Rodgers will remember its surprising blessings. Most especially was our extended time together and family worship during the pandemic-imposed shutdown of society. This unexpected and fruitful time was quite significant as we continue to witness our children coming of age and beginning to depart our home. Sarah Blake was very disappointed that she had to return home early from her freshman year at Covenant College to complete her classes online; however she now sees it as a disguised blessing. In 2020 our second child, Drew, began his senior year at Veritas Academy. It has been quite encouraging to see our boy as he transitions to manhood. We are so thankful to watch him process events of this year, such as the pandemic, political, cultural, educational and ecclesiastical issues, all with the convictions of a godly young man. His growth in wisdom, convictions and stature have been a source of thanksgiving for his parents. Marley is now a sophomore at Veritas and William is in seventh grade. They too continue to grow in wisdom and character and social maturity. Jan continues to teach part-time at Veritas and support me in my roles at IPC. In summation, 2020 solidified our family's convictions about why we are at IPC and laboring as we are. Undoubtedly we are blessed beyond measure. To God Be the Glory!

Alex B. Sutherland

Serving as an intern in two thousand and twenty has been a very encouraging and beneficial experience. The opportunities to serve with Tim Shaw and Evan Gear in the 20's and college Bible studies and occasionally teach those Bible studies has been a particularly enjoyable and enriching part of the internship. Along with those, the opportunities to preach at the Wednesday noon service and evening worship as well as assist in morning and evening worship have been very helpful in preparation for pastoral ministry and it has been a joy to serve the church in these ways. I also had a significant personal event as I was married to my beautiful wife Jennifer in October, and it has been a joyful part of the internship to have her here with me. We look forward to continue serving the church throughout the rest of the internship!

Tracy G. Wood

My family and I are so thankful to begin our 7th year as members of this wonderful congregation, and I am humbled and excited to serve as the Director of Children's Programs. My husband Ken celebrated his 20th year as a partner at TJS Deemer Dana. Our son Andrew began his third year at Mercer University where he is majoring in Industrial Engineering. He is on the leadership team at RUF and attends North Macon Presbyterian Church. Our daughter Caroline is a 10th grader at Veritas Academy and is involved in Art, Chorale, Mock Trial and Yearbook. She enjoys participating in Youth Choir and Student Ministry. We are continually blessed by the leadership of IPC and it is an honor to serve alongside them.

Session

J. Dennis Boatright

At the beginning of two thousand and twenty, the Session was composed of thirteen ruling elders and five teaching elders. The session customarily conducted its business through monthly regular scheduled meetings (except for June and July) that were held on the next-to-last Monday of the month and during special called meetings as required. Joint meetings with the diaconate were held monthly to coordinate efforts between the Session and Diaconate. Elder Greg Brunson, Elder David Gobel and Elder Charlie Martin were elected at the November congregational meeting to the Session as part of the class of 2026 along with Deacon Kenneth Crowe and Mr. John Breckenridge for the class of 2022. They will begin their duties on January 1, 2021.

The session continued to conduct its business through committees which were made up of Elders, Deacons and church members. These committees meet monthly or on a regular basis to conduct their business. The six committees are:

- Christian Education
- Congregational Growth & Care
- Family, College & Youth
- Finance & Administration
- Missions & Camps
- Personnel

The activities of these committees are summarized later in the annual report. The session is grateful to the church officers, trustees and church members of these committees who volunteered their time and talents to further the work of the Christ's church. The Session would also like to thank all congregational members who served in our nurseries, taught Sunday School classes and worked with our children and youth throughout this difficult year that saw us make many changes to our ministry because of the COVID-19 virus.

As we review 2020 the Session is thankful for God's wonderful blessings toward the ministry of Independent Presbyterian Church during a most difficult year. The COVID-19 coronavirus has caused much stress on our world and our ministry at IPC. Our prayers and efforts as a Session continue to focus on persevering the two-fold work of the church: worshipping our great God and sharing the good news of Christ with a lost and dying world through God's means of grace: the Word, sacraments and prayer. The Session extends a special thank you to Elder Will Brodmann Jr., and Elder Rick Mullinix for their years of service on the Session as they rotate off for a year of rest. We expect to see them back on the Session in 2022. We also extend a welcome to our newest staff member, Mr. Jacob Fuhrman, our Music Ministry Director who started on May 1, 2020. Lastly, the Session gives a big thank you to the full-time and part-time staff members whose dedicated work give direction and meaning to the ministry of Independent Presbyterian Church.

As I close my report I do so on a personal note. In December of nineteen eighty-seven, at the recommendation of two friends, Mr. Jimmy Talarico and Mr. Earl Vanderhoof, my wife Jane and I visited Independent Presbyterian Church to hear a new young preacher who happens to be our current Sr. Minister Terry Johnson. Several months later we began attending IPC on a regular basis with our three children (Emily, Anna and Josh) and we became members in the summer of nineteen eighty-eight. Thirty-two years later I can say without a doubt that God has tremendously blessed my wife Jane and I during our time at IPC. In these years we have been blessed with three more children (Tim, Caroline and Hunter), three son-in-laws (Ryan, David and Drew) and nine grandchildren. We have been fed the Word

of God each Sunday, and both Jane and I have been given opportunities to serve you, the congregation as part-time staff members. I want each member of the congregation of IPC to know that I care about each one of you and I'm thankful for the privilege of serving you as an Elder for twenty-five years.

Membership and Committees

Class of 2020

J. Dennis Boatright
William D. Brodmann, Jr.
Richard B. Mullinix, Jr.

Class of 2022

Marc C. Biemiller
Wallace T. Milling, Sr.
John S. Breckenridge**
Kenneth C. Crowe**

Class of 2023

Michael D. Hazeltine
Stephen E. Jackson, Jr.
Roy C. Thompson III

Christian Education

Elder: Marc C. Biemiller (Chairman)
Elder: Andy W. Brodmann, Sr.
Deacon: Daniel R. Sharpless
Ron H. Parrish, Associate Minister
Tracy G. Wood (Children's Director)
Jane H. Boatright (Director of Nursery)
Jacob H. Fuhrmann (Music Ministry)
Tevis A. Garnett (WOC)

Financial and Administration

Elder: Richard B. Mullinix (Chairman)
Elder: William D. Brodmann, Jr.
Elder: Stephen E. Jackson, Jr.
Stewardship Chairman: Patrick C. Kenard
Treasurer: Frank Orellana, Sr.
Church Administrator: Joshua M. Espinosa

Youth, College & Career

Elder: Roy C. Thompson (Chairman)
Elder: Mike D. Hazeltine
Deacon: Brett D. Hudson
A. Paul Rodgers, Jr., Director of Youth & Family
Tim D. Shaw, Assistant Minister
Evan J. Gear, Assistant Minister
Lucy B. Biemiller
Carol S. Dusek
Megan R. Mullinix
Lee B. Rambo
Allison R. Kelly

Congregational Care & Growth

John W. Garnett (Chairman)
Elder: Wallace T. Milling, Sr.
Tim P. Foster, Associate Minister
Ron H. Parrish, Associate Minister
Deacon: Andrew B. Johnson

Class of 2024

Francis V. Daniell
John W. Garnett

Class of 2025

Timothy A. Barrett
Andrew W. Brodmann, Sr.
David B. Gross

Class of 2026

W. Gregory Brunson
David W. Gobel
Charles C. Martin, Jr.

** completing unexpired term for someone else

Deacon: Patrick L. Brodmann
Deacon: Matthew M. Mullinix
Tricia J. Barrett
Lucy S. Brannen
Kirsten E. Brodmann

Missions

Elder: Timothy A. Barrett (Chairman)
Elder: Frankie V. Daniell, Director of Camp & Missions
Deacon: Frank Orellana
Forrest N. Williams (Chairman, Moral Concerns)
Mr. and Mrs. Todd W. Fruit (Terri)
Judy A. Daniell
Anna Liebing
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. McDougall (Julie)
Mr. and Mrs. Tim D. Miller (Kendra)
Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Reid (Laura)
Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Rustine (Barbara)

Personnel

Elder: Rick B. Mullinix (Chairman)
J. Dennis Boatright (Clerk of Session)
Marc W. Biemiller
Roy C. Thompson
John W. Garnett
Michael M. Hazeltine
Joshua M. Espinosa

Clerk of Session

J. Dennis Boatright

President Pt. Pleasant Corporation

Elder: Timothy A. Barrett

Christian Education Committee

Marc C. Biemiller

The Christian Education Committee is responsible for all the educational and music programs of the church. The work of this committee is delegated to various paid and volunteer individuals (Director of Nursery, Director of Children's Program, and Director of Music) as determined by the Session. The areas of responsibility include: Nursery, Children's Church, Leadership Training, Sunday School, Training of Church Officers, Women of the Church, Music Program and Choirs.

This has been a difficult year in the life of our church and for the CE committee, as we tried to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. We tried to keep as many programs operating as usual, but had to adjust in a way to keep our church family as safe as possible.

After the loss of our much beloved Children's Program Director Mrs. Amy Martin, the church hired Mrs. Tracy Wood to take over where Amy left off. Tracy has done a great job trying to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year the church also hired Dr. Jacob Fuhrman as the new organist/ Director of Music to replace Mrs. Van Eck who announced her retirement in October of 2019. Jacob has been a wonderful addition to our Church and has brought a new energy to our music program.

A special thank you to the staff of IPC and especially Josh Espinosa in doing an excellent job persevering through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sunday School

There are usually five Adult Sunday School classes led by class presidents and taught by a combination of the church's ministers, pastoral apprentice and lay teachers, but due to Covid-19 these programs have been put on hold. Tim Foster has done an excellent job in posting a weekly Sunday School via Sermon Audio.

Nurseries

Mrs. Jane H. Boatright, Director of Nursery

There were 15 healthy babies born into our church family in 2020—4 girls and 11 boys. Some things moved along with the normal course of life. And some things were very different. We suspended nursery for a number of weeks early in the year because of the virus, and then came back together in March when new plans were made for the worship services. Parents, desiring to make worship a priority for their families, made their way back to the nursery. And after being apart for a time, even the temperature checks and health screenings were a small price to pay for being together. Our regular nursery Sunday school teachers stepped up to be with the children once again providing familiar faces welcoming them to the nursery. We had four more new volunteers who have been with us consistently since reopening. Then, as always, we had many other volunteers who served in the nursery about every other month since reopening. All of the volunteers for 9:00 a.m. nursery had the opportunity to attend the 11:00 a.m. service, so missing a worship service was not a concern for us. The children were happy to be together in the nursery and church members cared for them as if they were their own children. Despite the challenges and fears of 2020, the nursery was a place of loving care for the youngest in our church family.

Children's Ministries

Mrs. Tracy G. Wood, Director of Children's Programs

Two children, Liam Black and Margaret Milling completed Level 1 (The Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed and Ten Commandments) of the memorization program. Several children are working on Levels 2 and 3 of the memorization program.

Sunday School curriculum was mailed to 42 families who had children in Preschool through 5th grade for the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter quarters. In addition, a "Fall Fun Packet" was mailed shortly before Thanksgiving and included activities and crafts.

Sadly, the Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast as well as Fall Family Night were cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

Women of the Church

After many years of faithful service, Jane Boatright stepped down as the director of the women's ministries. A WOC Leadership Team was formed to oversee the WOC ministries. Those who served on this committee in 2020 were Tricia Barrett, Linda DePue, Terri Fruit, Tevis Garnett, Allison Kelly, and Tracy Wood.

The women of IPC seek to support and contribute to the life and ministry of the church by growing in Biblical understanding, building relationships, and serving the church in many ways. While programs were modified or sometimes even cancelled in 2020, the women of IPC still found ways to study and serve! We made meals for new mothers, had baby showers for 1st time mothers, sent care packages to college students, decorated the church for Easter and Christmas, delivered flowers to shut ins, made breakfast foods for college students, and cookies for RUF.

Women's Bible study met on Tuesday mornings continuing "Piety of the Psalms" with Mr. Johnson. When the pandemic hit, we decided to continue the teaching via zoom. We completed the course in May, but decided to continue through June. September began our women's Bible study using *Praying Together* by Megan Hill. Our format for Bible study changed. After 25 minutes of teaching, the women divided into groups for discussion and prayer time. We had a zoom group for those who could not attend physically. Interest in Bible study at night began with 2 groups of women studying using the same format as the daytime group. They met on Wednesday nights. Barbara Rustine faithfully taught us with great skill and knowledge.

IPC women also enjoyed the following monthly Circle meetings in the spring of 2020:

Tuesday morning circle – Studies in Colossians – Linda DePue

Tuesday evening circle – *Faith, Poetry, and Prose* – Connie Bayliss

Thursday morning circle – Studies in Ephesians – Lucy Brannen and Shirley Parker

Thursday evening circle – *Praying the Word* – Barbara Rustine (This group also met weekly during the summer)

In the fall of 2020 –

Tuesday & Thursday morning circles combined and meet on Thursday – Prayer – Lucy Brannen & Shirley Parker

Thursday evening prayer circle – Barbara Rustine

2020 WOC Calendar

January – Conference with Aimee Byrd

February – Baby shower for Andrea Tanner
Women's Mission Luncheon

June – Baby shower for Claire Parrish

September – Annual Meeting/ Tea (speakers included Tiffany Breckenridge, Jennifer Gibson,
Amy Rustine, Carol Scott, Rita Spitler, & Donna Taylor)
Baby shower for Mary Barham
Baby shower for Lauren Kenard

Music Ministry

Dr. Jacob H. Fuhrman, Organist and Director of Music

It hardly needs to be said that this was an unusual year for the music ministry. When I arrived at the beginning of May, it was all but shut down, and a large part of the year's work has been to restart in such a way as to maximize effectiveness while minimizing risk.

Attendance at all musical groups fluctuated as we worked around quarantines and illnesses, but average attendance across all groups was something like two thirds (or perhaps three quarters) of what it would have been in a different year. The Chapel Choir and Youth Choir resumed regular weekly rehearsals in the choir room at the beginning of October. The Sanctuary Choir followed a month later with as-distanced-as-was-workable rehearsals in the sanctuary (an adjustment that took a few weeks of experimentation). The Handbell Choir resumed rehearsals in October and, apart from the fact that we are all wearing masks to play, had a fully normal season from the fall through Lessons & Carols.

Because of the need to keep our six-foot spacing at Lessons & Carols, we had to make it a two-service operation; the need to do it twice meant that we needed to do it on a Sunday morning rather than in the evening; and in order to accommodate both of those, it needed to be shorter. The result was a service of five lessons and carols, with all three vocal choirs and the handbell choir participating.

Naturally, our social and events calendar was also abbreviated this year. Our only such event in the summer/fall was a Sanctuary Choir party/welcome event for me/baby shower for Patrick and Lauren Kenard on July 29.

Many thanks to all who have assisted in all sorts of ways this year: all the choir members and bell ringers, of course; Tevis and Grace Garnett, who have stepped in with their cello and piano; Denise Winks, who besides her contributions on piano has been kind enough to stay after the Veritas day ends to provide a place for Youth Choir members to sit and work; Kathryn Van Eck, who came out of retirement to fill in for me when I was away for a week in the summer; all the Chapel Choir parents who have taken time out of the dinner hour to sit in on rehearsals; and — something I try not to take for granted — the IPC congregation for its truly wonderful hymn-and Psalm-singing every Sunday.

Operation Christmas Child

For the 20th year the congregation participated in Operation Christmas Child which was organized by Mrs. Patty Brodmann.

Youth, College and Career Committee

Roy C. Thompson

Two thousand twenty has been a challenging year. As Covid spread in early March, so did discouragement and isolation. As believers, especially in times like these, we need to be reminded of God's Word and His precious promises. During the time of isolation, we learned we needed fellowship more than ever. In light of the importance of God's Word and fellowship, the Youth, College, and Career ministries continued and adapted where necessary. During the lock down period, we were able to employ the software applications Marco-Polo for online teaching and Zoom for teaching and fellowship. As restrictions were eased, we resumed meetings and worked to follow state guidelines for gatherings (ie. temperature checks, infectious disease questionnaires, etc.). We cancelled events (APEX) and reduced activities (Mission Savannah) where appropriate.

As we continue to face Covid related challenges going into 2021, please pray for wisdom for the YCC committee, for the health and well-being of our young people, and that God's Word would continue to go forth and bear much fruit in and through their lives.

Youth

In January of 2020, eleven high school students visited Covenant College for our bi-annual trip to the campus. In February we had a second collaboration with two other PCA churches for our **Winter Retreat**. 67 students and 13 chaperones participated in this event at Camp Westminster in Conyers, GA. Our theme was "**The Hinge**" taken from a Martin Luther quote where he says something similar to "*the doctrine of justification is the hinge on which the church stands or falls.*" Our study was on the doctrine of justification where the 11th chapter of the **Westminster Confession of Faith** was elucidated.

In March, our regular ministry scheduling and our special events took a dramatic turn due to Covid-19 and the resulting societal and political fallout. For our regular weekly instruction to students, we went online using Zoom and YouTube. This shift seemed to be made relatively quickly and without severe loss of momentum. We did have to alter or cancel some of our other regular spring and early summer events such as our **Youth Choir Trip**, the **Graduates' Banquet** and **APEX**. By June we were able to resume in-person gatherings of up to 50 people for our **Summer Dessert Fellowships**. These were so encouraging just to witness the enthusiasm of our youth to be all together once again. **Mission Savannah** is our annual large event in mid-late July. We were not able to fully realize a **Mission Savannah** on the scale of previous summers but we were still able to partner with the **Coastal Transitional Ministry** for some service work over several days. We were also able to have one night at Point Pleasant to cap off this much reduced **Mission Savannah**. Not being able to enjoy evening services at Point Pleasant in 2020 was also a source of disappointment for many within the student ministry. Two highlights of the summer were our interns Grace Garnett and Brock Garrigan. Their leadership among our youth was greatly appreciated and exemplary.

For the Fall of 2020 we made some changes to our weekly schedule. For starters we halted our high school small groups and the requisite contact between students and volunteers. We also welcomed the increased involvement of IPC's new Director of Music Ministry, Jacob Fuhrman. We are very thankful for Jacob's addition to our ministry team and his influence among our youth. With his collaboration, we moved Youth Choir rehearsals to Wednesday evening prior to our student ministry gatherings. We also welcomed the increased involvement of our pastoral intern Alex Sutherland. Alex has begun to teach occasionally and provides an excellent model of faith and character. He has such high regard for God and His Word, and for such a man to be involved with our youth is very encouraging. Rachel Carpenter continues to be a fantastic right hand for me. Her role to the student ministry is proven valuable in at least three diverse ways. First, our friendship and the ease with which we work together makes me

better. Secondly, she carries the burden of essential responsibilities and tasks. Thirdly but not least in import, she has a great rapport with, and impact on, the girls of our ministry. We are very thankful for Rachel.

College

Ministry to the college students, like all ministry earlier this year, moved online for a short period. Evan recorded a series of devotions on the Lord's Prayer that students, both covenant children and others, could access as they found time in their schedules. In addition to this, he also taught a series on the *Apostles' Creed* followed by a course on the "Foundations of the Faith" (using Heb. 6:1-3). Finally, a new mid-week Bible study during the school year so that IPC might develop its own large group as a means to draw students into the congregation as full members.

Career

The Thursday Night Bible Study has had a banner year in attendance and in lay leadership despite COVID. I attribute this much to children of the church coming home and participating and leading, and for this I am very thankful. Also, our new crop of interns (Alex Sutherland, Jake Busch, and Brock Garrigan) joining this last summer gave a big shot in the arm to the ministry as well. We finished a 2-year-long study on the book of Acts this last December, and have started a new series on the book of Ephesians. Frankie and Jennifer Daniell continue to very effectively lead our singing of hymns (which has also improved in my opinion).

The New Covenant Sunday School class is longing to gather again, I hope. There are several new young couples that would ideally be assimilated into the life of the church through Sunday School.

Despite the pandemic, the group only met on Zoom for a few weeks, before meeting under the pavilion at Pt. Pleasant for the rest of the Spring. We still got together for cookouts, a high ropes course day, a paddling trip, and a Christmas Party.

Missions Committee

Michael D. Hazeltine

The Missions Committee selects local and foreign missionaries and organizations in the interest of providing financial and prayer support, planting new churches or supporting church planting initiatives, organizing short term mission opportunities for members of the congregation, hosting an annual Missions Conference, and overseeing the IPC Day Camp. The committee also oversees the activities of the subcommittee on Moral Concerns. Below is a list of persons, organizations, events and projects supported by the Missions Committee in 2020.

Committee members were Frankie Daniell (Missions Director), Tim Barrett, Judy Daniell, Todd and Terri Fruit, Mike Hazeltine (Chairman), Anna Liebing, Glenn and Julie McDougall, Tim and Kendra Miller, Frank Orellana (Diaconate representative), Eric and Laura Reid, Mark and Barbara Rustine.

Church Plants

1. Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA), Burke, Virginia-- Porter Harlow, organizing pastor
2. San Xia Church (CRTS), Taiwan--Eric Pilson, organizing pastor
3. Ban Qiao Church (CRTS), Taiwan--Toon Yeo, organizing pastor
4. Faith Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jenison, Michigan--Dan Naulty, organizing pastor
5. Covenant Fellowship Church (PCA), Stuttgart, Germany (MMI)--Nick Bulloch, organizing pastor
6. One-time gift to Salford Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPCEW)--Chris Statter, organizing pastor
7. One-time gift to First Presbyterian Church of Norway (PCA), Stravanger, Norway (MMI)--Matt Stanghelle, organizing pastor

Local Missions

Covenant Care Services
Christian Medical Association
Chatham Transitional Ministries
HIS Radio
International Seaman's House
Living Vine
Media Ministry
Savannah Care Center
Savannah River Presbytery
Urban Hope
Savannah United Ministries
Right to Life Activities
Veritas Academy

Home Missions

Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship--Al Baker
Christian Counseling and Education Foundation
Chaplain Ministries, MNA
Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA
The Gideons
Palmer House for Children, Columbus, GA
Reformed Youth Movement
Reformed Worship Conference, Midway, GA
Twin Lakes Fellowship

World Missionary Press

Reformed University Fellowship

1. Savannah College of Art and Design–Martin Antoon
2. Georgia Institute of Technology–Michael Phillips
3. RUF International at Georgia Tech–Tracey West
4. Georgia Southern University–Nathanael Miller
5. Mercer University–Marlin Harris
6. University of Georgia–Ben Coppedge
7. RUF Regional director–Justin Clement

Seminaries

1. Greenville Presbyterian Seminary, Greenville, SC
2. Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS
3. Westminster Theological Seminary, Escondido, CA
4. Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA

World Missions

Wes & Jami Baker

Alonzo & Esther Ramirez

Dale & Susan Ellison

Hermes & Alleen de Tomas

Aaron & Rachel Halbert

Roger & Diane Smalling

The Puritan Project

Joe & Bev Fitzpatrick

Marc & Aline Mailloux

Henry & Wendy Clay

Jon & Sarah Pfeil

Dan & Carol Iverson

Peter & Diane Bakelaar

Mission India

Chinese Reformed Theological Seminary

Vic Bernales

David & Natalie Holsten

Rosemary Bolton

Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher

Coby & Pamela McGinty

Jerry Knight

Tim & Nicole Mares

Tim & Andrea Kay

Dr. Nickolay Revtov

Wayne & Ann Curles

Gary & Linda Johnson

Sebastian Heck

Bill Schweitzer

Benjamin & Anna Wontrop

Peru Mission, Trujillo, Peru

Peru Mission, Cajamarca, Peru

Peru Mission, Trujillo, Peru

Peru Mission, Trujillo, Peru

MTW church planters, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Bible training in Latin America

Reformed Literature Publishers

Pastor Training, Puerto Rico

MTW, Caribbean Islands

Navigators World Mission to the Americas
(Columbia, SC)

MTW Church Planting, Tokyo, Japan

MTW Church Planting, Tokyo, Japan

MTW Church Planting, Nagoya, Japan

Church Planter Training

Taipei, Taiwan

United Covenant Reformed Church, Davao,
Philippines

Mission Aviation Fellowship, Indonesia

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Indonesia

MTW Theological Training, South Africa

MTW University Ministry, Cape Town, South Africa

Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda

Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda

Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda

Evangelism Explosion Eurasia

Pastor Training, Eastern Europe

International Xchange Organization

Reformation 2 Germany, Heidelberg, Germany

Gateshead Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, England

Bury St. Edmunds Presbyterian Church, England

Certain missionaries supported by IPC are omitted from this list due to the sensitive nature of their work.

Special Projects

With the special offering from this year's Missions Conference we were able to complete the following projects:

1. Simple and traditional Chinese translations of *Leading in Worship*, by Terry Johnson
2. Spanish translation of *Leading in Worship*
3. Translation of the "IPC Officer's Training Course"

Missions Conference (February 27-March 1, 2020)

The theme of the 2020 Missions Conference was "Unless Someone Guides Me," taken from the words spoken by the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:31. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Sandy Willson, Interim Senior Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois. He spoke twice from Luke 10 and reminded us that Christian mission is Christ's mission, and therefore a global mission, a costly mission, a holistic mission, a faith mission. His Sunday sermon came from the eighth chapter of Acts as he addressed the roles fulfilled by the Spirit of God, the word of God, and the people of God in the Great Commission. Presentations were made by David Holsten of Mission Aviation Fellowship, and Alonzo and Esther Ramirez of Peru Mission. Dan Naulty, church-planter in Jenisen, Michigan, was unable to attend due to illness, but will be participating in the 2021 Conference. A special offering was collected during the conference and designated for the production of a Chinese translation of Terry Johnson's *Leading in Worship*, to be provided as a much-needed resource for reformed pastors in China.

IPC Day Camp at Point Pleasant

When the Covid restrictions came into effect in the Spring, we were uncertain about the possibility of having our regular day camp sessions. When Governor Kemp issued mandates for summer camps, we were able to adapt and put a good program in place. It turned out to be a great summer of camp. We served 581 campers over seven weeks of camp. Seventy of those spots were filled by IPC members and 511 by non-members. The camp employed 30 high school, college, and college graduate staff and 7 of IPC's middle school students participated in the volunteer leader program. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our weekly Friday program for parents and friends, but a link to the pictures taken at camp that week was supplied to all families involved. The weekly staff meetings were held at IPC with dinner supplied by our own kitchen staff and we studied together Paul's Epistle to Philemon over the seven-week period.

Moral Concerns Subcommittee

Despite a year of lockdowns and social restrictions, members were able to promote the sanctity of life by their participation in events such as the March for Life, the Forty Days for Life prayer vigil, and visits to Savannah Care Center and Thrive Express women's health clinic.

In January, a group of IPC members traveled to Washington D.C. to join the 47th annual National March for Life. This was the first time marchers would be addressed by a sitting President, and although not everyone was able to attend the main rally, the group was able to participate in a meeting with Senator Kelly Loeffler.

Congregational Growth and Care Committee

John W. Garnett

In addition to providing general oversight of events to nurture the growth and fellowship of our congregation, the Growth and Care committee is responsible for implementing the IPC Care Groups. This year was noticeably different due to the restrictions associated with the Covid-19 virus which changed event formatting, locations, and cancelled many events altogether. We look forward to gathering once again in person when safe to do so.

IPC relies heavily on the Care Group ministry as a vital and integral part of our church to provide an organizational method of caring for and shepherding the members of our congregation. The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the in-person gatherings of our church family as typical Care Group gatherings that usually occur during the year did not take place, and even smaller gatherings of families were limited in scope and often outdoors to minimize risk and exposure. When Sunday evening meals did occur, the usual relaxed Christian fellowship was often reduced to a shortened mealtime in the Fellowship Hall, sometimes only when serving and cleaning fell to the night a Care Group was assigned to serve.

Spiritual and physical needs of the congregation were still met as much as possible. During monthly Diaconate and Session meetings, the needs of the Care Group members were still reviewed, prayed over, and addressed when possible. Cards and letters were mailed, meals were still provided, phone calls, emails, and text messages sent to those that needs were known of or had shared any concerns when afflicted by the virus. As much as possible, people were still cared for after medical procedures. Our committee realizes that many unsolicited and unadvertised acts of kindness and brotherly love occurred by congregational members throughout the year of which we are grateful.

Throughout the year there was a steady stream of visitors to IPC as we continued to gather for Sunday worship during the pandemic. To help familiarize visitors that may be looking for a new church home or that are new to the area and have visited several times, a “visitor’s bag” was assembled by the committee and made available to Ushers, Deacons, and the Ministers to give those that had a sincere interest in IPC. Consisting of a welcome letter from Terry Johnson, a free pass for Sunday evening dinner, several pamphlets on worship and the reformed faith, and a copy of the book *When Grace Comes Home* these bags provided a way to inform visitors about our church, especially given the current constraints of having extended face-to-face discussions.

During 2020, there were several events for congregational participation and spiritual growth. By participating attendees were able to grow deeper in their faith, while also enjoying the fellowship and benefits of being in the company of fellow believers. Additional events during 2020 that still occurred were:

- Special services observing Sanctity of Life, Maundy Thursday, Heritage Sunday, and Thanksgiving were still held during the year.
- Our 9th Communion Season was held in August, featuring Dr. Dale Ralph Davis, author and former pastor of Woodland Presbyterian in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The sessions culminated with observing the Lord’s Supper during Sunday morning worship.

Thank you to each member of IPC for everything that you do and for your continued prayer and support of our church. Serving on the Congregational Growth & Care Committee in 2020 were Tricia Barrett, Lucy Brannen, Kirstie Brodmann, Patrick Brodmann, Tim Foster, John Garnett, Wallace Milling, Matt Mullinix, and Ron Parrish.

Finance and Administration Committee

Richard B. Mullinix

The F&A committee is responsible for the overall operational matters of the church. We also work with Mr. Espinosa, Director of Administration, in support of his administrative duties. Our committee prepares the annual budget, reviews monthly spending, and reports to the Session.

Members of the 2020 F&A committee were Rick Mullinix (Chairman), Will Brodmann, Stephen Jackson, Frank Orellana, Patrick Kenard, and Josh Espinosa.

1. Congregational giving of \$2,517,275.56 combined with funds from trusts, foundations, and other revenues brought the total income for 2020 to \$2,962,950.29.
2. We gave a total of \$513,667.20 to mission causes outside the church
3. We set a target reserve fund of \$2.5M; Actual as of 12/31/20 is \$3.1M
4. Established an IPC Organ Apprenticeship Program to support the development of organists who share IPC's views on worship, congregational singing and philosophy of ministry.
5. Point Pleasant Rental policy was changed to provide for facility cleaning prior to the event.
6. Please see the Financial Statements.

We are blessed with an excellent staff and the financial means to support our ministry and maintain our facilities.

Personnel Committee Report

Richard B. Mullinix

The Personnel Committee has oversight responsibilities for church staff and polices.

Members of the 2020 committee were Rick Mullinix (Chairman), Dennis Boatright, Marc Biemiller, Roy Thompson, John Garnett, Mike Hazeltine, and Josh Espinosa

1. Established 403(b) retirement plan, life insurance and long-term disability plans for all full-time employees with PCA Retirement & Benefits, Inc. These employment benefits had previously been with several different providers.
2. Hired Jacob Fuhrman as Organist and Director of Music.
3. Hired Alex Sutherland as a pastoral intern.
4. Approved an 8-week sabbatical for Terry Johnson in addition to normal vacation time.
5. Created a part-time position of Ministry Assistant: Senior Minister, College and Young Adults.
6. Generated performance reviews of the IPC staff and annual merit increases.

Summary of Revenue and Expenses 2020

General Budget Account (Pledges, General Offerings, Sunday School, World Missions, Loose Plate)	\$2,517,275.56
Trusts and Foundations	
Trustees	
Hostetter Trust	
Glasgow Fund	\$30,143.79
Victoria Jenkins (Designated)	\$279,295.06
Total Trusts and Foundations	\$309,438.85
Other Revenues (Interest, Rental, Memorials, Food Service)	\$136,235.88
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,962,950.29
Church Extension (Missions, Church Planting)	\$513,667.20
Personnel and Benefits (Salaries, Benefits)	\$1,391,722.23
Christian Education (Activities, Nursery, WOC)	\$46,156.26
Youth, College and Career	\$41,093.67
Congregational Growth & Hospitality (Congregational Care, Fellowships)	\$61,207.13
Building and Grounds (Maintenance)	\$189,910.12
Reserve Fund	\$340,914.78
Office expenses (Office operations, Utilities, Insurance, PP support, Misc)	\$378,277.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,962,949.29
INCOME	\$1.00

Statement of Net Worth (12/31/20)

Cash – we target 5% of our annual budget to cover periods when expenses exceed congregational giving.
2020 YE = \$150,000

Church Planting – Each year the church receives between \$50,000 and \$130,000 or roughly \$90,000 on average for church plants from the Jenkins trust. Since our church plant commitments are generally for three years so we hold some reserve to satisfy those multiyear obligations in below average income years. Our 2021 church plant budget is \$120,000.
2020 YE = \$146,022.35

Maintenance – Each year the church has receives between \$50,000 and \$130,000 from the Jenkins trust to support building development and maintenance expenses. Our 2020 facility maintenance expenditures totaled \$36,772.14 and included the follow items:

- Painting of Whitaker building interior
- Partial payments on Admin Building kitchen remodel

Our 2021 maintenance budget \$170,450 and includes funds for Sanctuary sound system, steeple lighting, and IPC library.
2020 YE = \$61,426

Glasgow – Glasgow funds are monies left to the church by William Glasgow. Once spent, this fund will close and is used to support:

- College outreach
- Internships

In 2020 we spent \$29,864 supporting those activities.
2020 YE = \$99,826.10

Christian schools – Each year the church has receives an average of \$90,000 from the Jenkins trust to support Presbyterian educational institutions in Savannah.

- Veritas Academy receives this as the only qualifying educational institution

2020 YE = \$0

Other designated funds – special funds created by the session to support church ministry such as mission conference project, mercy ministry, minister's benevolent fund, special music and education.
2019 YE = \$55,843.89

Day Camp – each year the day camp income above expenses is between 20,000 and \$40,000. This is saved for the following reasons:

- A reserve for property emergency maintenance/repairs
- Capital improvements

2020 YE = \$78,680.05

Book shop – Funds fluctuate with the buying and selling of books with the goal of being a net zero account.

2020 YE = \$2,161.52

Trustees – Session established a reserve for future capital projects and possible catastrophe including insurance deductibles and essential budget funds. The ideal amount for 2021 is \$2.5M.

2020 YE = \$3,106,479.51

The Diaconate

Mark Rustine

Twenty-eight men had the privilege of serving the congregation at IPC as deacons in 2020. The deacons are charged with serving the physical and material needs of the congregation. The aim of the IPC deacons is to bring glory to God through humble service. Deacons serve in various capacities, many of which are behind the scenes and out of sight. 2020 was marked by a number of changes and adjustments to address the challenges associated with the pandemic. The Diaconate officers for 2020 were: Mark Rustine (Chairman), Mark Dusek (Vice Chairman), and Frank Orellana (Secretary and Treasurer). Evan Gear began serving as our Pastoral Parliamentarian and provided pastoral leadership to the deacons and led devotionals in the monthly meeting. All deacons served in public roles as ushers, audio/video team, or safety team. Each deacon also served on one of the following committees with specific focus areas of service.

The Worship Assistance Committee, chaired by Brett Hudson, coordinated all ushers, audio, video, and communion preparation for the worship services, including special services such as the Communion Season, Lessons and Carols, the World Missions Conference, and funeral services. The Worship Assistance team also managed the audio and video team which assumed additional workload as we moved to two services on Sunday morning. All Sunday services were live-streamed.

The Mercy Committee, chaired by Patrick Brodmann, ministered resources to those in need, both in the congregation and in the local community. They worked with the Session to identify needs among the care groups of IPC, as well as needs in our community where the love of Christ was shown through works of mercy.

The Hospitality Committee, chaired by Matthew Mullinix, encouraged the officers and congregation to warmly welcome visitors. Visitor cards were replaced by a new scannable QR code. The hospitality team also helped coordinate church meal setup and cleanup which included service by deacons at special events.

The Stewardship Committee, chaired by Patrick Kenard, encouraged the congregation to support the mission and ministry of IPC through giving. Two articles were written for the newsletter, and speakers shared a Stewardship moment at the beginning of the AM Worship services on November 8, Stewardship Sunday.

The Maintenance Committee, chaired by Clark Gibson, worked to maintain and update our historic downtown campus and our Point Pleasant property on Talahi Island. They partnered closely with our Church Administrator, Josh Espinosa, and our Church Sexton, Josh Corbitt, on projects and improvements throughout the year.

The Safety Committee, chaired by Dax Williams, continued to coordinate the safety team and hire police officers for church gatherings.

A number of deacons also serve on various church-wide committees as described elsewhere in this report.

2020 IPC Diaconate

Deacon:	Class of:	Office/Committee
Mr. Patrick L. Brodmann	2020	Mercy Committee Chairman
Mr. Andrew G. Gibson	2020	Worship Assistance Committee
Mr. Andrew B. Johnson (Drew)	2020	Hospitality Committee
Mr. Garry W. McKee II	2020	Hospitality Committee
Col. Francisco (Frank) Orellana	2020	Diaconate Secretary and Treasurer
Mr. William R. Rambo (Ryon)	2020	Maintenance Committee
Mr. Peter M. Schenk	2020	Worship Assistance Committee
Mr. H. Dax Williams (Dax)	2020	Safety Committee Chairman
Dr. Mark W. Dusek	2021	Diaconate Vice Chairman
Mr. David A. Goesser	2021	Safety Committee
Mr. Brett D. Hudson	2021	Worship Assistance Committee Chairman
Mr. Bill A. Immel	2021	Safety Committee
Mr. Patrick B. McLean	2021	Maintenance Committee
Mr. Mark C. Rustine	2021	Diaconate Chairman
Mr. Steve L. Thompson	2021	Maintenance Committee
Mr. William B. Van Puffelen	2021	Maintenance Committee
Mr. Clark W. Gibson	2022	Maintenance Committee Chairman
Mr. Patrick C. Kenard	2022	Stewardship Committee Chairman
Mr. Matthew M. Mullinix	2022	Hospitality Committee Chairman
Mr. Jody P. Robinson	2022	Worship Assistance Committee
Mr. Daniel R. Sharpless	2022	Hospitality Committee
Mr. David M. Wade	2022	Safety Committee Co-Chairman
Mr. William J. Black Jr. (Will)	2023	Hospitality Committee
Mr. Jay B. Carpenter III	2023	Worship Assistance Committee
Mr. Brad B. Fennell	2023	Mercy Committee
Mr. Andrew J. Parrish	2023	Mercy Committee
Mr. Eric M. Reid	2023	Stewardship Committee
Mr. R. Todd Rodenberg	2023	Maintenance Committee

The Trustees
William J. Monroe, Jr.

The value of the IPC account that the Trustees manage was \$2,554,737.04 on 1/1/2019 and on 12/31/2020 the value was \$3,106,479.51 for a gain of \$551,742.47. The dividends and interest income was \$58,140. The Trustees are ready to support the needs IPC for any major needs that may arise, while still maintaining the long-term objectives.

Point Pleasant Corporation
Frankie V. Daniell

Even during a year that brought a summer of not meeting for worship at Point Pleasant, the property continued to be real blessing to the life of IPC. In 2020, it was still used for day camp and “Mission Savannah.” While the Egg Hunt and Veteran’s Luncheon were cancelled, several other IPC ministry events were able to take place (mainly due to the pavilion). After meeting by Zoom early in the pandemic, the Career’s Bible Study transitioned to the pavilion for Thursday night Bible Study for several weeks. The College Ministry, led by Evan Gear, enjoyed a day on the challenge course as did the Career’s group. Additionally, Point Pleasant served as a venue for several birthday parties for our covenant children. The most significant construction project on the property was a new cook shed with grill. Though not used on Sunday nights, it will certainly be a great asset when we can begin worshipping there again. The inaugural use of the new shed was for a drive-through barbeque event in which the Barretts provided their skills to offer preordered meals and cuts of meat. That event was very well received by many who had been “sheltering in place.” My, how we missed our beloved Point Pleasant on Sunday nights. We look forward to returning soon.