

ANNUAL REPORT

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE



INDEPENDENT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Report 2021 of the Independent Presbyterian Church

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In Memoriam 2021

Cornelia “Connie” M. Hartridge	January 20, 2021
Ronald H. Parrish	January 26, 2021
Mathew L. Thomas	February 23, 2021
Edward E. Hale	April 11, 2021
Jack M. Van Eck	June 19, 2021
*James M. Beam	July 25, 2021
*Marcia E. Cook	November 5, 2021
*Anne M. Murdock	November 9, 2021
*George B. Murdock	November 26, 2021

*Out of Town Members

Senior Minister's Report

Our fight with Covid-19 as an institution finally came to an end on May 2 when we returned to our full regular schedule of Sunday School, a single morning worship service, and our evening fellowship supper following the evening service. It had been one year and one month since we began responding to the Covid protocols. Over that year we limited our program, restored most of our program, and then in January of 2021, limited our program again in response to a spike in infections and in anticipation of the arrival of the vaccines. Then finally we restored our full program on May 2. Let us recall our Sunday mornings.

5 weeks – we limited attendance to 50 (March 22 – April 19, 2020)

6 weeks – we offered two morning services, gradually increasing attendance limits from 50 to 150 to 200 to 250 (April 26 – June 7, 2020)

47 weeks – we continued with two morning services (June 7, 2020 – April 30, 2021)

13 weeks – we scaled back our program from January 10 to April 4, discontinuing food service due to Covid spike

May 2, 2021 – we finally restored the full program of the church, with Sunday School at 9:30am, 11:00am morning service, 5:30pm evening service.

August saw another spike in infections. We determined at that time to continue with our full program, given that vaccines had been available since January, that children and youth face only ordinary risks (like the risks accompanying flu), and that many of the unvaccinated had acquired natural immunity through infection. We have remained in our regular full-program mode except that on September 5 we moved our start hours for Sunday School to 9:00am and morning worship to 10:00am, aiming by doing so to carve out an extra hour between services, making for a more relaxed Christian Sabbath.

Reasonable vs. reckless

What we have sought to do throughout the pandemic was maintain as much of our regular church calendar as was reasonable without being reckless. A risk-free environment is impossible. We have sought to minimize the risks of physical sickness while not heightening the likelihood of spiritual sickness. In our view, too often exclusive attention has been given to the risk of contracting Covid without proportionate attention being given to the effects of physical isolation upon the spiritual, emotional, and social well-being of those isolated. We have sought to maintain a holistic approach which regards the soul as well as the body.

Current health

We can be grateful that we are emerging from the pandemic in a relatively healthy condition. Our attendance Sunday mornings in 2021 fluctuated between 80% and 100% of normal. Sunday night attendance in the last quarter of the year was better than 100%, as also was Sunday School. Giving has been strong through the pandemic. With attendance for churches being reported at only 55% of pre-pandemic levels, and churches being forced to close due to finances, we have much for which to be grateful.

Transitions

Several important transitions occurred in 2021, some difficult and some smooth, some unexpected and some anticipated.

Ron

Ron Parrish's death on January 26 was a terrible blow to our congregation. Ron had been sick with Covid since October. He seemed to be improving. Then came cardiac arrest in the early morning hours of the 26th and

he suddenly was gone. Ron and I worked together for 25 years. Our gifts were complementary and our dependence mutual. It's still hard to believe he's left us. I keep expecting him to come around the corner with the tea tray, or his latest book discovery, or a video to share of Andy Griffith and Barney. He has left a void for me personally and for our whole congregation that cannot be filled. One may see his funeral service here: sermonaudio.com/sermon/129212055113176.

Karen to Elise

While we continue to struggle with Ron's departure, several other transitions have resulted in gifts of God to us in our time of need. Karen Hansill served as my secretary for seven years. Never once did I ever see her lose her cool. Never once did she speak harshly or with irritation. Never once was she anything but kind, pleasant, and eager to help. I dreaded her departure and was sure that I would never find anyone as capable and courteous as she to replace her.

However, in January Karen and Elise Rustine began to discuss the possibility of Elise occupying her desk. From January through July, Elise worked 10 hours a week beside Karen learning all she could about the position. The result was on August 1, Elise succeeded Karen at 30 hours a week as my secretary, plus 10 hours a week contacting young women involved in the college and post-college ministries. Elise is smart, efficient, talented, and devout. I couldn't be happier. I had anticipated that Karen's departure would set back my work by six months. Instead, the transition has been seamless.

Frankie to Kenneth

Frankie Daniell has been the Director of the Independent Presbyterian Church Day Camp at Point Pleasant for 29 years. He will work there this summer for his 30th year, but not as director. Several years ago, we began to anticipate Frankie's retirement. This was another transition that I was dreading. Frankie has taken our summer camp from 50 campers over a six-week period to 93 over eight weeks. He has added Adventure Programming (High Ropes, Climbing Tower, and Low Elements), sand volleyball and basketball courts, expanded canoeing and kayaking, developed a program for middle school volunteers, and started a partnership with Glasgow City Free Church in 2007, hosting college students from Scotland to work at the camp. I've written about Frankie at length here: ipc sav.org/blog/2021/11/25/day-camp-director-transition). To summarize: Frankie took the camp from a small church camp to the most sought-after religious camp in Savannah. Frankie himself is something of a living legend among the youth of Savannah. Could we ever replace him?

No, we couldn't. Yet who would have thought that someone with the character and capabilities of Kenneth Crowe would step forward as Frankie's successor? Kenneth is a successful professional, a seminary-trained lay-theologian, faithful father and husband, and an elder of our church. His readiness, even eagerness to take on this task is a testimony of the goodness of God to our church. His step into this gap is, well, extraordinary.

Tracy to Barbara

Tracy Wood accepted the unenviable task of following another legend, Amy Martin, as Director of Children's Ministries (I've written a tribute to Amy here: ipc sav.org/blog/2020/01/02/rebecca-amy-reeder-martin). She joyfully accepted her assignment, served her first Sunday on March 7, 2020, and two weeks later was caught with the rest of us in the changed world of the pandemic. Tracy faithfully worked through December 2021 at a job far different from what she anticipated in early March 2020. Ever cheerful, ever pleasant, she facilitated on-line, family-based Sunday School through April, relaunched our Sunday School on May 2, and restored our spring egg-hunt and our Fall Family Festival after a one-year hiatus. She stepped down on December 31 in order to homeschool Caroline for her senior year of high school.

Again, how do we replace her? Who is up to the task? Answer: Barbara Rustine. Barbara has had a vision for revitalizing the children's Sunday School since before the Rustines went to the Philippines. She quite correctly sees the need for teacher and curriculum development. We are blessed of God to have one very capable and devout member of our church succeed another in this position. Our cup runneth over.

Ministry

During my 9 months on duty I brought the 133-sermon series on the Gospel of John to a conclusion in January and started a new series on Acts, preaching 24 sermons to Acts 8:8 in 2021. I began teaching in the Sunday School in December for the first time since March 2020. My subject: “The Piety of the Psalms.” In our public service we completed reading Matthew, Proverbs, Exodus, Malachi, Nahum, Micah, and Habakkuk.

Personal

I have written at length about my two months of sabbatical and one month of vacation (my “sabbatication,” here: ipcsav.org/blog/2022/01/17/what-i-did-on-my-sabbatication). In February our family welcomed Eleanor Annette Johnson “Nora” into the world, and baptized her on December 26 at IPC on behalf of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California. We also learned that two more grandchildren are on the way, to Abby and Robert Holmes in February, and Sally and Peter Girgis in April, Lord willing. As of December 31, I have completed 35 wonderful years of ministry at IPC. Who knew? God is good to have used “a wretch like me.” *My cup runneth over.*

Summary of Senior Minister's Work 2021

Teaching (IPC)	No. of lessons
May – June – Spring Inquirers' Class Sunday School	7
Jan. – December – Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast	29
Jan. – December – Dead Theologians' Society reading group	10
August – November – Officer Training	13
October – November - Fall Inquirers' Class Sunday School	7
December – Sunday School	4
Mars Hill PCA Pastors' Group	8

Teaching (outside)	No. of lessons
February 10 – Veritas WWII History Class (T. Breckenridge's class)	1
November 5-6 – Reformation Boise Conference, Boise, ID	3
November 17 – Evangelical Theology Society (ETS) Conference, Ft. Worth, TX	1

Total Teaching Hours	82
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AM Preaching	No. of sermons
Jan. – Dec. – Expositions of the Gospel of John, CXXIX – CXXXIII	5
January – December – Expositions of the Acts of the Apostles, I – XXIV	24
January 10 – “Communion in Context” - 1 Corinthians 11:23-32, Isaiah 40:6-8	1
January 17 – “Defining Our Principles” - Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:14, 15 (Sanctity of Life Sunday)	1
April 4 – “The Choice Before Us” - 1 Corinthians 15:1-26 (Easter)	1
May 2 – “Covenant Renewal” - 1 Corinthians 11:27-34	1
October 24 – “A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken” - Hebrews 12:25-29 (Stewardship Sunday)	1
December 5 – “The Importance of Leadership” - 2 Chronicles 35:24 (Ordination/Installation)	1
December 19 – “The <i>Proto Evangelion</i> ”	1

PM Preaching	No. of sermons
January – December “Texts that Transform”	
January 17 – “The Incomparable Christ: His Teaching” - Matthew 6:25-34	1
February 21 – “The Incomparable Christ: His True Humanity (1)” - John 11:33-44	1
March 28 – “The Incomparable Christ: His True Humanity (2)” - John 11:33-44	1
September 5 – “Vocation” - Genesis 1:28; 2:15; 3:17-19	1
May – Expositions of the Acts of the Apostles, VI	1
November 21 – “Land of Plenty” - Jeremiah 29:4-7	1
December 12 – “God Has Spoken” - Hebrews 1:1-2 - Lessons & Carols Meditation	1

Other Preaching	
January 29 – Graveside & Memorial Service for Reverend Ronald H. Parrish	1
April 2 – (<i>Maundy Thurs.</i>) “The Incomparable Christ: His True Humanity (3)” – Jn. 11:33-44	1
April 13 – Memorial Service for Mr. Edward Hale	1
July 24 – Memorial Service for Mr. Jim Parker at the Kirk Presbyterian Church	1
November 13 – Funeral Service for Marcia Elkins Cook	1
December 24 (Christmas Eve) – “Glory to God and Our Good” – Lk 2:14	1

Total Sermons **49**

Total Teaching/Preaching **131**

Other Duties/Activities

January 22-23 – Savannah River Presbytery at Grace Church of the Islands – Savannah, GA

February 4 – PCA Pastors Lunch Meeting/Discussion

March 4 – PCA Pastors Lunch Meeting/Discussion

April 1 – PCA Pastors Lunch Meeting/Discussion

April 5-8 – Twin Lakes Fellowship

May 27-28 – Westminster Seminary CA Board Meeting

June 28-July 2 – General Assembly

October 19 – Savannah River Presbytery in Augusta, GA

November 4 – Interviewed by Moody Radio, Florida (Tampa)

November 17 – “Catholicity & Intergenerational Worship” at ETS Conference

November 20 – Brodmann/Barrett Wedding

Writing

Books, magazine articles

1. *Leading in Worship* (published in Spanish Feb. 28)
 2. *Westminster Confession of Faith for Study classes* (published in Chinese May 18)
 3. *The Christian Sabbath* (published by Banner of Truth Trust, June 14)
 4. *Westminster Confession of Faith for Study classes* (published in Spanish July 2)
 5. “Leading in Public Prayer,” article in *New Horizons Magazine* (published June 2021)
 6. “Worship at General Assembly: What We Want” posted article on *The Aquila Report* (published July 16, 2021)
 7. “Yes, Scripture Reading Really Does Change People,” article in *9Marks Journal* (published July 26, 2021)
 8. “What is ‘the Name’,” article for *Reformation 21* (published October 13, 2021)
 9. “The Blessedness of God,” article for *Banner of Truth magazine* (published November 2021)
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10. Two blog posts for *Christian Focus* promoting the new book, *Understanding Family Worship*, entitled “Why Should We Have Family Worship,” and “How to Do Family Worship” (anticipated early 2022)

IPC Newsletter articles

April/May “Returning to Normal Schedule”

June/July “Thoughts on Racism – Part 1”

July “Thoughts on Racism – Part 2”

August/September “Changing Times”

August/September “Thoughts on Racism – Part 3”

September “Thoughts on Racism – Part 4”

October/November “Thoughts on Racism – Part 5”

November “Thoughts on Racism – Part 6”

December/January “From Frankie to Kenneth”

December/January “Thoughts on Racism – Part 7”

Pamphlets

New:

	<i>Pages</i>
“Word, Lord, God” – Jn 20:28 *2020 Christmas message; 11pp/9 copies	11
“Defining Our Principles,” Gen 1:26-28; 2:24-25 *Sanctity of Life Sunday 15pp/12 copies	15
“The Incomparable Christ: His Teaching,” Mt 6:25-34, Texts that Transform 13pp/13 copies	13

“The Future of Christianity in the West,”	51pp/15 copies	51
CXXIX. “Fishers of Men,” Jn 21:1-14;	13pp/13 copies	13
CXXX. “Love for Christ,” Jn 21:15-17;	15pp/13 copies	15
CXXXI. “Shepherd My Sheep,” Jn 21:15-17;	11pp/13 copies	11
CXXXIII. “The Greatness of Christ,” Jn 21:24, 25;	14pp/15 copies	14
Expositions of Acts I. “The Continuing Acts of Jesus Christ,”	Acts 1:1-5; 18pp/12 copies	18
Expositions of Acts II. “You Shall Be My Witnesses,”	Acts 1:6-11; 16pp/13 copies	16
LIII. Texts That Transform “The Incomparable Christ: His True Humanity -1,”	Jn 11:33-44; 14pp/13 copies	14
LIV-LV. Texts That Transform “The Incomparable Christ: His True Humanity -2,”	Jn 11:33-44; 17pp/13 copies	17
Expositions of Acts III. “Preparing for the Spirit,”	Acts 1:12-26; 19pp/13 copies	19
Expositions of Acts IV. “The Descent of the Spirit,”	Acts 2:1-21 19pp/13 copies	19
Expositions of Acts V. “Jesus: Lord and Christ,”	Acts 1:22-36, 16pp/13 copies	16
Expositions of Acts VI. “The Meaning of Pentecost Today,”	Acts 2:1-36, 17pp/13 copies	17
Expositions of Acts VII. “Responding to the Resurrection,”	Acts 2:37-41, 18pp/15 copies	18
Expositions of Acts VIII. “The Worship of the Early Church,”	Acts 2:42, 16pp/15 copies	16
Expositions of Acts IX. “The Growth of the Early Church,”	Acts 2:43-47, 12pp/15 copies	12
Expositions of Acts X. “Leap Ye Lame for Joy”	16pp/15 copies	16
Expositions of Acts XI. “Peter’s Second Sermon: Guilt, Christ, and Salvation”	14pp/15 copies	14
Expositions of Acts XII. “Peter’s Second Sermon: Guilt, Christ, and Salvation – 2”	13pp/15 copies	13
Expositions of Acts XIII. “No Other Name”	13pp/15 copies	13
Expositions of Acts XIV. “No Other Savior, No Other Lord”	14pp/14 copies	14
Expositions of Acts XV. “Praying Through Persecution”	17pp/14 copies	17
Expositions of Acts XVI. “Life Together”	15pp/14 copies	15
Texts that Transform LVI. “Vocation”	13pp/15 copies	13
“Reformed Ethics”	14pp/30 copies	14
“Reformed Worship”	36pp/30 copies	36
Expositions of Acts XVII. “Church Purity and Growth”	16pp/14 copies	16
Expositions of Acts XVIII. “Stand and Speak of Life”	19pp/14 copies	19
Expositions of Acts XIX. “Worthy to Suffer”	17pp/14 copies	17
Expositions of Acts XX. “Order and Service in the Church”	17pp/12 copies	17
Expositions of Acts XXI. “Stephen: The Face of an Angel”	11pp/12 copies	11
Expositions of Acts XXII. “Stephen’s Defense of Christianity”	13 copies/22 pages	13
Expositions of Acts XXIII. “The First Christian Martyr”	13 copies/17 pages	13

Total	596
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Reprints:

“Abortion and the Christian Church”	19pp/15 copies
“Abortion Human Nature And Law”	30pp/15 copies
“An Evangelical & Reformed Faith”	31pp/82 copies
“Catechism for Young Children,”	14pp/30 copies
“Childrearing in a Hostile Culture”	70pp/60 copies
“Defining Our Principles”	15pp/25 copies
“Examine Yourself”	8pp/10 copies
“Fathers, Teach Your Children,”	15pp/30 copies
“Five Points of Calvinism”	45pp/15 copies
“Hymns of the Month”	33pp/10 copies
“Is Reformed Worship Eurocentric?”	27pp/45 copies
“Living Wisely”	17pp/40 copies

“Modesty” 16pp/10 copies
 “Our Order of Service,” 12pp/105 copies
 “Our Order of Service” (revised) 12pp/55 copies
 “Our Stake in Political Elections” 25pp/20 copies
 “Parents, Require Obedience of Your Children,” 6pp/40 copies
 “Saved Through Childbearing” 15pp/20 copies
 “Shorter Catechism,” 16pp/65 copies
 “Songs for Worship” 26pp/55 copies
 “Sonship: An Adequate Psychology of Christian Experience,” 15pp/10 copies
 “Television and the Christian” 35pp/11 copies
 “The 5 Points of Calvinism” 45pp/15 copies
 “The Catholicity of the Church: An Overview of Church History” 80pp/58 copies
 “The Christian Sabbath” 55pp/10 copies
 “The Christian Use of Visual Art in Worship Today” 24pp/10 copies
 “The Church As It Was Meant to Be” 68pp/102 copies
 “The Duties of Parents” 25pp/20 copies
 “The Educational Crisis” 17pp/11 copies
 “The Five Points of Calvinism” 45pp/98 copies
 “The Future of Christianity in the West,” 51pp/75 copies
 “The Grace Debate” 45pp/10 copies
 “The Kind of Government We Want” 24pp/10 copies
 “The Lord’s Supper” 17pp/10 copies
 “The Nurturing of Christian Piety,” 12pp/65 copies
 “The Nurturing of Reformed Piety” (revised) 24pp/30 copies
 “The Shorter Catechism” 16pp/65 copies
 “The Stones Cry Out” 14pp/90 copies
 “Who We Are,” 13pp/70 copies
 “Worship & Music Today” 67pp/10 copies
 “Your Child’s Admission to the Lord’s Table” 3pp/15 copies

Pastoral Contacts

Counseling – 89
 Hospital/home visits – 2
 New member interviews – 50
 Total: 141

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

Time away:

Sabbatical/Vacation (3 months):

January 18-24, February 22-25, March 1-20, April 18-24, June 14-27, July 9-18, September 13-16, 19-20, October 4-17

Sick Leave: January 1-7, December 27-31

Twin Lakes Fellowship, Jackson, MS: April 5-8

PCA General Assembly, St. Louis, MO: June 28-July 2

Reformation Boise Conference, Boise, ID: September 17-18

Evangelical Theological Society (ETS), Fort Worth, TX: November 16-18

Weddings – Baptisms – New Members 2021

Weddings

(*Members of IPC)

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Melville (nee Landry D. Rushing)	February 14
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin J. Heritage (nee Paula R. Small)	March 6
Mr. and Mrs. Devin L. Close (nee Anna C. Heritage)	May 15
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob “Noah” Butler (nee Kelly L. Lachowsky)	May 22
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Busch (nee Elizabeth R. Topping)	June 26
Mr. and Mrs. Tyler S. McCracken (nee Rachel L. Dodsworth)	July 11
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan “Jon” J. Dunham (nee Kelly Liu)	October 9
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Brodmann (nee Sarah Grace Barrett)	November 20
Mr. and Mrs. K. Andrew Wood, Jr. (nee Madison M. Harden)	December 19
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. McLeroy (nee Emily L. Polgardi)	December 31

Baptisms *adult baptisms upon POF

Stephen Wightman Rodenberg (born Nov. 18, 2020)	January 31
*Mr. Tyler S. McCracken	January 31
Edith Mary Barham (born Oct. 12, 2020)	April 18
Owen Michael Kenard (born Oct. 30, 2020)	May 16
*Miss Daphne K. Ratliff	May 16
Sarah Emily Sharpless (born Jan. 12, 2021)	June 27
Stewart Journey Monroe (born Mar. 18, 2021)	July 4
Warren Anthony Bergman (born Jan 14, 2020)	July 25
Samuel Brewster Carpenter (born Jul. 1, 2021)	August 1
*Miss Eleanor “Nora” J. Coleman	November 7
*Mr. W. Gabriel Quinley	November 14
*Miss Maggie Grace Chester	November 14
*Mr. Austin J. Glang	December 12

New Members *covenant child POF **associate member +non-communing

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan B. Scharer (Hannah)	January 17
Mr. Tyler S. McCracken	January 31
Miss Rachel L. Dodsworth	January 31
Mr. Austin G. Webb	February 21
*Mr. Joshua Matthew Espinosa, Jr.	March 7
*Mr. Caleb James Espinosa	March 7
*Mr. Roy Connell Thompson, Jr.	March 7
*Miss Kari Michele Thompson	March 7
Dr. Jacob H. and Dr. Cameron D. Fuhrman	May 16
Miss Daphne K. Ratliff	May 16
Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Barron (Rick) (Mary)	June 13
Miss Sarah K. Coile	June 13
Mr. Bryand D. Cruzado	June 13
Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Dean (Kay)	June 13
Mrs. Diane Deegan-Slotke	June 13
**Miss Rachael M. Eldridge	June 13
Mrs. Kevin J. Heritage (Paula)	June 13
Mr. Emanuel “Manny” Hernandez	June 13
Mrs. Ron Hollenbach (Lynne)	June 13

Mrs. C. Conrad Martin (Sarah)	June 13
*Miss Rachel Claire McKee	June 13
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery A. Ross (Jeff) (Jean)	June 13
Miss Sarah C. Schmidt	June 13
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Teasley (Carol)	June 13
Mr. Thomas C. Wallace	June 13
Miss Emily A. Wells	June 13
Mr. M. Chandler Williams	June 13
Mr. Glenn A. Frick	July 4
*Mr. William L. Rogers	July 25
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy D. Mersereau (Tim) (Nancy)	August 1
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Maganini (Tom) (Jan)	August 1
Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Allen (Nikki)	August 22
Ashley Brooke	
Avery Elizabeth	
*Jonathan Paul	
*Catherine Christa	
*Lucie Nicole	
*June Savannah	
+Jesse Paul	
Mr. Robert Lee Johns	August 22
Mr. Glen K. Umberger	August 22
*Mr. George Wyatt Nolen	September 26
Miss Karolina S. Lagerquist	October 17
*Mr. James Bradley Stevens	October 17
*Miss Eleanor "Nora" Jane Coleman	November 7
*Miss. Maggie Grace Chester	November 14
Miss Diane C. Diver	November 14
Mr. Plenty Groover, V	November 14
Mr. Clayton M. (Clay)	November 14
+Hayes Burton	
+Selleck Elizabeth	
Mr. Nicholas "Nick" G. Kootsikas	November 14
Miss Sophia V. Meza	November 14
Mr. and Mrs. W. Gabriel Quinley (Gabe) (Christine)	November 14
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Smith (Larry) (Joan)	November 14
Mr. William R. Tedder (Billy)	November 14
Mr. and Mrs. Austin J. Glang (Hannah)	December 12

Transfers of Membership – Moved Out-of-Town 2021

*considered children if under 16 yr.

Transfers of Membership/ Letter

Out-of-town transfers:

Mr. & Mrs. Joe D. Celento (Cindy)	February	First Presbyterian Church (PCA) Niceville, FL
Mr. & Mrs. William James (Alex) William Dwyer “Liam”, n/c	March	First Presbyterian Church (ARP) Columbia, SC
Mr. Isaac Van Puffelen	April	Christ Church East (PCA) Jacksonville, FL
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew G. Gibson (Jennifer) Millie Jean, n/c Sarah Katherine, n/c Finlay Dale, n/c John Peter, n/c	May	Resurrection Presbyterian Church (OPC) Charlotte, NC
Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Dudley Saleeby (Quinn) Mary Katherine n/c Robert Wilson n/c James Adger n/c	August	Church of the Cross, Bluffton, SC
Mr. Samuel G. Brunson	September	Southwood Presbyterian Church (PCA) Huntsville, AL
Mr. Samuel W. Taylor	October	North Shore Fellowship (PCA) Chattanooga, TN
Mr. Mark K. Mitchell	October	First Presbyterian Church (ECO) Greenville, SC
Mr. Josiah S. Taylor	October	Valley Presbyterian Church Madison, AL
Miss Sara Kaitlin Van Puffelen	November	First Presbyterian Church Chattanooga, TN

Sub-total: 14 communing adults & 8 non-communing children = 22

In-town transfers:

Miss Amanda V. Board	June	Grace Church of the Islands (PCA) Savannah, GA
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Sub-total: 1 communing adults & 0 non-communing children = 1

TOTAL Transfers: 15 communing adults & 8 non-communing children = 23

Moved Out-of-Town (members)

Mr. Philip Knoche	February	Tennessee
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Howell	March	Germany
Jonathan Edward n/c		
Benjamin James Richard n/c		
Matilda n/c		
Mr. and Mrs. Devin L. Close	May	Florida
Mr. and Mrs. Clark W. Gibson	June	Sharpsburg, GA
Miss Molly Elizabeth Gibson	June	Sharpsburg, GA
Miss Sarah K. Wiggins	June	Bogata, Columbia
Miss Anna Liebing	July	Malawi, Africa
*Mr. Devair Ribeiro	July	St. Lucie, FL
Dr. Gi Yun Chung	May-July	Kent, WA
Mrs. Karen C. Hansill	August	Smyrna, GA
Mr. Will P. Robinson	September	Brooklyn, NY
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Busch	November	Charlotte, NC

Total: 16 communing adults & 3 non-communing children = 19 *now removed from roll (see below)

Inactive Members Removed from Roll**In-Town Members Removed**

(Ken &) Kristie Bruzenak	November
Mical Garrison	November
Harrison & Lauren Key	November
(w/ Simmons, Eppie, & Ferris)	
Bubba & Linda Moore	November
(w/ Thomas & Melanie)	
Sunju Pitts	November
(w/ Brandon & Christopher)	
Devair Ribeiro	November
Joe & Karen Vavrasek	November

Sub-total: 10 communing adults & 7 non-communing children = 17

Out-of-Town Members Removed

Katie Gouse McKinley	November
Grace (Smitham) Van Dyck	November
Fudge Van Hooser	November
Larissa White	November
Seth & Marci White	November

Sub-total: 6 communing adults & 0 non-communing children = 6

TOTAL Inactive Members Removed: 16 communing adults & 7 non-communing children = 23 members removed; 1 restored to roll (see below)

Moved back to town (Restored to roll)

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Woods Hammond	January
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Communing and Non-Communing Membership 2021

Additions (communing and non-communing)

Births	8	(8 non-communing children)
Professions of Faith	20	(6 adults, 14 communing children)
Reaffirmations of Faith	15	(13 adults, 2 non-communing children)
Associates	1	(1 adult)
Transfers of letter	33	(32 adults, 0 communing children, 1 non-communing child)
Added back to rolls	1	(1 adult)
Sub-total communing	67	
Sub-total non-communing	<u>11</u>	
	78	(53 adults, 14 communing children, 11 n/c children)

Losses

Transfers (in-town)	1	(1 communing adult)
Transfers (out-of-town)	22	(14 communing adults, 8 non-communing children)
Deaths (in-town)	6	(communing)
Deaths (out-of-town)	4	(communing)
Removed from rolls (in-town)	17	(10 communing adults, 7 non-communing children)
Removed from rolls (out-of-town)	6	(6 communing adults)
Total in-town	24	
Total out-of-town	32	(31 communing)
Net Gain (in-town)		
Communing members	36	
Total In-Town Communing	620	
Total In-Town Non-communing members	157	

*based on ACS data 1/16/2022

Associate Minister

Timothy P. Foster

I am grateful for the Lord's sustaining mercy during another year of ministry (Lam 3:22-23). God is faithful (1 Thess 5:24). The joy of the Lord is our strength (Neh 8:10). This year presented us with numerous joys and trials. The sorest trial was the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Ron Parrish. His passing left a substantial gap in our ability to shepherd Christ's flock. He tenderly cared for the church through visitation and heartfelt conversations. His encyclopedic knowledge of books and authors was a delight to behold. His faithfulness was exemplary. He was a wonderful friend and ally. He generously shared his vast theological and ministerial resources. I habitually checked in with Ron to see who in the congregation needed pastoral care. He had a keen grasp of who was hurting and who needed attention. We shared a mutual interest in counseling, and he made himself available to talk through dicey issues. Like many of you, Ron ministered to my family at critical times — the birth of our children, hospitalizations, etc. I loved Ron as a father in the faith, and I miss his wisdom, wit, and humor. After Ron's death, I was given oversight over the age group he so faithfully pastored. Ron is irreplaceable. He was uniquely gifted. The Lord, after taking his servant Moses, told Joshua to arise and go over the Jordan (Josh 1:1-2). We pledge to do our best to stand in the gap, to fulfill our ministry, and "to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Preaching — I shared the responsibility with my fellow ministers for preaching on Sundays and Wednesdays. On Sunday evenings, I teamed with Revs. Shaw and Gear to complete a series on 2 Timothy and Titus. For Wednesday Noon, I led a study through 1 Corinthians. I also provided pulpit supply to local PCA churches.

Teaching — I provided oversight to our Sunday school program. Prior to the restart of our in-person Sunday school in May, I taught an online class from the Gospel of Mark ("Encounters with Jesus"). After that, I taught Daniel to the Agape class. I also had the opportunity to begin teaching the Book of Revelation to the Garmer class. In August, I became the weekly teacher for our online Garmer Bible Study (aka "iPrimes").

Pastoral — Visiting the sick remains a challenge. Strict hospital protocols make it hard to visit those of you who've been hospitalized. We've had to utilize other means of technology (email, texts, phone) to connect with you. I served on the Congregational Growth and Care committee and the Christian Education committee. I served as the Assistant Clerk for Savannah River Presbytery and the chairman of their Sessional Records Committee. I offer pastoral counseling and assist with weddings and funerals as needed.

Personal — Caroline and I are grateful for your love, prayers, and encouragement for our family. Our children, Ava (6) and Luke (4), continue to delight us and to challenge us to lean on Christ for wisdom. They are students at Veritas Academy and love their teachers and classmates. It's great to see them thrive in this environment. Thank you again for loving us so well. We look forward to what the Lord will do in 2022.

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 six-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. Abigail is so thankful for all the rich friendships she enjoys and for all the encouragement we continually feel from the congregation. Our youngest, Mary Lawrence (1yo) is a beautiful, healthy, happy girl. She loves the nursery and being at church. Ginny, our 3-year-old can't wait for Sunday each week. Levi, our 5-year-old, loves running around with his buddies before and after church, and our 7-year-old, Annie is beginning to take notes during the sermon. It is difficult to overestimate what a blessing it is for our children to love our church. We are so thankful.

My ministry has been marked this year with surprising steadiness and joy despite the continuing pandemic. We averaged around 40 throughout the summer, and around 35 throughout the fall at the Thursday Night Bible Study. We also finished a year-long study in the book of Ephesians. 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 into the life of the church.

I especially enjoy working with our interns. Alex and Jennifer Sutherland were a great blessing to our ministry, as has been Miguel and Hannah D'Azevedo.

This year has also been marked with more opportunities to preach, for which I am very grateful. I finished my series on the Sermon on the Mount, and I am working my way through the Parables as I have opportunity. The assistant and associate pastors also preached Titus 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 am the pastor on call for the Chatham Transitional Ministry, and 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

Reflecting on the idea of Sabbath rest I have often imagined the ancient Hebrew looking out over his fields and cattle to see the profound truth that the whole continues despite him. His possessions, his labors and their successes do not depend upon the work of his hands. To paraphrase the book Ecclesiastes, time and chance happen to us all. There is a hand behind our hand, a power behind our power.

As I reflect on the passing year, I see this truth at work in many places.

Where I have struggled and labored seeing little of any results there suddenly springs up life unexpectedly. Sarah Schmidt becomes the RUF intern and decides to host the IPC college Bible study. Miguel D'Azevedo and his wife, Hannah, begin an international ministry to college students and the invitations are advertised on SCAD social media! It is so surprising, I wish I could make that exclamation point larger. Another student (Daphne Ratliff) was baptized. Several others took membership vows. I received a letter from another who has joined a church in Birmingham, AL – she who nearly never spoke confessed that her time here introduced her to the realities of the Christian faith and convinced her that she was outside looking in.

This is not to say that the year has been without its difficulties and discouragements. They have been present, but only as weeds growing in a field full of good crops. I look over it now and am amazed at the things I see. All of it springing up seemingly of itself. I find myself like the barren woman in the prophet Isaiah who says “*Who has borne me these? ... Behold, I was left alone from where have these come* (Is. 49:21)?” Of course, I know (as do you) from where these have come. They come from the Lord. He has done it; not I. All the glory and the success is his and blessed be his name.

Sure, I have cast much seed. We have studied a portion of the book of Hebrews, a topical series entitled *Anno Domini* working through the prophets. We have wrestled with the difficulties of the prophet Zechariah and his visions. We have heard the song of the body of Christ captured in the second book of the Psalter. We have followed the life of Joseph (Gen. 37-50), and found encouragement in the book of Esther. I have preached with my brothers Tim through the pastorals along with a number of sermons in the book of Esther and Revelation. Yet, all this seems but a liberal, indiscriminate scattering. To think that somehow what I have done has intentionally produced any of the fruit would give the lie to my Sabbath reflections. No, this has not been me, it is Him from start to finish. I am but caught up in his wake, carried along in his train.

So, it is with all of life. My family, too, carried along by the all-sufficient grace of God. He meets us in our *manifold temptations* (1 Peter 1:6) with his *manifold grace* (1 Peter 4:10). He provides all that we need for this life and for godliness, saving and sanctifying sinners child and parent, pastor and congregation alike. For this I am thankful, even as I take a moment to be still and look out over the fields to see there his faithfulness to his promise.

I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it...

Amen, let it be so both now and in the coming year.

Staff Updates

Jane H. Boatright

This year we have lived with uncertainty in almost every sphere of life in this world. As we have lived with this uncertainty, the certainty of God has become clearer. I think this is what Dennis and I have been most grateful for this past year. As we let go of things that we couldn't have or didn't need, the privileges of the Christian life stood out and grounded us. And our church and church family have been firmly in the center of it all. Our ministers and church leaders have faithfully led us, taught us, and cared for us. We all marched on together toward the same goals we have always had. Whatever hardships we faced; they didn't change our trajectory. We continued toward God and His kingdom in the middle of it all. We are thankful for the things that weren't expected and were hard, because they showed us what could be counted on. We are thankful for this church and church family who have been to us what a church and church family needs to be.

Miguel D'Azevedo

Arriving at IPC in June of 2021 can only be described as a blessing for me and my family. We were, and still are, fascinated with how everyone has been so friendly, lovely, and welcoming to us. We love to be part of a church that has such a great sense of community. As an intern, I delight in this opportunity to serve with such fine men as we have on the pastoral staff, and to learn different things from each one of them. I am glad for the opportunity that was given to plant some seeds for an international ministry at IPC, such as the ESL classes and reaching out to international students through various events. We have been encouraged by IPC members' excitement and readiness to volunteer help for this new ministry. We are also encouraged that we have already been able to witness some fruit from these evangelistic efforts. We pray that the gospel will spread back to the home countries of those impacted through the international ministry here at IPC; what a unique opportunity to be carrying out the great commission right from our own doorstep!

Francis V. Daniell

The Daniells are thankful for another year as a part of the IPC family. Judy continues to enjoy the Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study and continues to give much of her time to visiting shut-ins and overseeing the flower distribution ministry. Jennifer is into her second year of teaching at Veritas Academy. She is also very involved in the Covenant and Careers Thursday night Bible Study and enjoys the other activities with that group. The house that she shares with Kirstie Brodmann, Amy Rustine, and Elise Rustine is a hub of activity for the 20's group. I enjoyed my final summer as IPC Day Camp Director and look forward to seeing it transition to Kenneth Crowe. I continue to greatly enjoy my work with the Missions Committee, the Missions Conference, the music ministry with Mr. Shaw's Thursday night 20's Bible Study, and anywhere else I can serve the IPC community. It is an honor to serve with the other members of the staff – they all make my job here a pleasure. Thank you all.

Joshua M. Espinosa

The Espinosas continue to find blessings in 2021. We are finding more and more the joy of teenagers as we now have a high school junior and an 8th grader, both who are able to drive while also recognizing that our teenagers have only a few more years with us before they leave the nest. Though the Lord saw fit to allow us to have many more years with children at home before we have an empty nest (sarcasm imputed). I am sure we will miss a noisy home and chaos and clutter, but at this season of our lives, we find that day in and day out our home is filled with much of this. In August of 2021, Joshua became a Junior (when reality set it that we have him for 2 more years in our home), Caleb entered school as an 8th grader, Isaac (our son of laughter) began his 4th grade class and the twins, Evie & Faith, finally began school in the pre-k. We are where we thought we would be 6 years ago when we wrote in this newsletter how all the children are in school but then a year later wrote, how the Lord, in His providence (and humor) are bringing twin girls to our family. Now that

the children are in school, Lauren was a part of the Women's Bible study and had the opportunity to lead one of the breakout groups. In our seventh 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. Fuhrman

2021 was our first full year at IPC, and with it came many first-experiences of the normal rhythm of things: Missions Conference, Youth Choir Trip, Summer Waves with the Chapel Choir, summer at Point Pleasant, and Lessons & Carols, to name a few especially salient things. It's the everyday pattern of the normal that gives us an increasing sense of settledness and home. On the subject of home, we are thankful for our house (which we bought in April) and for our many new IPC neighbors. Cameron is teaching in the music department at Georgia Southern, and she is enjoying the chance to perform a bit more often in connection with her role there. I have also picked up a bit of teaching, something I enjoy tremendously. Thanks to you all for your kind welcome and continued support and encouragement: we are grateful to be here and to be part of this wonderful church.

A. Paul Rodgers, Jr.

In 2021 the Rodgers saw another milestone reached for our family. Our second child, Andrew Paul III, graduated from Veritas Academy and in the fall began matriculating at Georgia Southern University. His graduation was a celebration but mixed with disappointment. He was able to attend the event only via Zoom due to several members of our family having Covid-19 at the time. We recovered thankfully, and Drew is in the ROTC program at GSU and is pursuing a career with the Army in Cyber Warfare. By the end of the year, our oldest Sarah Blake had completed half her junior year at Covenant College. She is pursuing a career as a Child Life Specialist working in hospital systems. Marley is a junior in high school and William is now an 8th grader. Marley enjoys working at Chick-fil-A in Pooler and William enjoys time with his Veritas classmates with whom he is very close. There were at least two other impactful occurrences for our family in 2021. In an adverse reaction to medication for an infected bursa of the knee, along with a misdiagnosis of this reaction, I was sent to the Burn Clinic of Doctor's Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. Thankfully once my situation was accurately diagnosed, recovery was relatively quick. Secondly, Jan had been asking for a couple years to return to full-time teaching but a spot did not open at Veritas where she had been teaching for eight years. So she decided to return to a full-time position with the Chatham County Public School System. At West Chatham Elementary Jan teaches fourth grade. While she loves her class and the calling of educator, the challenges faced with public school impositions on the mission of education, as well as complications from the pandemic, are an ever-present frustration. She perseveres and prays consistently, not only for the education of her students, but the troubling contexts in which many of them are being raised. Her job is more than educating, it is being salt and light in a dark and difficult place.

We continue to be thankful the Lord has our family at IPC. Truly we would prefer being nowhere else and doing nothing else than exactly here, blessed as we are. Acts 20:24

Alex B. Sutherland

In 2021, Jennifer and I greatly enjoyed our final months serving in the internship and sadly closed our time in Savannah, moving back to Philadelphia. The opportunities for preaching and teaching were very edifying as I progress towards pastoral ministry, and I am very grateful for the time spent with the ministers and staff as well as opportunities to sit in on session meetings. The experiences and opportunities in the internship have provided important training and instruction for me. Our last months were also significant for us as we saw the birth of our first child, Cameron Sutherland, several weeks before the internship finished. Though we are sad

that our time in Savannah has ended, we are thankful to God for the lasting and formative impact that our time with your congregation has made on us. We are grateful for your generosity in receiving us for the internship and the kindness we received throughout our time.

Tracy G. Wood

The Wood family continues to be grateful for the blessings that come from worshiping alongside you at the Independent Presbyterian Church. 2021 brought steadiness as well as excitement. Ken remains the managing partner at TJS Deemer Dana, Caroline is a high school junior and has begun looking at different college options and we celebrated a wonderful addition to the family when Andrew married Madison Harden in December. It has been our pleasure and delight to serve with you as we carry on the message of the Gospel each week.

Session

Clerk of Session Report

Stephen E. Jackson Jr.

At the beginning of two thousand and twenty-one, 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 Dennis Boatright, Elder Rick Mullinix and Elder Will Brodmann were elected at the November Congregational meeting to the Session as part of the class of 2027. They will begin their duties on January 1, 2022.

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
- Youth, College & Career
- 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 the year.

As we review 2021 the Session is thankful for God's wonderful blessings toward the ministry of Independent Presbyterian Church during a unique year. As we transitioned away from a modified calendar and reduction in ministry which plagued us through most of 2020, we were able to return to a normal calendar and full schedule of ministry in 2021. As we look around our city and more broadly across the world, we see churches with dark doors and virtual worship, we cannot overlook the dedication IPC has shown to the ministry of the Word and commitment to the fellowship of the Saints. The Session has committed much time and participated in much debate ensuring that our congregation would return to normal and flourish. We should rejoice that IPC views the work of the Church as essential and will keep our doors open that God may be worshiped and his people gathered.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Jackson, Jr.
Clerk of the Session

Membership and Committees

Class of 2022

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

Class of 2023

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

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

Christian Education

Elder: W. Gregory Brunson (Chairman)
Elder: Andy W. Brodmann, Sr.
Elder: Charles C. Martin, Jr.
Deacon: Daniel R. Sharpless
Timothy P. Foster, Associate Minister
Tracy G. Wood (Children's Director)
Jane H. Boatright (Director of Nursery)
Jacob H. Fuhrmann (Music Ministry)
Tevis A. Garnett (WOC)
Jennifer M. Immel
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff H. Sutton (Wendy)

Financial and Administration

Elder: Timothy A. Barrett (Chairman)
Elder: Stephen E. Jackson, Jr.
Elder: Kenneth Crowe
Deacon: Patrick C. Kenard
Deacon: William J. Black Jr.
Church Administrator: Joshua M. Espinosa

Youth, College & Career

Elder: Marc C. Biemiller (Chairman)
Elder: David B. Gross
Deacon: Jay B. Carpenter III
A. Paul Rodgers, Jr., Director of Youth & Family
Timothy D. Shaw, Assistant Minister
Evan J. Gear, Assistant Minister
Tiffany D. Breckenridge
Sharon S. Robinson
Amy C. Rustine

Congregational Growth & Care

John W. Garnett (Chairman)
Elder: Wallace T. Milling, Sr.

Timothy P. Foster, Associate Minister
Deacon: Andrew J. Parrish
Deacon: Matthew M. Mullinix
Tricia J. Barrett
Lucy S. Brannen
Kirsten E. Brodmann

Missions

Elder: Michael D. Hazeltine (Chairman)
Elder: Frankie V. Daniell, Director of Camp & Missions
Elder: Timothy A. Barrett
Deacon: Frank Orellana
Mr. and Mrs. Todd W. Fruit (Terri)
Judy A. Daniell
Anna Liebing
Timothy A. Scharold
Mr. and Mrs. Tim D. Miller (Kendra)
Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Reid (Laura)

Personnel

Timothy A. Barrett (Chairman)
Stephen E. Jackson, Jr. (Clerk of Session)
Roy C. Thompson
John W. Garnett
Michael M. Hazeltine
Wallace T. Milling, Sr.
W. Gregory Brunson
Joshua M. Espinosa

Clerk of Session

Stephen E. Jackson, Jr.

President Pt. Pleasant Corporation

Elder: Timothy A. Barrett

Christian Education Committee

W. Gregory Brunson

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 and Women's Program, 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 Programs and Choirs.

Sunday School

There were five Adult Sunday School classes led by class presidents and taught by a combination of the church's ministers, pastoral apprentice and lay teachers.

Nurseries

Mrs. Jane Boatright serves as Director of Nursery

Our nursery parents and volunteers continued to be faithful this year. They learned to ride the wave and remain steady. Health concerns with this virus could have been hard on us. Parents could have stopped bringing their children and volunteers could have stopped caring for children. This absolutely didn't happen. As would be normal for circumstances like these, there were some struggles with health concerns. We took precautions, were understanding of one another, adjusted, covered for each other, and stayed on course. We also cared for each other better this past year. We spent time reaching out to each other, finding out about each other, and were excited to see each other. Parents and volunteers knew each other better as they shared in childcare and in nurturing all the children. And we watched children developing their own first friendships. Each week during Sunday school the joint Bible time with our 2's and 3's continued to be meaningful to the children. We sang a Psalm and hymns, taught lessons emphasizing that the Bible is true, supported parents by teaching obedience, and encouraged kindness. In the nursery this past year, we had parents who were committed to the Lord faithfully bringing their children to church, and we had volunteers who were committed to the Lord sacrificially serving one another in the church.

Children's Ministries

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

The following children completed Level 1 memorization (The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles Creed and The Ten Commandments):

Mac Barrett
Jonathan Thompson
Esther Goeser
Hannah Goeser
Margo Orellana
Grace Howard
Emily Hazeltine
Luke Hazeltine
Abigail Brodmann
Grant Lane
Maggie Chester
Margaret Milling

The Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt was held on April 3, 2021 at Point Pleasant. The youth group remained essential to make this event happen for our church family! They came ready to fill eggs with candy and hide eggs in the space around the buildings. We had our "Pancake Chefs" Terry Johnson, Dennis Boatright, Frank Brannen and Josh Espinosa provide delicious pancakes and we also had "eggs-cellent" helpers including Jimmy and Rebecca Dugal, Charlie Martin, Tim and Tricia Barrett, Linden Helmly, Jennifer and Bill Immel and Lucy and Marc Biemiller to make sure everything else went smoothly.

On October 30, 2021, the Fall Family Festival was also held at Point Pleasant and we enjoyed a large turnout of our church members and also visitors. Paul Rodgers again led the youth group to volunteer in numerous ways so that the children of the church could enjoy bounce houses, games and a climbing tower. Tim and Tricia Barrett fired up the grills and provided delicious food for everyone to enjoy. I appreciate all the help of anyone who pitched in to help make the day so fun!

Women of the Church

A WOC leadership team oversees the WOC ministries. Those who served on this committee in 2021 were Tricia Barrett, Linda DePue, Tevis Garnett, Allison Kelly, Amy Milling, and Elise Rustine.

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. We made meals for new mothers, had baby showers for first time mothers, sent care packages to college students, decorated the church for Christmas and Easter, delivered flowers to shut-ins, made breakfast foods for college students, and cookies for RUF.

Women's Bible study met in the Spring and Fall on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings (in-person and Zoom). In the Spring everyone studied *First Peter: A Living Hope in Christ* by Jen Wilkin. In the Fall everyone studied *Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality: The Gospel According to Abraham* by Iain Duguid. The study consisted of 30 minutes of teaching done by several IPC women, followed by discussion groups and prayer time.

IPC women also enjoyed the following Circle meetings:

- Thursday Morning Monthly Circle (Spring) - 1,2,3 John – Lucy Brannen and Shirley Parker
- Thursday Morning Monthly Circle (Fall) – “Covenants Made Simple” by Rhodes – Tamara Thompson
- Thursday Evening Monthly Circle- prayer – led by Barbara Rustine
- Thursday Evening Weekly Zoom Circle – studying “Dark Clouds Deep Mercy” by Mark Vroegop - lead by Tamara Thompson

WOC Calendar 2021

- January: Canceled the Megan Hill conference due to Covid
- June: Dinner in the Garden, baby shower for Jennifer Sutherland
- August: Baby shower for Chloe Piet
- September: Annual ladies' tea and luncheon
- December: Baby shower for Caitlin Carter

Music Ministry

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

The music ministry began the year on a limited schedule (Chapel, Youth, and Handbell choirs fully operational but Sanctuary Choir on hiatus), but since Sunday, March 14, we have experienced no significant disruptions due to COVID or any other reason.

The Youth Choir traveled to Charlotte, NC, where we sang at Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 18, and spent the day prior at the US National Whitewater Center. The Chapel Choir finished its year when we moved services to Point Pleasant for the summer, then traveled to Summer Waves on Jekyll Island. Special thanks to Amy Orellana, Paul Rodgers, and Ginger Thompson for chaperoning the Youth Choir trip with me; and to Lauren Espinosa, Amy Milling, and Jeff Sutton for chaperoning the Summer Waves trip.

The Handbell Choir had its first summer party of my time here, graciously hosted on May 29 by Rick and Susan Mullinix. Cameron and I hosted the Sanctuary Choir for a summer party in early July: the first such event in our new house.

When the service/Sunday school hours changed this past fall, we also made a few adjustments to the children's choir program. Sunday evening chapel choir now includes grades 1-5 (formerly 2-5), and "official" choir time during the Sunday school hour now only takes place in preparation for Lessons & Carols. This enables the 1st/2nd grade class to have full-length lessons, and it also allows me to attend Sunday school. There was some initial concern that first-graders would struggle to keep up, but they have been attentive and energetic, and they're a great addition to the group.

All groups sang and played beautifully for my first full-length Lessons & Carols, and logistical help from numerous parent and sibling volunteers helped to keep everything on track. With the Christmas holidays past, we're moving under full steam toward our 2022 Youth Choir trip to St. Andrew's Chapel in Sanford, FL, as well as a spring full of wonderful music and worship here at home.

Family worship and learning Psalms and Hymns of the month were encouraged through the newsletter, completing in 2021 our 30th year of this program.

Operation Christmas Child

For a twenty-first year the congregation participated in Operation Christmas Child which was organized by Mrs. Patty Brodmann.

Greg Brunson, Chairman
Jane Boatright, Director of Nursery Program
Andy Brodmann, Elder
Tim Foster, Associate Pastor
Jacob Fuhrman, Organist and Director of Music
Tevis Garnett, WOC Representative
Jennifer Immel
Charlie Martin, Elder
Daniel Sharpless, Deacon
Jeff Sutton
Wendy Sutton
Tracy Wood, Director of Children's Program

Youth, College and Career Committee

Roy C. Thompson

As you will note in the summaries below, the Lord continues to bless the IPC Youth, College, and Career ministries. In 2021, we rejoiced as we saw several of our youth make public professions of faith and receive admission to the Lord's table. The college ministry continues to faithfully serve our college students (both home and away) and a new ministry was started as a means of outreach to international students. The young adult (Careers) ministry is as strong as it has been in years in both attendance and fellowship. Please continue to pray for our young people, our future leaders, that they would remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Pray for Tim, Evan, and Paul as they lead these ministries.

Youth

In February, 52 students and chaperones went to Camp Glisson for our **Winter Youth Retreat** where we studied Biblical Repentance using chapter 15 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. Daily lessons were taught by Paul Rodgers and Pastoral Intern Alex Sutherland. In the 2020-2021 school year we had 19 seniors, 10 female and 9 male. Their lives and accomplishments were celebrated at our **Graduates' Banquet** in early May, and at our a.m. service May 30. In June, and after a one-year break due to Covid concerns, we hosted our fourth **Blue Ridge Conference** for middle schoolers. We were joined by Old Peachtree Presbyterian of Duluth and Trinity Presbyterian Church of Statesboro. IPC had 20 students and 6 chaperones participate. Our annual **Mission Savannah** event was again a momentum peak for our Student Ministry. As usual it was hosted at Point Pleasant. For this event our students work in the morning hours with partnering ministries in the area, in the afternoons they enjoy recreational activities at Point Pleasant and in the evenings we have a meal together, small group studies and a larger session taught by a guest teacher. This year Paul Rodgers gave two of the four talks and the other two talks were split between Evan Gear and Tim Shaw. Sixty-seven middle and high school students participated in **Mission Savannah** with fifty-two high schoolers and staff spending each night at Point Pleasant. In all, eighteen volunteers and staff, as well as many parents, helped pull off this event.

Other significant events from the year included the **Youth Choir Trip** to Charlotte, NC, a delivery of 17 Christmas gift baskets to shut-ins and elderly of the church and the **Youth Christmas Party** at Point Pleasant. We also hosted a Friday morning **Chick-fil-A Prayer Breakfast** at Point Pleasant for our youth and collegians at Point Pleasant throughout the summer.

A special thanks goes to Rachel Carpenter for her role as Youth Assistant and for her service and dedication to our Student Ministry.

College

This year has seen a few changes in the ministry to the college students. Where we were hosting regular Saturday morning gatherings at our home, we now have monthly pancake breakfasts at our house in Victory Heights. We added a mid-week Bible Study that met for a time in the Carriage House, and now moves from the Gears' carport to the BRD (Brodmann, Rustine, and Daniell) house to Sarah Schmidt's home. The Bible Study has covered a lot of ground during this year. Starting with a foundations course based on Hebrews 6:1-3, we next took on a series entitled A.D. (*Anno Domini*) examining the shape of the church age as revealed in the prophets; followed by a study in the book of Zechariah and we finished the year working through the second book of the Psalter (Psalm 42-72). As always, the group of students is constantly changing, it seems each week brings a new face. I am thankful to the Sutherlands, the ladies at the BRD house, and Sarah Schmidt for their willingness to both host and be part of the lives of the college students. We have seen a number of encouraging moments this year including the baptism of

Daphne Ratliff, the membership vows of a number of SCAD students, Sarah Schmidt (a member and SCAD grad) becoming the new RUF SCAD intern and the budding of a new ministry to internationals. Our current intern Miguel, and his wife Hannah, have been energetically pursuing ministry to international students this year. One main arm of this work has been an outreach to SCAD internationals. Looking forward, this seems like an area for much fruitful ministry. Our God may be opening a door to a whole new field of harvest. Please pray for this and all the work that we do with the college students that we might labor faithfully, that his word might increase mightily, and that our Lord might be glorified in the mouths of students praising his name.

While there have been a few changes, some things remain the same. We continue our regular Sunday School studies working through the Gospel of Luke, Esther, and Ecclesiastes. The summer months saw a return to Wednesday College Bible Study where we gave our attention to the Life of Joseph.

On a personal note, the Gear home is fruitful and growing and blessed by the peace of God which passes all understanding. We are thankful to be counted among you as members of the body of Christ.

Career

The Career Ministry of IPC has had another wonderful year of ministry. The Thursday Night Bible Study has had attendance right between 35-40 the whole year. We concluded our almost year-long study of Ephesians and have begun a series on Genesis. Frankie Daniell continues to lead the singing, but now along with his daughter Jennifer! Indeed, much of the strength of the ministry can be attributed to the leadership of people like Jenn. Children of this church coming home and bringing fresh energy and vision to the ministry has been a great blessing. They have started prayer meetings at 6pm before the 7pm Bible studies for both men and women. The BRD (Brodmann, Rustine, Daniell) House has become a hub of activity and events. The men too have had good leadership. The ministry seems to be in an ideal position. Almost every weekend there is some event, game night, paddling trip, caving trip, beach day, etc.

The New Covenant Sunday School class continues to see strong attendance and, as families grow, we look for more opportunities to encourage fellowship.

Thank you to those who served on the Youth, College, and Career Committee in 2021: Marc Biemiller, Tiffany Breckenridge, Jay Carpenter, Evan Gear, David Gross, Sharon Robinson, Paul Rodgers, Amy Rustine, and Tim Shaw.

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 2021.

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

Church Plants

1. San Xia Church (CRTS), Taiwan--Eric Pilson, organizing pastor
2. Ban Qiao Church (CRTS), Taiwan--Toon Yeo, organizing pastor
3. Faith Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jenison, Michigan--Dan Naulty, organizing pastor
4. Covenant Fellowship Church (PCA), Stuttgart, Germany (MMI)--Nick Bulloch, organizing pastor
5. Christ Church PCA, Knoxville, TN--John Blevins, organizing pastor
6. Resurrection Church, Fargo, ND--John St. Martin, organizing pastor
7. Mission to the World, Lecce, Italy--Vincenzo Coluccia, organizing pastor

Local Missions

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

Home Missions

Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship--Al Baker
Christian Counseling and Education Foundation
Chaplain Ministries, MNA
The Gospel Coalition

Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA
 Josh Corbitt--Seminary tuition assistance
 The Gideons
 Palmer House for Children, Columbus, GA
 Reformed Worship Conference, Midway, GA
 Twin Lakes Fellowship
 World Missionary Press
 Reformed University Fellowship

1. Savannah College of Art and Design--Martin Antoon, Sarah Schmidt (Intern)
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	Peru Mission, Trujillo, Peru
Alonzo & Esther Ramirez	Peru Mission, Cajamarca, Peru
Dale & Susan Ellison	Peru Mission, Trujillo, Peru
Aaron & Rachel Halbert	MTW church planters, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Roger & Diane Smalling	Bible training in Latin America
The Puritan Project	Reformed Literature Publishers
Joe & Bev Fitzpatrick	Pastor Training, Puerto Rico
Marc & Aline Mailloux	MTW, Caribbean Islands
Henry & Wendy Clay	Navigators World Mission to the Americas (Columbia, South Carolina)
Third Millennium Ministries	Online Theological Education Ministry
Dan & Carol Iverson	MTW Church Planting, Tokyo, Japan
Peter & Diane Bakelaar	MTW Church Planting, Nagoya, Japan
Mission India	Church Planter Training
Chinese Reformed Theological Seminary	Taipei, Taiwan
Vic Bernales	United Covenant Reformed Church, Davao, Philippines
David & Natalie Holsten	Mission Aviation Fellowship, Indonesia
Rosemary Bolton	Wycliffe Bible Translators, Indonesia
Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher	MTW Theological Training, South Africa
Coby & Pamela McGinty	MTW University Ministry, Cape Town, South Africa
Jerry Knight	Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda

Tim & Andrea Kay	Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda
Dr. Nickolay Revtov	Evangelism Explosion Eurasia
Wayne & Ann Curles	Pastor Training, Eastern Europe
Gary & Linda Johnson	International Xchange Organization
Sebastian Heck	Reformation 2 Germany, Heidelberg, Germany
Bill Schweitzer	Gateshead Presbyterian Church, Newcastle, England
Benjamin & Anna Wontrop	Bury St. Edmunds Presbyterian Church, England
Sean Morris	BRITE, Global Ministry Partnership, Roanoke, Virginia
Anna Liebing	Rafiki Foundation, Mzuzu, Malawi
Edwar Ramirez	Peru Mission, Cajamarca, Peru
Sarah Wiggins	RUF Global, Bogotá, Colombia

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

Special Projects

A \$5,000 gift was given toward revising and republishing the Romanian Psalter. The request came from Eugen Tamas, founder and coordinator of *The Psalms Project Romania*.

A \$20,000 gift was given to the building fund of CRPC, Taiwan. The request came from CRPC member, James Chan. James translated *Leading in Worship*, by Terry Johnson, as the 2020 Missions Conference special project.

Missions Conference (February 25-28, 2021)

The theme of the 2021 Missions Conference was “Do not be Afraid,” taken from the words of the Lord spoken to the Apostle Paul in Acts 18:9-10. Our keynote speaker was Pastor Dan Naulty of Faith Presbyterian Church in Jenison, Michigan. Pastor Naulty shared his personal testimony while preaching on themes from John 4:1-42. Tim Shaw delivered the weeknight devotions, and ministry updates were presented by Anna Liebing (Rafiki Foundation) and Jim Talerico (Equipping Leaders International).

The special offering from this year’s Missions Conference was designated toward replacing the chapel roof at the African Bible University campus in Uganda.

IPC Day Camp at Point Pleasant

The 2021 camp served 744 campers over the eight one-week sessions. Seventy-one were IPC covenant children and 673 were non-members. The camp employed 35 high school, college, and college grad staff and six of IPC’s middle school students participated in the volunteer program. Staff meetings were held each Monday night. Dinner was generously provided by parents of various staff members and by the young ladies of the BRD House, three of whom worked at camp. The staff did a Bible study on “Encounters With Jesus in Matthew” over the eight weeks.

Moral Concerns Subcommittee

The 2021 March for Life rally in Washington, D.C. was not held in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic and U.S. Capitol security measures.

Congregational Growth and Care Committee

John W. Garnett & Wallace Milling

The Growth and Care committee is responsible for the welcome of visitors; Inquirers' Class; reception of new members; congregational care of sick, bereaved, and needy members; and various special services.

In 2021, the Covid pandemic continued to impact the congregation of IPC. However, with the ease of Covid restrictions, congregational care was able to reinstate all activities.

During monthly meetings, the deacons and elders reviewed, prayed over, and addressed the needs of the Care Group members. Our committee is aware of many unsolicited and unadvertised acts of kindness and love occurred by congregational members throughout the year.

Reverend Tim Foster led the important work of managing the church membership roll to ensure proper physical and spiritual care of members.

A spring and fall Inquirers Class were offered. The spring class had 55 attendees and the fall class had 23 attendees.

Visitor bags were introduced in 2021 and continued to be given out to visitors with serious interest in learning more about IPC. Visitor registration and prayer request cards continue to be available in the back pocket of each pew. An insert with a QR code was added as an alternative way for visitor registration and prayer requests.

Special services for 2021 included Sanctity of Life Sunday, Heritage Sunday, Maundy Thursday Lessons & Psalms, Thanksgiving, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve.

Communion Season was held in August, featuring Rev. Dr. Bill Barclay of Sovereign Grace PCA in Charlotte, NC. His lessons were from the book of Ephesians. The Lord's Supper was observed during Sunday morning worship during Communion Season.

Thank you to each member of IPC for everything that you do and for your continued prayer and support of our church. Thank you also to the members of the Growth and Care committee for your dedication to the growth and care of the IPC congregation. Serving on the Congregational Growth & Care Committee in 2021 were Tricia Barrett, Lucy Brannen, Kirstie Brodmann, Tim Foster, John Garnett, Wallace Milling, Matt Mullinix and Andrew Parrish.

Finance and Administration Committee

Timothy A. Barrett

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 2021 F&A committee were Tim Barrett (Chairman), Stephen Jackson, Kenneth Crowe, Patrick Kenard, Will Black, and Josh Espinosa.

1. Congregational giving of \$2,425,324.42 combined with funds from trusts, foundations, and other revenues brought the total income for 2021 to \$3,213,086.85.
2. We gave a total of \$597,570.01 to mission causes outside the church
3. We set a target reserve fund of \$2.5M which is now fully funded
4. 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

Timothy A. Barrett

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

Members of the 2021 committee were Tim Barrett (Chairman), Stephen Jackson, Roy Thompson, John Garnett, Mike Hazeltine, Wallace Milling, Greg Brunson, and Josh Espinosa

1. Hired Elise Rustine as assistant to the senior minister.
2. Hired Kenneth Crowe as Director of Camps.
3. Created a position of oversight of Point Pleasant grounds and day camp assistance.
4. Generated performance reviews of the IPC staff and annual merit increases.

Summary of Revenue and Expenses 2021

General Budget Account (Pledges, General Offerings, World Missions, Loose Plate)	\$2,425,324.42
Trusts and Foundations	
Trustees	\$200,000.00
Glasgow Fund	\$34,436.28
Victoria Jenkins (Designated)	<u>\$381,085.07</u>
Total Trusts and Foundations	\$615,521.35
Other Revenues (Interest, Rental, Memorials, Food Service)	\$172,241.08
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,213,086.85
Church Extension (Missions, Church Planting)	\$597,570.01
Personnel and Benefits (Salaries, Benefits)	\$1,313,339.10
Christian Education (Activities, Nursery, WOC)	\$69,529.78
Youth, College and Career	\$62,317.90
Congregational Growth & Hospitality (Congregational Care, Fellowships)	\$91,104.88
Building and Grounds (Maintenance)	\$321,257.05
Reserve Fund	\$361,969.59
Office expenses (Office operations, Utilities, Insurance, PP support, Misc.)	\$395,997.54
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,213,085.85
INCOME	\$1.00

Statement of Net Worth (12/31/21)

Cash – We target 5% of our annual budget to cover periods when expenses exceed congregational giving.
2021 YE = \$ 223,842.91

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 multi-year, we hold some reserve to satisfy those multiyear obligations in below average income years. Our 2021 church plant budget is \$120,000
2021 YE = \$ 113,579.88

Maintenance – Each year the church receives between \$50,000 and \$130,000 from the Jenkins trust to support building development and maintenance expenses. Our 2021 facility maintenance expenditures totaled \$152,559.02, including \$86,700 for Improvement projects:

- Steeple Lighting
- Roofing repair
- Sanctuary Sound System
- Point Pleasant Kitchen

Our 2022 maintenance budget is \$320,000.00 includes steeple lighting, IPC library and exterior campus work on Oglethorpe, which will be financed using Trustee funds.
2021 YE = \$29,456.42

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 2021 we spent \$34,436.28 supporting those activities.
2021 YE = \$ 65,471.87

Christian schools – Each year the church 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

2021 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.

2021 YE = \$ 49,223.39

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

2021 YE = \$ 77,224.20

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

2021 YE = \$116.85

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

2021 YE = \$3,544,808.88

The Diaconate

Mark C. Rustine

Twenty-four men had the privilege of serving the congregation at IPC as deacons in 2021. 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. 2021 was marked by a return to routines similar to those before the pandemic. The Diaconate officers for 2021 were: Mark Rustine (Chairman), Mark Dusek (Vice Chairman), and Patrick Kenard (Secretary and Treasurer). Evan Gear served as our Parliamentarian and provided pastoral leadership. He encouraged us through monthly devotions which focus on Biblical examples of men who served anonymously but faithfully. All deacons served in public roles as ushers, on the audio/video team, or on the safety team. Each deacon also served on one of the following committees with specific focus areas of service:

Worship Assistance Committee, chaired by Brad Fennell coordinated all ushers 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. All Sunday services were live-streamed. Jody Robinson coordinates the audio aspect of our worship services, and Brett Hudson, the video aspect.

Mercy Committee, chaired by Andrew Parrish, 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.

Hospitality Committee, chaired by Matthew Mullinix, encouraged the officers and congregation to warmly welcome visitors. A scannable QR code system was implemented to replace paper visitor cards. This committee also helped coordinate church meal setup and cleanup which included service by deacons at special events.

Stewardship Committee, chaired by Will Black, encouraged the congregation to support the mission and ministry of IPC through giving. After months of having several collection stations throughout the Sanctuary, we returned to ushers passing the offering plates. We observed Stewardship Sunday on Oct. 24, entered a message in the newsletter for that period; and while there was no 'Stewardship Moment' as in years past, Pastor Johnson utilized the theme in his sermon "A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken".

Maintenance Committee, chaired by Clark Gibson (replaced by Todd Rodenberg in July), 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.

Safety Committee, chaired by Rob Kelly, continued to coordinate safety team members to serve during regular and special services in conjunction with police officers hired for the services. The safety committee also addressed specific safety concerns that arose throughout the year.

A number of deacons also served on various church-wide committees as described elsewhere in this report. Finally, each care group is served by two deacons who also coordinate the Sunday evening clean-up duties.

Please take a moment to thank the deacons, particularly those in your assigned care group, for their dedicated service to the church.

2021 IPC Diaconate

Deacon:	Class of:	Office/Committee
Dr. Mark W. Dusek	2021	Diaconate Vice Chairman
Mr. David A. Goeser	2021	Safety Committee Co-Chair
Mr. Brett D. Hudson	2021	Worship Assistance Committee (Video focal)
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	Worship Assistance Committee
Mr. William B. Van Puffelen	2021	Maintenance Committee
Mr. Clark W. Gibson	2022	Maintenance Committee Chairman (moved in July)
Mr. Patrick C. Kenard	2022	Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Matthew M. Mullinix	2022	Hospitality Committee Chairman
Mr. Jody P. Robinson	2022	Worship Assistance Committee (Audio focal)
Mr. Daniel R. Sharpless	2022	Maintenance Committee
Mr. David M. Wade	2022	Safety Committee
Mr. William J. Black Jr. (Will)	2023	Stewardship Committee Chairman
Mr. Jay B. Carpenter III	2023	Mercy Committee
Mr. Brad B. Fennell	2023	Worship Assistance Committee Chairman
Mr. Andrew J. Parrish	2023	Mercy Committee Chairman
Mr. Eric M. Reid	2023	Safety Committee
Mr. R. Todd Rodenberg	2023	Maintenance Committee Chairman (July-on)
Mr. Neal A. Cope	2024	Hospitality Committee
Mr. Warren P. Hill	2024	Mercy Committee
Mr. R. Rob Kelly	2024	Safety Committee Chairman
Mr. Clark M. Rookstool	2024	Maintenance Committee

The Trustees

William J. Monroe, Jr.

The Trustees managed account for IPC began the year of 2021 at a value of \$3,010,979.51 and ended the year 2021 at a value of \$3,544,808.88. During the year our dividends and interest were \$72,851.54. We continue to follow a conservative IPS and support the needs of the church.

Trustees:

Marion T. (Jody) Lanier, III	(Class of 2021)
John R. Toler	(Class of 2022)
William J. Monroe	(Class of 2023)
Frank A. Chisholm, Jr.	(Class of 2024)
Andrew W. Brodmann, Sr.	(Class of 2025)

Point Pleasant Corporation

Francis V. Daniell

2021 marked the return to our beloved Point Pleasant for Sunday evening worship during the summer. What a blessing to again enjoy the beauty of the salt marsh, the refreshing breezes off the water, and the sweet fellowship under the pavilion following our evening worship. If there were nothing else to mention, we would still have much for which to be thankful. There is more – the Egg Hunt and breakfast, Mission Savannah, the IPC Day Camp, two camping retreats by RUF groups (Tommy Park's group from University of North Florida and Marlin Harris' group from Mercer University). The college group and careers group both had events at Point Pleasant (informal gatherings and organized days on the challenge course). Additionally, Point Pleasant served as a venue for several birthday parties for our covenant children. It is hard to imagine the life of our church apart from that wonderful property on Talahi Island. Let us never take it for granted, but continually give thanks to God for it and seek how we might better use it for the growth of His Kingdom.

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