REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF

LAFAYETTE

Annual Meeting

January 25, 2020

"But you shall receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

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PROPOSED AGENDA

I. OPENING

Call to Order----------Adam Niess, Pastor

Praise---------- Psalm 71C

Prayer---------- Adam Niess, Pastor

Roll Call---------- Ken Nelson, Clerk of Session

Adoption of Agenda---------- Adam Niess, Pastor

Adoption of Minutes---------- Ken Nelson, Clerk of Session

II. REPORTS

Pastor---------- Adam Niess, Pastor

Session---------- Ken Nelson, Clerk of Session

Deacon---------- Aaron Hartzler, Deacon

Christian Education---------- Chris Stockwell, Chairman

CORPS @ Purdue Ministry---------- Abby Fisher, Leadership Team

Hospitality---------- Marlene Bibby, Chairman

Jail Ministry---------- Robert Bibby, Chaplain

Social Committee---------- Christy Nelson, Chairman

Youth Ministry---------- Ken Nelson, Co-Leader

Treasurer---------- Bob Sabolich, Treasurer

III. BUSINESS

Presentation and Adoption of 2019 Budget------- Bob Sabolich, Treasurer

Other Business---------- Adam Niess, Pastor

IV. CLOSING

Adjournment---------- Adam Niess, Pastor

Prayer---------- Jeff Kessler, Elder

Praise---------- Psalm 133B

Members and Adherents

December 31, 2019

Members

1) Baek, Peter

2) Bane, Matthew
3) Bane, Isabel
   1. Nehemiah
   2. Isaiah

4) Bibby, Robert
5) Bibby, Marlene
   3. Robert

6) Blackwood, Allen
7) Blackwood, Eleni
   4. Henry
   5. Marian

8) Brenneman, Derek
9) Brenneman, Kristen
   6. Elyse
   7. Sadie
   8. Waylon

10) Cheek, Jeremy
11) Cheek, Jennifer

12) Cottom, Jack

13) Devaney, Nicolas
14) Devaney, Susan

15) Devaney, Thomas
16) Devaney, Pam
   9. Joseph
   10. Nathanael
   11. David

17) Evans, Keith

18) Faris, David
19) Faris, Jerri

20) Fiech, Kurt
21) Fiech, Shelley

22) Fielding, Michael
23) Fielding, Angelina

24) Fielding, Gabriel

25) Fielding, Tony

26) Fisher, Abigail
27) Fisher, Jim
28) Fisher, Helen

29) Fisher, Jim
30) Fisher, Carole
   12. Joel
   13. Naomi

31) Fisher, Rachel

32) Gaeta, Jishshya
   14. Dominic
   15. Jasmine
   16. Rome
   17. Aerayonna
   18. Cyrus

33) Harrison, Ryan
34) Harrison, Sherry
   19. Franklin Love
   20. Xavier
   21. Zander
   22. Lucille

35) Hartzler, Aaron
36) Hartzler, Jennifer
   23. Levi
   24. Nathanael
   25. Lydia

37) Hartzler, Samuel

38) Hartzler, Seth

39) Hill, James
40) Hill, Bonnie

41) Holler, Eric

42) Johnson, Tom
43) Johnson, Nancy

44) Kessler, Jeff
45) Kessler, Karla

46) Kessler, Jordan
47) Kessler, Michelle
   26. Jaxson
   27. Carsen

48) Kessler, Joshua

49) Long, Jennifer

50) Louderback, Vickie

   28. Jordan Treyer

51) Miley, Joseph
52) Miley, Cheryl

53) Nelson, Adalyn

54) Nelson, Ken
55) Nelson, Christy
   29. Mya
   30. Owen
   31. Victor

56) Nelson, Sam

57) Niess, Adam
58) Niess, Anne
   32. Micah
   33. Asher
   34. Ezra
   35. Lilia

59) Overly, Claire

60) Patton, B. J.
   36. Asher Beaver

61) Rhoda, Jack
62) Rhoda, Karen

63) Root, Benjamin

64) Ruckman, Joshua

65) Sabolich, Bob
66) Sabolich, Linda

67) Shively, John
68) Shively, Blythe

69) Steele, Heartfield

70) Stockwell, Chris
71) Stockwell, Linda

72) Stockwell, Nathan

73) Stockwell, Peter

74) Sullivan, Thomas

75) Tan, Tim

76) Wagner, Buck
77) Wagner, Janet

78) Wagner, David

79) Walker, Larry
80) Walker, Maple Ann

81) Webb, Daniel

82) Webb, John

Adherents

1) Woodward, Abraham
2) Woodward, Martha

3) Brenneman, David
   1. Luke
   2. Ethan

4) Cheek, Alijah

5) Emmert, David
6) Emmert, Jennifer
   3. Maris
   4. Malachi

7) Faris, Cargill

8) Fielding, Tony

9) Hanson, Will

10) Mauser, Clara

11) Renfro, Jerome

12) Vargas-Silva, Leslie

13) Werner, Melanie

14) Wilson, Beni
15) Wilson, Rachel
   5. Thomas
   6. Prisca

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAFAYETTE

Congregational Meeting Notes

January 26, 2019

Adam Niess opened the word from Psalm 105 “remembering God’s work among us so we can praise Him.”

Ken Nelson gave the roll call. We reached a quorum.

Moved and seconded to adopt the agenda. Proposed agenda passed.

Moved and seconded to adopt the minutes. Minutes passed.

Pastors Report - Adam Niess

Excited and thankful for being done with year one.

Session report was given by Ken Nelson:

The session has been very thankful for the smooth transition between Pastor Evans and Pastor Niess. 2018 we also saw the end of the building remodel project. We are thankful for the deacons’ work. As a congregation, we need to help with items around the building to help with the deacons’ role. 2018 also saw the 50th anniversary. A big thank you to the 50th anniversary committee. Marlene Bibby reiterated that as well.

The deacon's report was given by Aaron Hartzler:

Aaron reminded that people need to be helping around the building.

Question from Janet Wagoner about how to handle building projects. “At least notify the deacons if a project was being completed.”

Where are we on the resurfacing of the parking lot?

Question on building committee from Christy Nelson—The idea of a building committee was used in the past.

Question was asked about when does the snow removal get completed. We have notified our contract service that it needs to be done before Sunday AM worship and during the week for the dentist office business operations.

Christian Education Report:

Chris Stockwell was not able to be at the meeting. Any questions should be forwarded to him.

Jack Cottom gave the Purdue CORPS report:

Purdue Corps is transitioning leadership from Keith and Melissa Evans to Adam and Anne Niess. Also, new student leaders are involved.

College Winter Conference was held last weekend. H.P. McCracken lead the conference.

Average attendance at most events is about 15.

Marlene Bibby gave the Hospitality Committee Report:

New committee established to help lead the congregation in ways to encourage hospitality inside the church.

The committee will be hosting a baby shower on March 9 at the church for baby Niess.

Bob Bibby gave the Tippecanoe County Jail Report:

39th year of jail ministry.

Changing of County Sheriff. Thankfully the new Sheriff is a believer and open to having the jail ministry.

There is a need for increased women from our church to be involved in the jail ministry. Population of women in the jail has increased tremendously over the past year.

Bob is thankful for the Lord's provision and protection in the work of the jail over the past 38 years.

Question: What is our relationship to the non-RPC members of the jail ministry? "They are under the oversight of Bob as the Chaplain of the Jail."

Bonnie Hill gave the Kids Club Report:

Joanne Evans had been very faithful in helping with the Kids Club. She has since moved away and due to that the decision was made to reduce down to twice/month.

Kids Club is primarily for kids of our church, but it is also open for kids from the community.

They are utilizing curriculum from Awana as primary curriculum during meetings.

Need help this spring.

Jordan Kessler gave the Nursery Report:

A big thank you from the committee.

Ken Nelson gave the Outreach committee Report:

2018 we had our first community cookout. This was attended by 30 from the community. Thank you for all involved.

2018 we also had an update to the website.

2019 we will again conduct a community cookout/have a mailer/and utilize social events as outreach potential.

Allen Blackwood gave the Social Committee Report:

The committee conducted a survey to understand what events would be beneficial and enjoyed by all.

Social Committee would like us to bring friends/ families to social events.

Events are on the calendar.

Need more help on the committee especially since the Blackwoods will be leaving in August.

Sam Hartzler gave the Youth Group Report:

Thanks to the leaders involved. This has been a terrific ministry.

Very strong ministry between the two congregations.

Thank you to the congregation for supporting the Youth Ministry.

Bob Sabolich gave the treasurer's report:

Bob reviewed the 2018 budget.

Motion made and seconded to approve all of the reports.

Bob Sabolich gave the 2019 budget report:

We are budgeting an increase of tithe to $230K

Capital Improvements has been budget very highly. This is predominantly to repair the church parking lot.

In 2019 we increased the congregational giving.

New line items added;- book table and Social Committee.

Question on book table line item. The money is to build up the book table inventory.

Adam Niess commented that there were $400 for book table and an anonymous gift was given of $400.

Question about cushions on pews.

Marlene reported that Hospitality should have been budgeted under Social Committee.

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2019 budget.

Motion made and approved to adjourn.

Jeff Kessler prayed to close the meeting

The congregation sang Psalm 133B

PASTOR'S REPORT

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. (Colossians 1:28-29 NKJV)

As I look back over the past year, this has been my goal as your pastor: to preach Christ by the power of God so that you (and I) will become more like Him. And as I look ahead, this remains my goal for the new year. Paul says in Galatians 4:19 that he labored like a woman in childbirth in order for Christ to be formed in his hearers. That is my mission and prayer in our congregation as well. May the Lord continue the good work He began in us and sanctify us completely!

In 2019, I continued all of my usual responsibilities as your pastor: preaching morning and evening, presiding over worship, moderating the Session, leading the CORPS ministry, visiting folks, practicing hospitality, etc. But instead of recounting all of this for you, I'd like to highlight some things in particular.

With the college students, I began leading my first MIT group (of 5 guys) and began speaking much more frequently at the Friday Fellowship meetings. These two additions have certainly made my life busier, but I believe they have also been fruitful and rewarding. It is a privilege to invest in the young people of our denomination for Christ.

Over the last year, I also spent the first eight months completing our internship with Allen Blackwood. We met weekly for study, encouragement, mentoring, and prayer. I'm grateful for the opportunity to also invest in him and look forward to what the Lord will do with him in the future. Like the college ministry, working with Allen may not directly help our congregation but it does help the broader church of Christ, which is important.

I have also tried to shepherd you well, both publicly and privately. As you know, many of my responsibilities require preparation and time in the office. This is important time and I take it seriously, but I also want to be with you during the week, whether over lunch, visiting in your living room, or meeting for encouragement and discipleship. A good shepherd needs to be with the sheep and I hope you will continue to give me opportunities to do so in the coming year. Always feel free to reach out to me.

Outside of our congregation, I have continued to serve as chairman of our presbytery's Selma Committee, a provisional elder on the Selma RPC Session, and a member of the Candidates and Credentials Committee. I also remain on the RP International Conference Advisory Committee and am currently in charge of the workshops for the 2020 conference.

Looking back over 2019, I am especially thankful to God for three things:
First, I am thankful for the new families He has brought into our congregation. These people are answers to prayer and a great encouragement. As members of the body of Christ, we have much to give them and they have much to give us for our mutual benefit (1 Cor. 12). Please continue to welcome them warmly into your life and build close relationships with them.

Second, I am thankful for the new babies God has given to us - most notably, my daughter, Lilia. These little ones are not walking or talking yet, but they are precious to us all and children of the covenant.

Then, third, I am thankful for the many examples of faithful suffering we have seen. God has brought some significant trials into the lives of our people, and yet through it all we have witnessed faith, joy, and contentment in Christ. This has strengthened my faith and I am sure it has done the same for you as well.

As I look forward to the coming year, I also have three prayers and desires for our congregation:

First, I pray and hope to see God bring even more singles, students, and families into our midst. There are so many people in Lafayette who do not know the Lord or have a church home and I long for them to find both here at RPCL.

Second, I pray and hope to see God increase our devotion and commitment to Him. We live in a world with many things vying for our attention, some of them good and some of them bad. Because of this it can become easy to be distracted in our Christian walk, and yet I wish to see a greater and more single-minded love for Jesus in our lives this year (myself included!).

Then, third, I also pray and hope to see more leadership development in our congregation. As you know, we are most certainly in need of a new deacon or two. But I would also love to see more folks take initiative in ministering to others and set the example for us to follow and join in.

As you enter 2020, please join me in these prayers and endeavors.

Next month will mark my 2nd anniversary as your pastor and I thank the Lord for this honor. In October, you both surprised and blessed me greatly with all of your pastoral appreciation. You have loved and supported my family and me well since we moved here and I hope you feel the same about us. We care for you all and look forward to growing closer to Christ together with you this year. May the Lord keep building His church at RPCL!

With love in Christ,

Adam

SESSION'S REPORT

"And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Ephesians 1: 22-23

The session gives thanks to God for how He is leading and guiding our congregation. As we have entered our 51st year as an organized congregation, we are amazed at how God continues to use us here in North Central Indiana. We are extremely thankful for the relative peace and stability that 2019 brought to us as a congregation.

While 2019 was marked by peace and stability, we still experienced loss and sickness, which God uses to continue to teach us lessons in love and care for each other. In the Spring, God took Lois Long home to be with Him. Lois was a founding member and her love and care for the church was always clearly seen. We have also had several members who are facing cancer and other illnesses. Through these experiences, God continues to encourage us from His Word and teach us the love and care we should have for our church family.

As a session we continue to be very thankful for God's provision of Adam as our pastor and his bringing the Niess family to Lafayette. We have been blessed with Adam's faithful preaching of the Word and his leadership in our congregation.

We continue to be very thankful for the faithful work of our deacons. Bob Sabolich and Aaron Hartzler work tirelessly in the areas of stewardship, and mercy. We are also very appreciative for those who have stepped up to help the deacons in many different areas of ministry. As a session we are still keenly aware that we have a need for more deacons in our congregation. We ask that you continue to pray with us that God would bring the right person(s) to be called to this office.

We continue to be very thankful and appreciative for the work that Carole Fisher does as our Administrative Assistant. She serves our congregation in many ways and has been a blessing to us all.

In the summer, the session conducted a survey, predominantly focused on 2nd hour adult classes, and mid-week Bible studies. The response was very helpful as we considered what classes and bible studies we should offer.

In 2019 the session met as a constituted court a total of 18 times. The session planning retreat was held July 25-27 at the Bibby home.

The congregation received nine new communicant members in 2019, Claire Overly, Seth Hartzler, Adalyn Nelson, Matthew Bane, Isabel Bane, Michael Fielding, Angelina Fielding, Gabriel Fielding, and Tony Fielding.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was conducted six times in 2019.

There were three babies born into the congregation in 2019, Waylon Brenneman, Marian Blackwood, and Lilia Niess.

There were five baptisms in 2019, Waylon Brenneman, Isaiah Bane, Nehemiah Bane, Marian Blackwood, and Lilia Niess.

The Lord took two of our members home in 2019, Lois Long and Gary Brooks. They will be missed, but we celebrate that they are with our Lord!

In 2019 our average morning worship attendance was 95 and our average evening attendance was 58. As of 12/31/19, our current membership is 118 (82 communicant members, 36 baptized members.) Net change in total membership is +1 from 12/31/18.

The session is very thankful for those who serve on committees and in other areas of ministry to our congregation. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please speak with an elder.

Chris Stockwell continues as our Christian Education Chairman. Thank you to all our teachers for all of your work in preparing each week to teach our youth and adults.

Our congregation continues to labor each week at the Tippecanoe County Jail. We faithfully take the gospel message to the jail and Tippecanoe County Work Release on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Bob Bibby has been used for over three decades to lead this ministry. Thank you to the many members of our congregation who diligently and faithfully take the Good News to those in jail.

Purdue Corps (CORPS at Purdue) continues to be a key ministry of our congregation. Adam and Anne Niess faithfully lead this ministry.

Youth Group continues to be a joint ministry with IRPC. The leaders are Ken and Christy Nelson from our church and Zack and Flo Blackwood and David and Anna Allgaier from IRPC.

For the Spring semester of 2019, James and Bonnie Hill continued to lead Kids Club. The session expresses our deep gratitude for their leadership of this ministry for our children. Due to some changes in ministry needs, the session made the decision to not continue Kids Club into the 2019-2020 school year.

During the week, we continue to have several mid-week Bible Studies to encourage fellowship and spiritual growth. If you are not in a mid-week study, we would encourage you to consider joining one of the offered studies.

The Ironmen retreat was again led by our congregation. The retreat was held in April. Our speaker for the retreat was Kyle Simms from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in South Carolina. The leadership of the Ironmen ministry has transitioned from Ken Nelson to Jack Cottom.

In November our congregation hosted a community event “Living with Cancer”, a workshop conducted by Pastor Rich Holderman.

As a session, we continue to be involved in the larger courts of our denomination. Adam was our delegate to Synod, and Adam, Jeff, and Ken served as our delegates to Presbytery. At the synod level, Adam is on the International Conference Advisory Committee, and RPIC workshop committee; Bob is serving on the E&P board, and on the Inmate Membership Committee. At the presbytery level Adam is serving on the Selma Oversight Committee, a provisional elder at Selma, on the Candidates and Credentials Committee; Bob is serving as a provisional elder at 1st RP in Durham; Jeff is on the Pageland RP TGB, Covfamikoi Advisory Committee; and Ken (and Christy) are serving as Covfamikoi conference directors.

We thank God for all these items and ask that you continue to pray for the session as we strive to serve the congregation and seek God’s wisdom.

On behalf of the session,

Ken Nelson, Clerk

DEACON'S REPORT

One primary responsibility for the deacons is in the area of mercy. This year met with a number of church members and distributed funds to address various needs. Also, we met with numerous people from outside the congregation and provided assistance to about thirteen of them. It is somewhat discouraging to help and then not see those who were helped return to worship with us, but we trust that God will use these situations for His glory. Overall spending between members and non-members was split somewhat evenly.

Another responsibility is for the care of the building and grounds. The one major project we planned a year ago was to have the parking lot replaced. In August, the old asphalt was removed and the site was graded to allow proper drainage before the new asphalt was laid down. A sealant was applied to extend the life of the surface and new lines were painted. Total cost for the project was in line with the budgeted amount.

Most of the furnace and air conditioning units over thirty years old, which is well beyond the expected life. Because of the age, repairs have become more costly as replacement parts are difficult to find. Two units were found to require expensive repairs, so they were completely replaced this year. There are four of the old systems still in use, and they will likely need to be replaced in the next year or two.

Additional issues that required attention were repairs to the church roof, the removal of some problem trees, a groundhog colony, and new pole lights. Some of the flowerbeds were overgrown and neglected, so we had the Woodwards do some landscaping work.

As is our custom, a spring and fall work day were planned and accomplished to take care of major maintenance and cleaning tasks. While we see fairly good attendance, it is clear that the bulk of the work is being done by the more aged members of the congregation. There is a lot of work to be done, and we ask that all members make these events a priority in their schedules.

We continue to work to address security concerns and needs. Everyone in the congregation should be mindful of emergency exits and common-sense actions in the event of severe weather, fire, or other hazards. Ushers are reminded to be extra vigilant in performing their duties.

Our congregation has been richly blessed. We have a great place to worship, a level of savings that far exceeds our debt, and many willing hands. While the burden is heavy at times and we continue to pray for additional deacons, we are thankful for the opportunity and ability to serve.

In Christ,
Aaron Hartzler
Bob Sabolich

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Proverbs 9:10
"The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."

The educational ministry of our church has again been blessed with a teaching staff who, together with parents, give of their time and talents in the Bible instruction of our covenant youth. Let all of us keep our staff in our prayers as they prepare lessons each week.

	Spring 2019	Fall 2019
Teaching Staff	First Semester	Second Semester
Preschool-K	Sherry Harrison	(Will Hanson/Cargill Faris) Martha and Abe Woodward
1st-3rd	Bonnie Hill	Linda Stockwell
4th-6th	Jen Hartzler	Jerri Faris
7th – 8th	Jack Cottom	Jack Cottom
High School	Chris Stockwell	Chris Stockwell

Scripture Memorization/ Daily Quiet Times
We continue to make record sheets available for students in 1st grade through high school, on which they may record their quiet times activities of scripture memory and personal reading of the Bible. We have new sheets available for parents to use. It is our goal to assist parents and children to grow in their love of the Lord through the prayerful reading, study, meditation, memorization and application of the Scriptures.

Sunday School Offerings
We continue to encourage our children to remember various ministries with their prayers and offerings each week. These ministries are chosen from our local church, the community of Lafayette, and our denominational causes. We encourage the church to keep these ministries in your family prayers.
Our ministry causes for 2019 - 2020

Sept. -Oct. 2019	CORPS
Nov.- Dec. 2019	Christmas gifts – Angel Tree
Jan.- March 2020	TBD
Apr.-May 2020	TBD

Our goal for each ministry project is to have a speaker come and explain to the students their efforts to serve God.

Psalm and Scripture Memory of the Semester

In the past, each semester the CE Committee selected a Psalm that we encourage families to sing at home. Also, a bible memory passage is selected for the church to memorize. This passage students can use for the scripture memory program in Sunday School.

Psalm of the Semester Changed to Psalm of the Month-

2019 Spring Semester- 119W

2019 Summer – Psalm of Month Begins

June -	Psalm 48A	October	Psalm 149A
July -	Psalm 120A	November	Psalm 124
August	Psalm 44A	December	114A
September	Psalm 81B		

Scripture Memory:

2019 Spring - Romans 6: 1-23

2019 Summer - James 1:16-27

2019 Fall - 1 Corinthians 1:1-19

Initiatives

The Book Table is going through a delayed renovation. Details will be announced.

We have and are actively recruiting new teachers.

Introduction of teachers aids in the younger children's classrooms.

Jerri Faris led the efforts to coordinate with our congregation's Angel Tree Ministry. Gifts were distributed to 20 children in 7 families.

In Christ,

Christian Education Committee

James and Bonnie Hill, Sherry Harrison, Linda Stockwell, Chris Stockwell, Chairman

CORPS @ PURDUE REPORT

This year, CORPS @ Purdue has been led by Adam and Anne Niess who have organized many different activities. Additional two members were added to the leadership team in the fall semester, which are Claire Overly and Calvin Held. Returning members were Abby Fisher, Ellie Faris, Gracie Pike, Jack Cottom, and Tim Tan. For the spring semester, Anastasia Sturm held the role as President and Gracie Pike was the Treasurer. These roles have since transferred to Abby Fisher, as President, and Ellie Faris, as Treasurer. However, we did lose two valuable members, Allen and Eleni Blackwood, as Allen looks to pursue the pastoral ministry. While we were sad to see them go, we wish them many blessings on this journey!

The purpose of CORPS at Purdue is to evangelize, establish, equip, and send students into the world who love God with all their hearts and people as themselves. CORPS' wish is to aid Christians in their dependence on Christ, while having a growing relationship with the church, and to raise laborers in the ministry. We pursue these ends through outreach, weekly activities, as well as inclusion in the local church. To complete this goal, we have our weekly events like Friday Fellowship, Fireside Chat, and other Bible Studies. Also, praise be to the Lord, we have gained several newcomers outside of the Reformed Presbyterian church that attend some of these events. They have added great insight into our studies and bring a lot of fun. The students are also given the opportunity to attend weekly student lunches, hosted by the Lafayette and Immanuel congregates, which is greatly appreciated.

Considering the CORPS studies, CORPS also organizes Bible studies to help equip and establish students in their faith. January through May, Jack Cottom and Tim Tan co-led the guys' Bible Study and Eleni Blackwood and Jenny Long co-led the ladies' Bible Study. This fall a Co-Ed Bible study was led by Cargill Faris and Will Hanson. Both WIT and MIT met this semester, and were led by Adam and Anne Niess. MIT started in the fall semester and focused on the essential needs in a relationship with God through reading "Union with Christ" by Rankin Wilbourne. The WIT group continued their course by going through the fundamentals and memorizing scriptures. This semester's Fireside Chat consisted of Q&A sessions with Adam Niess and Jared Olivetti where they covered questions about Heaven, Marriage/Dating, and Homosexuality that the students submitted.

There have also been several outreach events that the leadership team and students have helped organize. We participated in Boiler Gold Rush, again, where we passed out many event calendars and informational flyers. Throughout the semester, we did a popsicle and hot chocolate stand to inform students about the gospel and our group. The leadership team also planned a variety of events for students to participate in this year. In January 2019, CORPS put on the annual college Winter Conference, with Pastor. H.P McCracken as the speaker. Back in February, the leadership team helped plan a Chopped night at the Ananda apartments, and later that month the Fishers hosted a karaoke night. This fall the team planned a square-dancing night held at David and Anna Allgaier home, and we thank them for their exemplary hospitality.

Niesses also were kind enough to host the annual CORPS Christmas Party in December before finals week.

Overall, it has been a very exciting and fruitful year! We are excited for the physical and spiritual growth that is evident within CORPS @ Purdue, and we appreciate your prayers and support throughout this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abby Fisher, CORPS @ Purdue President

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;
and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."
I John 4:7

As it states in the verse above, we are to love one another. A good way to do this is by showing hospitality toward one another. This is something we should all be doing.

Ways we have done so in 2019 was by sending flowers or planters to several people in the hospital. We generally do this if the person stays for an extended period of time. This is getting more difficult to discern since so many things are now done on an out-patient basis. We also send flowers or planters if a member has lost a loved one (spouse, parent, or child). We have organized meals for several people in the congregation for various reasons. Thank you to those of you who have provided these. It is very helpful to them.

One of the things we also do is organize showers. We do them for new brides and new babies. We planned one for the Niess baby. It was held in the church fellowship hall, where there was food, fellowship, games and crafts, and of course, gifts. If you would like to organize and give a shower this year, please speak with a member of the committee. We have so far been blessed with two pregnancies. It's a great way to show love toward one another and a great time of fellowship for the ladies. The current policy for baby showers is one per family. If we have new families having a child, we hope to have a baby shower for them. Speak with one of us if you would like to help host one.

We sent boxes of non-perishable goodies to Peter Baek and Joe Devaney. They are each in the military. It was appreciated.

In March, we lost a dear member of this congregation in the passing of Lois Long. We provided a pizza meal for the family (60+) for during the visitation time and a partially-catered meal for following the burial. Since Lois was a charter member of this congregation, and Jerri & David are members, we wanted to do something extra. Unexpectedly monies were donated back into our fund by family and friends, so we were able to keep our budget for this to a small amount. We are thankful for the designated donations.

We also gave out a few Psalters to people who were leaving our congregation. We provided a going away cake for Josh Kessler and Peter Stockwell, too. They have been members of this congregation since birth. Josh married and moved to Illinois, and Peter moved to Indianapolis for work. We did several other cakes for people as they were leaving, one being for the Blackwood family as they were moving to Pennsylvania to begin seminary. We like our cake!

October brought ‘Pastor Appreciation Month’ for the congregation to show our pastor how much he and his family mean to this congregation. They were shown love through cards, texts, emails, gifts, and a small reception during second hour. The children wrote on balloons for his office, and the entrance to the church was decorated to show him how much we appreciate him being the shepherd of this local flock.

The students were once again shown our love through monthly meals in our homes and the finals food goodie bags during exam time. We love having them in our congregation. We organized an ‘Adopt A Student’ for the ones who wanted to participate. It was a fun way to get to know the students on a different level. We hope to continue doing this.

We also purchased two Airpot Thermal Coffee Carafe/Lever Action/Stainless Steel Insulated Thermoses for use at church functions. They look nice and take up less space at the Coffee Station enabling the use of some of it for food if desired. <u>If you use them outside of the church building, please be sure to check them out via Carole</u> (our great church secretary!).

If you can think of other ways the committee can encourage hospitality, please speak with one of the committee members. We are open to new ideas.

Serving Him,

Marlene Bibby, Chairman
Carole Fisher
Anne Niess

TIPPECANOE COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:13-14 (NKJV)

Have you ever been really thirsty, needing a wonderfully cool drink of water? Interestingly, once you have it, it does satisfy… at least for that moment, but; indeed you will thirst again.

A number of years ago, Marlene and I had the opportunity to hike in the area around the Dead Sea in Israel. We were able to spend time in the Qumran caves, where the dead scrolls were found and eventually went up to Masada. It was 120^0F, and it was so dry that it was like the water was being sucked out of you. When we made it back down to the base area… our mouths were dryer than I have ever experienced… and of course there was a guy selling bottled water there… knowing we would pay any price for it. We did pay the price and thought the water was better than any we had had before… why… because we were dry beyond compare… we knew we needed that water.

The Samaritan woman that Jesus met, at the well, understood the value of water and knew she had to constantly go to the well to collect it. When Jesus offered her living water, she did not understand. When he offered her water that would cause her to never thirst again… she wanted that water for sure… even though she did not really know what it meant. We go to the jail twice weekly, bringing forth God's Word, hoping that through the work of the Holy Spirit, the men and women who we minister to would indeed thirst for that living water, Jesus Christ. That the Lord would indeed quench their thirst for all eternity. Pray for God to do a mighty work at the jail.

On December 22, 2018, we again were able to bring holiday treats to the inmates. They were happy and thankful to have a treat of soft drinks and homemade cookies. As always, they are touched by this simple showing of love and care for them. As in previous years this holiday treat outreach brings in some inmates who previously have not participated in the ministry, but; show up for treats… and, in God's providence, some continue coming weekly to hear about hope in Jesus Christ.

I am thankful for the ongoing strong relationship with Captain Lehman, he trusts our team, and is very supportive of the ministry. This past year we made the transition to yet another Sheriff, Bob Goldsmith. As I stated last year, he trusts in Christ and is truly in favor of the ministering of God's Word at the jail. Let us be thankful for the continued support of the ministry by the staff.

As in years past… I would ask that you pick up your phone right now and put a reminder on your calendar to pray for us each week, as we minister on Sundays (3:00 – 4:30 PM) and

Tuesdays (7:00 – 10:00 PM) at both the County Jail and the Work Release Facility. I would also ask that you prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to this ministry… we covet your help.

The ministry team at both locations consists of the following:

Ministry to Men (Jail)

Robert Bibby	RPC of Lafayette
Allen Blackwood*	RPC of Lafayette
Zachary Blackwood	Immanuel RPC
Tom Camp*	Harvest Chapel
David Carr*	Immanuel RPC
Howard Clements	Faith Church
Greg Crow	Sycamore RPC
David Daniels	Immanuel RPC
G. Michael Fielding	RPC of Lafayette
Jeff Kessler*	RPC of Lafayette
Lonnie Landess (New in 2019)	Resurrection Presbyterian Church
Jim Lehe	Harvest Chapel
Jerry Mott	Resurrection Presbyterian Church
Jack Rhoda	RPC of Lafayette
Carlos Rivas	Iglesia De Bautista De la Esperanza

Ministry to Men (Jail)...Continued

Andrew Robison	Immanuel RPC
Robert Sabolich	RPC of Lafayette
Robert Schueler*	Faith Church
Chris Stockwell*	RPC of Lafayette
Mark Withers	Community Reformed Church
Abraham Woodward (New in 2019)	Fayetteville Baptist Church

Ministry to Women (Jail)

Alyssa Allen	Freedom Church
Eleni Blackwood*	RPC of Lafayette
Jerri Faris	RPC of Lafayette
Karen Rhoda*	RPC of Lafayette
Jeannette Toler	Lighthouse Baptist Church
Angie Verissimo	River City Church
Barbara White	Covenant Church
Martha Woodward	Bloomington RPC

* Provides back-up when another team member is absent

Participating Churches- Sunday Worship Services (Work Release)

January - March	Arise Christian Fellowship
April - June	Faith Church
July - September	RPC of Lafayette (Chris Stockwell / Ken Nelson)
October - December	Harvest Chapel
Lord's Day back-up	Faith Presbyterian Church

Tuesday Night Bible Study (Work Release)

Mike Bergmann	Faith Presbyterian Church
David Horner	Faith Presbyterian Church
Stuart Robinson	PC USA, Member of Presbytery
Steve Varys	Faith Presbyterian Church

In closing, we thank you for your prayers and financial support for this ministry, providing hope in the gospel, in a place where many men and women have come to believe there is no hope for them.

On behalf of the jail ministry team…

Yours in Christ,

Robert W. Bibby, Chaplain

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2019 the Social Committee planned several social events for our congregation, with the goal of growing in our love and fellowship. In January, the church had a family bowling night. It was well attended and a fun evening for those who came. The annual theme dinner was in February. Once again we were able to enjoy the evening with our brothers and sisters from Immanuel. The theme was “high school” and the evening was full of pictures from the past as well as karaoke. IRPC hosted this event. During the summer we held an afternoon of laser tag. Also during the summer we brought back an old fellowship favorite, our Four Family Feasts. The Four Family Feasts were intended to develop fellowship within our congregation as we dined together in our homes.

The makeup of our committee underwent several changes during 2019 as Allen and Eleni Blackwood moved away, and Claire Overley stepped off, leaving the social committee in need of more people. In the summer Bonnie Hill joined the committee and I joined in October. We hope to have some new, fun, and exciting things for all ages in 2020. We look forward to helping continue this important ministry of fellowship and love for one another.

Christy Nelson, Chairman

Serving with:

Bonnie Hill
Tim Tan
Maple Ann Walker

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

Youth Group continues to be an exciting and active ministry. For Christy and I, this is our 11th school year to be working as youth leaders, and we continue to be personally challenged in our faith, and grow in our love for God as we get to grow in our love for the young people in our church. Each year we are saddened to see the seniors move out of Youth Group, but we are extremely thankful for the friendships that we form with each of the youth. We truly do love being youth leaders and, while it is a very active and involved (and exhausting at times) ministry, it is one that we are thankful that the church has asked us to be involved with.

Our Youth Group continues to be a joint ministry with IRPC. We are thankful for the leaders from IRPC, Zach and Flow Blackwood, and David and Anna Allgaier. We believe this joint ministry works well as it keeps our churches tied together as we are both laboring to advance The Kingdom here in Tippecanoe county. Along with youth from both churches, we also have several young people from the community that come on a regular basis. We are excited to see our students regularly inviting their friends to youth group.

This year we have experienced a significant increase in the number of students involved. We average mid-thirties each week, and if everyone would attend at the same time, we could be over forty young people. It is amazing to see the growth in numbers. As we look to the future, we see our numbers continuing to rise with only two seniors and several 6th graders waiting in the wings. With this growth, we are realizing that we are needing to see more leaders raised up to help with this ministry. Please pray with us that God would raise up more leaders (specifically from Lafayette) to be involved with this vital ministry.

For this school year our theme is “The Mature Christian Life.” We are studying the book *The 24/7 Christian* by Anthony Selvaggio. This book is a detailed study of the book of James. I have found this to be very helpful as we study the practical elements of the Christian life. Around February, we will begin the book by John Piper *Don’t Waste Your Life.* Our prayer is that God will use our studies together to help develop maturity in all of us as we live for Him.

Please continue to pray for the youth. They play a vital role in our church and we need to continue to pray that each of the youth will develop a deep love for God, and for the church.

In Him,

Ken Nelson

BUDGET REPORT

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2019

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
100 RPC Checking	43,060
110 RPC Money Market	101,128
120 RPC Savings	5
Total Bank Accounts	**$144,193**
Total Current Assets	**$144,193**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$144,193**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
215 Deferred Revenue	1,800
Other Payable	1,207
Total Other Current Liabilities	**$3,007**
Total Current Liabilities	**$3,007**
Long-Term Liabilities	
220 Synod Loan Payable	79,895
Total Long-Term Liabilities	**$79,895**
Total Liabilities	**$82,902**
Equity	
300 General Fund	63,481
310 Retained Earnings	0
320 College Ministry Fund	2,977
330 Family Conference Fund	1,041
355 Book Table Fund	854
390 Youth Group Fund	3,630
Net Revenue	-10,692
Total Equity	**$61,291**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$144,193**

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette
2019 Treasurer Report
2020 Proposed Budget

	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Over/Under	2020 Proposed
Income				
Interest	883	600	283	400
Rent	20,400	20,400		21,600
Tithe	235,642	230,000	5,642	230,000
Total Budgeted Income	256,925	251,000	5,925	252,000
Special Gift Income	9,919		9,919	
Total Income	$ 266,844	$ 251,000	$ 15,844	$ 252,000
Expense				
Allowances and Salaries				
FICA	1,078	1,071	7	1,258
Guest Speakers	3,493	3,000	493	3,500
Honorarium - Allen	4,900	4,900		
Housing - Adam	22,200	22,200		22,200
Ministry Expense - Adam	3,849	4,100	(251)	4,100
Ministry Expense - Allen	366	400	(34)	
Pension - Adam	4,200	4,200		4,400
Custodian Salary	4,099	4,000	99	6,240
Office Manager Salary	10,000	10,000		10,200
Pastor Salary - Adam	56,000	56,000		58,900
Total Allowances and Salaries	110,185	109,871	314	110,798
Church Building				
Capital Improvements	76,524	52,324	24,200	20,000
Furniture & Equipment	2,194	6,000	(3,806)	4,000
Insurance	3,868	4,000	(132)	4,000
Interest Expense	2,435	2,571	(136)	1,754
Maintenance	15,001	10,000	5,001	12,000
Supplies	4,431	5,000	(569)	4,500
Utilities	10,493	12,000	(1,507)	12,000
Rental Expense	3,381	2,500	881	2,500
Total Church Building	118,327	94,395	23,932	60,754
Congregational Giving				
Gifts	58	800	(742)	800
Matrix	200	200		200
Miscellanous Missionary	525	700	(175)	700
Presbytery Assessment	3,711	3,711		2,696
Synod Assessment	5,373	5,373		5,652
RP M & M	6,000	6,000		6,500
RP Seminary	2,000	2,000		2,500
RTF	1,000	1,000		1,000
RP Global Mission	3,500	3,500		4,500
Trinity Mission	500	500		500
International Students Inc				1,800
Total Congregational Giving	22,867	23,784	(917)	26,848

Ministry Expense				
Administrative	3,129	1,500	1,629	3,200
Christian Ed	2,125	2,000	125	2,200
College Ministry	182	2,500	(2,318)	2,500
Hospitality Committee	1,033	1,000	33	1,700
Social Committee	1,022	1,500	(478)	1,500
Jail Ministry	2,071	3,500	(1,429)	3,500
Mercy Ministry	3,991	3,000	991	3,500
Nursery	77	200	(123)	200
Outreach	140	1,300	(1,160)	500
Session	357	1,200	(843)	1,000
Session Conferences	833	1,000	(167)	1,000
Ironmen	1,027	1,000	27	1,000
Theological Education	1,065	1,500	(435)	1,500
Youth Group	(372)	1,500	(1,872)	1,000
Book Table	259	250	9	300
Total Ministry Expense	16,939	22,950	(6,011)	24,600
Total Budgeted Expense	268,318	251,000	17,318	223,000
Fund Transfer Expense				
Special Gift Expense	9,218		9,218	
Total Expense	$ 277,536	$ 251,000	$ 26,536	$ 223,000
Net Income	(10,692)		(10,692)	29,000
Extra Mortgage Paydown				(29,000)
Net Income After Mortgage Paydown	$ (10,692)		$ (10,692)	$ -