

Annual Report 2014 of the Independent Presbyterian Church

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**Independent Presbyterian Church
In Memoriam
2014**

Adam Brandon Bauer	March 2, 2014
Stephen Robert Kirkpatrick	March 10, 2014
James (Jim) Angus McCune	April 8, 2014
Walter Charlton Hartridge II	April 23, 2014
George Wilson Lindsay, Jr.	May 11, 2014
Mr. Richard David (Rich) Eckman	June 1, 2014
Mr. Robert Dennen (Bob) Wickwire	June 23, 2014
Mrs. Joan Cope Paéz	Aug. 31, 2014

Review

Christian Education and Music

1. Our nurseries are staffed with a combination of church volunteers and paid workers. 140 church members served this year on a rotating basis. There are four teams of women who teach our 2-year-old and 3-year-old Sunday School Classes. Mrs. Dennis Boatright (Jane) served as Nursery Director.
2. Rachel Garnett and Abby Johnson served as Summer Interns. They assisted Paul Rodgers with the Youth Ministry.
3. Family Activities included Spring Egg Hunt on March 30, and the Fall Festival on October 31.
4. Mrs. Rob Kelly (Allison) gave leadership and organized the schedule for the Children's Church Ministry.
5. High School and College graduates were recognized on June 1. High School graduates were presented with a ESV Study Bible.
6. The Service of Lessons and Carols on December 14, featured the adult and children's choirs with 543 in attendance (vs 600 last year). The annual Christmas Buffet followed the service. The Christmas Eve service had an attendance of 659 (vs. 693 last year).
7. Participated in Operation Christmas Child for a fifteenth year.
8. Average attendance in Sunday School was 288 (285 last year).
9. A total of 99 children have completed Level I (the Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments) since 1994. In 2014, they were: Grace Elizabeth Jackson, Laura Candice Jackson, Michael David Hazeltine, Jr., Elliot Hamilton Moody, James Michael Spencer, Eppie Allen Key, Helen Cameron Shine, Emma Grace DeMott, Joseph Mills Gross, Ethen Andrew Crowe, and Samuel Bennett Miles. A total of 31 children have completed Level II (*The Catechism for Young Children*) since 1993. In 2014 they were Jonathan Bennett Shine. 32 children have passed Level III (*The Shorter Catechism*) since 1996.
10. Family worship and learning of Psalms and Hymns were encouraged through the newsletter, completing in 2014 our 22nd year of this program.
11. The Chapel Choir is composed of between 30-45 members. The children's choirs sang together on a variety of songs in the Lessons and Carols service and on several other occasions.
12. The Cherub Choir (1st - 2nd grade children) meets on Sunday mornings and is learning the fundamentals of good singing. They consistently learned the Hymn of the Month and sang with the Chapel Choir in the Lessons and Carols service.
13. The Youth Choir (7th - 12th grades) completed its sixth year with 20 young people participating. In April they had their sixth choir trip singing at the morning worship service at the Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons, GA and in the evening at the Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Brunswick, GA. They sang at the annual Lessons and Carols service and throughout the year in both the morning and evening worship services. The choir was accompanied by Tevis Garnett.

14. The Handbell Choir with 14 members regularly contributed to the worship services, particularly during the Christmas season. It is directed by Mrs. Greg Brunson (Edith).
15. A number of young people participated in our worship services using their musical gifts. Several played the piano, cello, violin, clarinet, trombone, and a variety of small groups sang. During the Summer, Men's and Women's choruses sang for several services.
16. The Sanctuary Choir was composed of 38 members in 2014. The choir has a strong commitment to excellence and blessed to have a unified spirit and desire to serve the Lord.

Middle and High School

1. Numerous volunteers from I.P.C. are involved in the lives of our teens on a weekly basis. These volunteers taught Sunday School, led small groups, and helped on Wednesday nights.
3. Youth events and retreats this past year included: Winter Retreat at Little Ocmulgee State Park, a youth choir trip, Lady and the Tramp Night, Senior Roast, Edge Conference, Linville Gorge camping and hiking, Oyster Roast and Hayride, and Youth Christmas Party.
4. In July our first annual Mission Savannah was held. Thirty-six students stayed at Pt. Pleasant for a week of Bible study and service to the community.
5. Elissa Hunter replaced Mrs. Joanna Wright as Youth Assistant in June, 2014. Rachel Garnett and Abby Johnson served as Youth Summer interns.

Congregational Growth and Care

1. The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday was observed on January 19. For the 22nd year, we sponsored a bus load of people sent to Washington, D.C. for the "March for Life," January 22 and participated in the city-wide "Life Chain" on October 5.
2. Georgia Day and the Kirkin' O' the Tartan services were held on February 9, and May 11, respectively. Many thanks to Don McLaurin, Dean Horstman and their helpers for organizing these services and in the work of displaying the Tartan Banners.
3. Maundy Thursday was observed on April 17, with a service of "Lessons and Psalms" followed by the Lord's Supper.
4. Summer Bible Studies were held at (5) different homes throughout Savannah and the South Carolina low country. James 3 was studied and was a wonderful opportunity for growth and fellowship.
5. Our Fourth annual Communion Season services was held on August 7-10. The Rev. H.B. Charles, Jr., pastor-teacher of the Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL preached a series of messages preparatory to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on August 10.
6. On January 8-9, Dr. Read Schuchardt, a professor at Wheaton College, lectured on *The Seven Vices of the Virtual Life*.
7. Our annual Reformation Sunday was observed at the morning service on October 26. The Thanksgiving service was observed on Sunday evening, November 23. Mr. Johnson preached a sermon entitled, "In Everything Give Thanks," from Phil 4:10-13.

8. A Veterans Appreciation Lunch was held on November 8, at Pt. Pleasant to recognize the men and women who currently serve or have served in our nation's armed forces with over 100 in attendance.
9. Special thanks to our ladies who serve as our greeters before the Morning Worship Service. They hand out recognition stickers, brochures, as well as collect visitor information for the pastoral staff; those visiting the shut-ins and ill; the prayer chain faithfully maintained by Julie McDougall; Laurel Brewer, flower chairman; and Carolyn Hodges who organized the Christmas decorations.

Missions

1. The Missions Conference was held March 20-23, with the theme, *Built Together into a Dwelling Place for God*, taken from Eph 2:19-22. The Rev. Jon Payne, church planter, was the keynote speaker. Visiting Missionaries included: Rev. Bill Schweitzer, Rev. Justin Clement and Rev. Toon Yeo. A special offering was taken to publish a Chinese translation of Mr. Johnson's book on *Reformed Worship*.
2. RUF at SCAD concluded its seventeenth year with involvement of over 100 students. The Rev. Soren Kornegay began his second year as RUF Minister for the Savannah School of Art and Design. I.P.C. is a strong supporter of this ministry. Mr. Kornegay is the fourth RUF minister for SCAD.
3. The Victoria Jenkins trust has financially supported the planting of churches in Sheffield, England, Corona, CA, Newcastle, England, Viterbo, Italy, South Shore of Boston, MA, Clovis, CA, Heidelberg, Germany, Beaufort, SC, and Charleston, SC.
4. Associate Pastor, Ron Parrish, led a Medical team to Trujillo, Peru in October. In December, Frankie Daniell led a team to conduct a Day Camp in Trujillo, working with a team from Twin Lakes Camp of Jackson, MS.
5. Approximately 25% of the annual budget went to support 15 local missions; 21 Home Missions; 31 world missionaries and 6 church plants.

Session

1. The Session continued its spiritual care and oversight of the congregation through 12 Care Groups.
2. Elders William Brodmann, Richard Marting and Eric Robyn completed their six-year terms on the Session. Richard Mullinix and William Brodmann, Jr. were election in November to a full six-year term. William Austin was elected to serve until 2016.
4. The Session continued to conduct its business through the Christian Education, Missions, Congregational Growth and Care, Finance and Administration and Personnel committees.
5. Elder Dennis Boatright completed his fourth year as Clerk of Session.

Deacons

1. The Diaconate had a membership of 28 men for 2014. Francisco Orellana served as Chairman, Kevin Heritage as Vice-Chairman, and Andrew Gibson as Secretary.

2. The Worship Assistance Committee, chaired by Will Brodmann, Jr., ensured the smooth and efficient functioning of our worship services through deacons and non-deacons alike. This involved ushering, audio, collecting and securing the offerings, wheelchair lift, communion set-up and other needed support.
3. The Maintenance Committee led by William Van Puffelen worked with Church Facilities Manager, Jeff Powell, and later Josh Espinosa, Church Administrator, oversaw the maintenance of all church buildings, grounds and vehicles.
4. The Mercy Committee under the leadership of David Wade provided various kinds of help for a number of members and non-members. This was done directly and through the care groups.
5. The Stewardship Committee led by Stephen Jackson, worked with the F & A Committee producing materials and informing the congregation about the financial and renovation needs of the church.
6. A Communications Committee was chaired by Garry McKee and facilitated communications between deacons, the congregation and people outside the church. Having completed its mandate it was disbanded in 2014.
7. Hospitality committee was chaired by Mark Dusek and with assistance from the care groups organized the Low Country Boil, Barbecue and weekly suppers downtown and at Pt. Pleasant.

Point Pleasant Day Camp and Corporation

1. Eight one-week sessions were held between June 4, and August 2. 642 camp spots were filled: 116 (18%) by IPC members and 526 (82%) by non-members.
2. Camp employed: one director and one assistant director for a period of eight weeks and 36 high school and college (and older) staff for periods ranging from one to eight weeks. The program for middle school volunteers (I.P.C. members only) continued this summer with nine participating. We hosted four college students from the Glasgow City Free Church of Scotland for a month.
3. Twelve scholarships were given in varying amounts totaling \$1,800.00. Eight Scholarships were given to children from the Urban Hope Ministry. Thanks to all who contributed to the scholarship fund.
4. The camp program included Bible, Sports and Games, Swimming, Challenge Course, Arts and Crafts, Canoeing and Kayaking, BB riflery, as well as other assorted activities. Most popular new event was Crate Climbing (Octoball was a close second).
4. Facilities continue to get much use during the summer months including Sunday evening services, youth groups and a variety of other groups.
5. The deep-water dock continues to be put to good use for canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, crabbing, etc. Its function as a meeting place, launch point for canoeing and kayaking, platform for swimming/diving/jumping in Turner's Creek has made it an invaluable part of our camp program.
6. A number of events were held at Pt. Pleasant throughout the year including Missions Conference, Egg Hunt, W.O.C. retreats and teas, care group meetings, youth group activities, Sunday School class parties, RUF gatherings, Veritas events, and the use by members of the congregation.

7. Many church volunteers gave of their time participating in clean-ups throughout the year including two Deacon work days.
8. Several improvements were made to the property in 2014: swimming pool deck resurfaced and new sliding board installed, benches made on the deep-water dock. Three young men completed Eagle Scout projects: Hunter Boatright built a new sand volleyball court. Tim Garnett developed a campsite on the island with a tent pad, picnic table, and fire ring, and Marc Biemiller refurbished the swing set, improved the landscaping, and built a new bench swing by the pool.
9. A much needed tractor was purchased with front loader, bush hog, and a road maintenance implement. Thanks to the generous donor.

W.O.C.

1. The W.O.C. is organized around ten committees: hospitality, outreach, meals for new mothers, visitation, front door greeters, showers for first-time mothers, Christmas baskets for shut-ins. Sanctuary decorating (Christmas and Easter).
2. A retreat was held in February on Hilton Head Island with Mrs. Al Baker (Wini) as the speaker.
3. Hosted luncheon for visiting missionary wives during Missions Conference.
4. In September there was a W.O.C. meeting and luncheon tea. Over 100 women of all ages filled the assembly room at Point Pleasant. Mrs. Jeff Sutton (Wendy) was the speaker.
5. In November, a “Holiday Hospitality” event was held in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies brought their favorite dessert or hors d’oeuvres to share. Mrs. Tim Scharold (Debbie) and Mrs. Stephen Jackson (Susan) led the meeting.
6. Three circles met once a month meeting the needs of various ages. Two weekly Bible Studies met throughout the year. The Tuesday morning study is taught by Mrs. Richard Marting (Peggy). A Bible Study for young mothers also met on Tuesday morning.
7. Baby showers were hosted for first-time mothers throughout the year.
8. In November care packages for our out-of-town college students and soldiers were assembled and mailed. Cookies were provided for the Wednesday RUF SCAD Bible Study that meets each Wednesday at I.P.C. Weekly meals were prepared for women at the Living Vine maternity home.
9. This year several Saturday morning brunches were hosted for women who were new members.
10. Greeters welcomed visitors before the 11:00 a.m. service. Many of our ladies participated in a flower ministry, delivering the Sunday flowers to elderly or sick members.
11. In December the sanctuary and fellowship hall were decorated by a team of ladies Mrs. Robert Dykema (Pam) prepared gift-baskets to shut-ins and they were delivered by Middle and High School students.
12. The Intercessors’ group prayed faithfully throughout the year at the church. An email prayer chain was managed by Mrs. Julie McDougall.

Finance and Administration (& Personnel)

1. Total Tithes and Offerings was \$1,934,634.00. Adding income from Memorial, Trusts, Interest, etc., brought the total revenue for 2014 to \$2,561,835.00.
2. We gave a total of \$542,776.00 to missions and church plants.
3. Because of the outstanding giving all year we ended the year with all current bills paid and commitments met.
4. Completed numerous maintenance projects.
5. Mrs. Karen Hansill was hired as the Senior Minister's Secretary replacing Mrs. Debbie Parker, who retired after many years of faithful service.
6. Miss Elissa Hunter was hired in June, as part-time Youth Administrative Assistant.
7. Mr. Josh Espinosa was hired as our new Director of Administration.
8. Mr. Dale Hinely served his seventh year as Financial Secretary.
9. Appreciation is expressed to Bill and Donna Best who serve as volunteer print crew for the bulletin and newsletters.
10. Mrs. Kay Heritage, Miss Cheryl Murray, and the kitchen staff provided delicious meals throughout the year for Men's Prayer Breakfast, Sunday evening, Wednesday noon and special events. The food service is an important support to our ministries and our thanks is given to Mrs. Heritage and staff for their faithful service.
11. Mrs. Kay Heritage stepped down from her position as Food Service Manager after many years of faithful service. Jeff Powell left the church's employment in June after a decade of faithful service.

Trustees

1. The balance of the Trustee's account on December 31, 2014 was \$2,746,706.44. The account is managed by SunTrust.
2. The Trustees distributed \$2000.00 per year to Christian Education.
3. During the year the Trustees pledged \$350,000.00 to the Expanding Our Tent Campaign, \$45,000.00 loan to help an eligible employee transition to I.P.C., and \$752,516.00 to repair the steeple.

Senior Minister's Report

One year ago we faced major challenges coming off a disappointing 2013. More accurately, we suffered through a difficult stretch from the fall of 2012 to fall 2013. Looking back, by God's grace we dodged a bullet or two, the human credit for which I place squarely on the shoulders of our leadership, your elders and deacons. They met the challenges put to them and stood firm. They are not easily swayed. Coming into 2014 we saw some changes that we needed to make. Several of these had potential to be divisive, or at least disillusioning for one group or another. Yet as we stand on the verge of 2015, we can give thanks to the Good Shepherd for the paths that He made straight, and the consensus at which we have arrived. Two thousand and fourteen was a year in which we laid foundations for fruitful ministry in 2015 and on into the future.

Renovations

The first major task to tackle was the inadequacy of our downtown facilities (excepting our meeting house, of course). As a land-locked church we have long wrestled with limited space coupled with an abundance of under-utilized space (chapel, garden, Wilson-Axson room). We struggle to fit half of our Sunday morning attendance in our fellowship hall and lack an effective large classroom (with 150-250 capacity). Add to this our packed-house Sunday nights at Point Pleasant and one can appreciate these choke-points limiting the potential growth of our church. Following the brilliant public presentations by Christian Sottile and his associates of both the historic use of our buildings and proposed remodeling, the congregation voted without dissent to approve the \$3.4 million program on Palm Sunday, April 13. So far (December 2014) we have raised just shy of \$3 million (\$2,986,934) from all sources, taking us far down the road of accomplishing this needed work.

Administration

Your ministers are pastors, not accountants, managers, or administrators. We were educated to feed the sheep and guide the flock. We can do administrative work, but none of us thrive there. Your session voted at the end of 2013, to expand the job description of our plant manager to include management of the office staff, and, in effect, to manage the whole ministry of the church. I resisted, openly scoffing at the likelihood that we would find someone who was "one of us" and so would "get us." How could we possibly turn over so much responsibility and authority to anyone who was not enthusiastic about the ministry of a church that, frankly, is quirky by today's standards? He would have to be theologian enough to understand what it means to be Presbyterian and Reformed. He would have to be devout enough to comprehend our priorities. He would have to be churchman enough to understand our commitment to "ordinary means." And, of course, he would have to be skilled in administration. "Mission impossible," were the words I used to describe this fool's errand.

On June 1 Josh Espinosa reported for work. He is one of us. He's not one of us: he's highly skilled in organization, technology, internet, communication, publications, plus experienced in overseeing building projects and landscaping. He's Reformed, Presbyterian, and "ordinary means." I feel compelled to say as well, though Josh is not ordained, he is exceptionally pastoral in his approach to life including administration. I'm not given to hyperbole. Still, Josh has been an extraordinary provision for our congregation. Coupled with the addition of Paul Rodgers in August 2013, the Lord has blessed us way beyond what we deserve.

Communications

The problems of coordinating our publications, managing the website, what marketers call "branding," came to a head in our October 2013 staff retreat. Session formed an *ad hoc* committee to make recommendations and develop our "look." Kay Heritage came on as publication staff January 1, 2014, for six months in order to help lead these developments. Vast improvements were made in our newsletter and a new logo was approved. The work of the committee was handed over to Josh. We have begun under his leadership to make effective use of social media. Improvements continue.

Church Constitution

This brings us to our fourth major concern. The relationship between the officers and trustees of the church has been a point of tension for at least 140 years. Serious controversy embroiled the church in the 1870's and 80's (see *Holding Aloft the Torch*, chapter XII). Changes in constitutional documents were made in 1888, several times in the early twentieth century, and again in 1960, 1990, and 1998. The Acts of Incorporation were formulated in 1806, then amended in 1821 and 1959.

The latest round of discussions was launched in 2012 when the question of the trustees' fiduciary responsibilities, even legal liabilities, was raised. Discussions continued in 2012 and 2013, culminating in a decision by the Session in January of 2014, to hire attorneys Drew DeMott, a member of I.P.C., and Ken Wingate, an elder at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, and Trustee of Erskine College and Seminary. We presented to them our concerns:

1. There are a number of internal inconsistencies in our documents that need to be harmonized (e.g. what is meant by "church," "members," "meeting").
2. There are a number of redundancies that need to be eliminated for the sake of clarity. This is particularly true in the case of the By-Laws.
3. There are a number of ambiguities that have led to confusion over the years as to the relative roles and authority of the session, the diaconate, and the trustees.
4. There are conflicts with Scripture that need to be eliminated. Scripture is identified as the rule of faith and practice in the preamble to our constitutional documents, which are "subordinate to Scripture," yet our constitutional documents fail to spell out the role of the biblical office of the diaconate. In practice this has meant that at times I.P.C. has had no diaconate, at other times a non-functioning diaconate, with many of its tasks being assigned to the trustees. It also has meant that at times the Session, to which Scripture assigns final authority (as in the preamble to By-Laws), has wrestled with the trustees for governing authority in the church.

Wingate and DeMott were asked to assist the church in 1) bringing about internal consistency between Scripture, our constitutional documents and acts of incorporation, and 2) bringing our documents up-to-date with the requirements of the State of Georgia.

Many hours were spent by your pastors revising documents, meeting with the lawyers, and meeting with the officers and trustees. Finally, a consensus was reached at the end of August, the results were presented to the congregation for comment and review on September 16 and the revised documents will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 15, 2015, for final approval.

Intern and college ministry

Session approved an expanded intern program in January. We plan to have as many as five in any given year, summer and year long. We sense the need to have more full-time hands working in ministry, especially with the exceptionally strategic and vulnerable youth through post-college age group.

Not only have we approved of an expanded intern program, but we have also approved of a new approach to college ministry. We envision bringing a Campus Outreach or Campus Outreach-type ministry team, eventually consisting of a director and several team members. All three major campuses, SCAD, Savannah State, and Armstrong, will be targeted. We will continue to support RUF at substantial levels. It has a valuable ministry in its own right, reaching sixty plus students each week. Our new approach is a plus, not a minus. The differences are, the team will be *our* team, and it will have in view all of Savannah's college students.

Looking ahead

“The unity of the Spirit is the bond of peace” has been maintained in 2014, guiding us through each of these challenges. January 25, we will say goodbye to Christ Church, with whom we have shared our facilities since December 2011. These have been three nearly trouble-free years occupying the same space with the Anglicans. To the very end they have been the “invisible church.” If we had to do it over again we would, without hesitation.

Still, our remaining “choke point” has been parking, exacerbated by the extra 250 worshippers and their cars on Sunday morning. Having additional parking beginning in February cannot but help our ministry.

Personal matters

One’s personal life and ministry are not easily separated. For example, my substantially revised and expanded Doctor of Ministry dissertation was finally published in 2014 by Evangelical Press, an English publisher. It seems only publishers across the pond are willing to publish my work (Banner of Truth and Christian Focus are both in Scotland). *Worshipping with Calvin* began as lectures at the Banner of Truth Conference in 2001 at Westminster Theological Seminary in California. From there it grew and grew and grew, primarily under Dr. Hughes Old’s tutelage at Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, South Carolina. The Doctor of Ministry was awarded in 2008. Finally, in 2014, six years later, thirteen years since the project began, it was presented to the public in April. I’m grateful to have the weight of it off of my shoulders, though Part II is in the works, entitled *Serving with Calvin*, the implementation part of the principles of *Worshipping with Calvin*. Also, a short pamphlet entitled, *Contemporary Worship*, was published at the end of the year by the Banner of Truth Trust.

For the family, this has been a year of big events. First, in January, Sam was admitted to the Officer Candidate School of the United States Marine Corps. He was commissioned upon completion of the course in March, then entered the Marine Corps’ six-month “Basic School,” and finally, the grueling three month “Infantry Officers’ Course,” from which he graduated on December 19. Mid-January he joined his unit at 29 Palms, California, for nine more months of further training, and then (so his orders now read) be deployed to the Middle East in September.

Second, Sally was engaged on December 13, to be married to Mr. Peter Girgis of Chicago. Peter is a graduate of Wheaton College and was a classmate of Drew’s. He is in dental school, from which he plans to graduate in May of 2016. A wedding is planned for September.

Third, our baby Ben went off to Georgia College in Milledgeville in August. Emily and I are now officially empty nesters, after 26 years of child-rearing. Life moves on, the years roll by. We are a blessed family and a blessed church, though at times our tears are shed for a past that is gone and never will return.

Terry Johnson

Summary of Senior Minister's Work – 2014

Preaching and Teaching

Teaching:

Inquirers' Classes (2)	13
Chatham Bible Study	24
Veritas Academy, History	62
Berean Sunday School Class	0
Emmaus Sunday School Class	0
Agape Sunday School Class	1
Twenties Sunday School Class	1
Youth Group	0
RUF	0
College	5
College Sunday School	6
Drug Rehab Bible Study	5
Covenant 20's	1
Officers' Training	0
<i>Westminster Confession of Faith</i> Sunday School	10
Reading Club	12
Prayer Meeting Devotional	42
"Historic Reformed Ministry: Pitfalls to Avoid," Twin Lakes	1
"Singing Psalms: An Aid to Preaching"; "Reformed Worship: Mistakes to Avoid"	
"Symposium for Q & A" workshops at the Reformed Worship Conference, Powder Springs, GA, October 23-24	3
"Christianity" – Savannah Co. Day School - Mar. 25	<u>1</u>
Total	187

AM Preaching:

1. Luke 12:35-48 – 17:5-10 (C – CXXX)	31
2. Others*	<u>9</u>
Sub-Total	40

PM Preaching:

1. The Identity & Attributes of God (IX - XXX.)	21
2. Others**	<u>4</u>
Sub-Total	25

Other Preaching:

"Righteousness and Peace Kiss," Psalm 85:10 (Maundy Thursday (4/17)	1
Dean/Davis Wedding (11/15)	1
Narveson/Pitts Wedding (12/6)	1
Woodruff Road Bible Conference (5/3-4) *4 sessions	<u>4</u>
Total Other Sermons	7

Total Sermons 72

Total Teaching/Preaching 259

*Other A.M. Sermons include:

- “On Being Incarnational,” Romans 12:1-3 (1/19) (Sanctity of Human Life Sunday)
- “The Resurrection Changes Everything,” 1 Cor 15:1-22 (4/20 – Easter)
- “Motherhood,” 1 Tim 2:8-15 (5/11) (Mother’s Day/Kirkin’)
- “Enlarging the Place of Our Tent,” Isa 54:2 (5/18)
- “Fathers: Bring Them Up in the Lord,” Eph 6:1-4 (6/15 – Father’s Day)
- “We Have This Ministry,” 2 Cor 4:1 (11/23) (Ordination and Installation of Officers)
- “What Jesus Came to Do,” Mt 1:18-24; 3:17-20 (12/21) (Christmas)
- “The Pursuit of God,” 1 Tim 6:7-12 (12/28) (New Year)

**Other P.M. Sermons include:

- “In Everything Give Thanks,” Phil 4:10-13; 1 Thess 5:18; 1 Tim 6:6-10 (11/23)
- “Lessons and Carols Meditation,” (12/14)
- “God Has Spoken,” Heb 1:1, 2 (12/24 Christmas Eve)

Writing

Books/Booklets

of Pages

<i>Worshipping With Calvin</i> published by Evangelical Press, May 2014	433
“Jesus and the Church,” <i>Tabletop</i> magazine article published in July 2014	2
<i>Contemporary Worship: Thinking About its Implications for the Church</i> – booklet published by Banner of Truth Trust, October 2014	23

Newsletter articles:

Potato Heads 1 – February 2014	5
Engaging with Keller – March 2014	2
2 nd Lt. Samuel Lewis Johnson – April 2014	5
What If? – May 2014	4
Potato Heads 2 – June 2014	5
The Next Dark Frontier – July 2014	6
Prayer and Provisions – August 2014	5
Christian Motivations – September 2014	3
The Son of My Right Hand – October 2014	4
Christian Motivations 2 – November 2014	3
Relative Righteousness – December 2014	4

Pamphlets:

New:

XCVII.- CXXX. Luke 12:22–117:10, 24 pamphlets	320
VII. - XXVIII. The Identity & Attributes of God, 8 pamphlets	252
“Saved Through Childbearing”	14
“Fathers: Teach Your Children”	<u>14</u>

Total Number of Pages (new writing) 1104

Reprints:

“Five Points of Calvinism” – 100	46
“The Identity of the Christian: How Are We As Christian to Define Ourselves?” – 30	58
“An Evangelical and Reformed Faith” – 85	34
“The Nurturing of Christian Piety” – 35	12
“Our Order of Service” – 110	12
The Identity and Attributes of God: “Our Triune God” – 3	24
The Identity and Attributes of God: “Our Creator God” – 5	24
The Identity and Attributes of God: “The Study of God” – 15	17
“Living Wisely” – 25	18
“The Stones Cry Out” – 30	14
“The Christian Use of Visual Art in Worship” – 50	<u>24</u>

Total Number of Pages (reprints) 283

Pastoral Contacts

Counseling	149
Hospitals	18
Visitors Calls	22
New Member Interviews	<u>42</u>
Total Contacts	231

Boards, Committees, and Organizations

Coastal Empire Reformed Fellowship
MNA Committee, Savannah River Presbytery
Savannah River Presbytery
Steering Committee of the Twin Lakes Fellowship
Board - Westminster Theological Seminary at California
Reformation Worship Conference Steering Committee

Weddings – Baptisms – New Members 2014

Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Clark M. Rookstool (nee Abigail McKee)	October 18, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Peters (nee Dylan Kornegay)	November 1, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ting (nee Madison Thomas)	November 15, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Neal A. Davis (nee Katie Dean)	November 15, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Chris G. Narveson (nee Kelli Pitts)	December 6, 2014

Baptisms

Clara Elizabeth Crowe	March 2, 2014
William Jerrold (Liam) Black III	May 18, 2014
James Adger Saleeby	June 8, 2014
Ian Shepherd Hazeltine	June 15, 2014
Mason Forrest and Nolan Blake Klajnbart	August 24, 2014
Matthew Shannon Barlow	September 21, 2014
Colin Monroe Wright	October 12, 2014
Leila Emily McAllister	November 2, 2014
Jackson Brian Gift	November 2, 2014
Esther Joy and Hannah Grace Goeser	November 30, 2014
Lillian Erin McCaffree	December 7, 2014
MacLean (Mac) Lyle Barrett	December 28, 2014

New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Winge (Saundra)	January 19, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Brannen (Lucy)	March 9, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Eckman (Victoria) Kaitlyn Hope Eckman	March 30, 2014
Ms. DeShaun G. Alaman	April 27, 2014
Mrs. Carol N. Bowman	April 27, 2014
Thomas B. Bowman, Jr.	April 27, 2014
Miss Marina E. Dandass	April 27, 2014
Mr. William D. James	April 27, 2014
Dr. and Mrs. Alexander M. (Sue) Jones	April 27, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherwin Prescott III (Inger)	April 27, 2014
Mr. Forrest N. Williams	April 27, 2014
Philip William Dusek	June 8, 2014
Hailey Daryn Williams	June 8, 2014
Mary Bennett McLean	August 17, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher S. Barlow (Paula) Santiago (Santi) Clavijo *Matthew Shannon	September 21, 2014
Jackson Dean Biemiller	November 9, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Brunson (Leah) *Ronald Frankin (Frankie) *Marian Margaret	November 9, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua M. Espinosa (Lauren) *Joshua Matthew *Caleb James *Isaac Joseph	November 9, 2014
Maj. (ret. USMC) and Mrs. David (Mac) McCaffree (Elizabeth) *Hannah Madison *Lillian Erin (Lilly)	November 9, 2014
Mrs. William J. Monroe (Pat)	November 9, 2014
Mr. Gary C. Moore	November 9, 2014
Mrs. Clark M. Rookstool (Abby)	November 9, 2014

Michael Grant Rustine	November 9, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Scott B. Taylor (Donna J.)	November 9, 2014
Josiah Scott Taylor	
Samuel Walker Taylor	
Abigail Katherine Taylor	
Miss Lindsay M. Winks	November 9, 2014
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Woods (Tracy)	November 9, 2014
Kenneth Andrew	
*Caroline Audrey	
Dr. and Mrs. M. Tucker Laffitte (Caroline)	November 30, 2014
*Louisa Sims	
*Mose Tucker V	
Mr. and Mrs. D. Bobo Mullens (Stuart)	November 30, 2014
Mr. Daniel J. Watkins	November 30, 2014
Miss Virginia H. England	December 14, 2014
Mr. Gordon E. Fenwick	December 14, 2014

*non-communing

Transfers of Membership–Moved Out-of-Town 2014

Transfers of Membership

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Childress Annie (communing) *Ellie, Jack, Wils (non-communing)	January	Grace Church of the Islands (PCA), Savannah, GA
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey D. Welch *Samuel, Jenna, Charlotte (non-communing)	January	Grace Church of the Islands (PCA), Savannah, GA
Mr. D. Hampton Watts	January	Grace Church of the Islands (PCA), Savannah, GA
Dr. and Mrs. William M. Fuqua *Jordan, Mary Mitchell (communing)	January	Isle of Hope Methodist Church, Savannah, GA
Mrs. Susan L. Gibson Whatley (out -of-town)	February	Grace Heritage Church, Auburn, AL
Mr. James E. Cope (out-of-town)	March	Clayton Baptist Church, Clayton, GA
Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Cowen (out-of-town)	April	Bible Center Church, Charleston, WV
Dr. and Mrs. James L Fletcher, Jr. Savannah, GA	August	Kirk O' the Isles Presbyterian Church (PCA), Savannah, GA
Mr. David L. Mullinix	August	Perimeter Church (PCA), Johns Creek, GA
Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCleskey	November	Grace Church of the Islands (PCA), Savannah, GA
Mrs. Carol A. Goodwin	November	Grace Church of the Islands (PCA), Savannah, GA
Miss Katherine F. Mouchet	December	Park Cities Presbyterian Church (PCA), Dallas, TX
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Williams	December	Christ the Redeemer Church (PCA), Portland, ME
Lt Col and Mrs. Jonathan A. Shine *Jonathan, Helen, Samuel (non-communing)	December	Christ the King (PCA), El Paso, TX

Moved Out-of-Town

CPT and Mrs. Benjamin R. Field
 CPT and Mrs. Collier M. Wright
 2nd Lt Samuel L. Johnson
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Fletcher
 Mr. Jason D. Rayner
 CPT and Mrs. Brian J. Hottell
 Miss Dana A. Bailey
 CAPT Mark D. Holyfield
 Miss Caroline V. Streiff
 CPT and Mrs. Jared M. Klajnbart
 *Nathan, Nolan (non-communing)
 Miss Elizabeth R. Hogan
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Sasnett III
 *Borden
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Rocker III
 *Ford, Isabelle (non-communing)
 Dr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Gray
 Mr. and Mrs. James Hill
 Miss Aline L. Fruit

Moved Back to Town

Jonathan Van Eck
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Mark Ward
 *Ian, Lakelyn, Asher (non-communing)
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Rustine
 *Amy, Elise, Mark (communing)

Removed from Roll

In-Town Members Removed

Miss Lynne R. Thompson
Mrs. Nancy C. Minsky
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Breazeale
 *Jacob, Abby (non-communing)
Mr. and Mrs. Brian P. Orr
 *Hayes Patrick (non-communing)
Ms. Katherine E. Demere
Mr. Harry M. Miles

Out-of-Town Members Removed

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas L. Bruce
 *Christina (non-communing)
Mr. Robert K. Cheong
CDR Luke & Mrs. Joy Emerson
 *Caleb (non-communing)
Ms. Diane J. Nichols
Ms. Jane H. Steward
Mr. and Mrs. B. Nathan Spearing
 *Elijah (non-communing)
CAPT Todd R. Morgenfeld
Mr. Matt D. Zietlow
Ms. Rachel C. Alexander
Mr. Brian M. Bandy
Miss On Yoo Choi
Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Fleming
 *Marissa (non-communing)
Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn A. Frigon
 *Ben, Jake, Vanessa (non-communing)
Mr. John W. Guss
Ms. Hilda Montgomery
Ms. Juli M. Sproules

Communing and Non-communing Membership and Attendance 2014

Membership

Additions

Births	11	
Professions of Faith	8	(5 from non-communing members)
Reaffirmations of Faith	5	
Associates	0	
Transfers of Letter	<u>44</u>	(includes 7 non-communing)
 Sub-Total	 + 68	 (includes 7 non-communing)
 Added back to rolls	 1	
 Total	 + 68	 (includes 7 non-communing)

Losses

Transfers (in-town)	21	(includes 8 non-communing)
Transfers (out-of-town)	13	(includes 3 non-communing)
Deaths (in-town)	8	
Deaths (out-of-town)	0	
Removed from Rolls (in-town)	10	(includes 3 non-communing)
Removed from Rolls (out-of-town)	<u>28</u>	(includes 7 non-communing)
 Total (in-town)	 -39	 (includes 11 non-communing)
Total (out-of-town)	-41	(includes 10 non-communing)
 2013 Total Communing Membership	 694	 (in-town membership)
 Net Total (in-town membership)	 +29	 (includes 1 non-communing)
 Moved Back to Town	 0	
 2014 Total Communing Membership	 723	 (in-town membership)

ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP AVERAGES updated 1.26.15

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991-1993	1994-1996	1997-1999	2000-2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Sunday School	130	174	194	211	234	252	257	232	219	257	285	285	311	315	320	311	316	302	285	288
Sunday A. M.	309	356	387	409	418	408	417	398	417	446	463	500	520	518	539	533	543	528	499	471
Sunday P. M.	86	116	126	148	176	202	220	203	200	229	225	235	275	280	277	263	282	282	281	283
Wednesday Noon	96	97	90	81	85	82	78	51	N/A	32	30	N/A	N/A	59	58	57	51	50	53	51
New Adult Members	71	100	69	79	53	32	38	43	45	50	44	40	59	49	52	38	59	55	46	42
Adult Membership Loss (deaths, transfers, etc)	-30	-26	-29	-37	-36	-29	-49	-63	-54♦	-24†	-53●	-19*	-23	-35	-29	-21	-36	-21	-20	-39
Net Adult Membership Gain/Loss	+41	+74	+40	+42	+19	+4	-10	-22	-9	+26	+1	+20	+36	+14	+23	+17	+23	+34	+26	+29
In-town Communicant Membership	466	538	559*	592#	576£	568**	558»	452^	461	487	488	508	544	558-	593>	610<	634<	668+	694@	723◊

♦ 31 removed from the rolls in 2005.

* 31 moved to inactive or dropped in 1989.

14 moved to inactive or dropped in 1990.

£ 36 moved to inactive or dropped in 1991.

** 8 removed from the rolls in 1995.

» 5 removed from the rolls in 1998.

^ 29 removed from the rolls in 2000.

^ 24 removed from the rolls in 2001.

^ 46 removed from the rolls in 2002.

Totals 1987 - 2014

New Members 1384 (+416 children +360 births)

Deaths - 224

Transfers - 699 (-241 children)

Net Gain +450 adults (+536 children)

< 19 removed from rolls in 2011 (+1 moved back to town)

+ 12 removed from rolls in 2012 (+1 moved back to town)

@ 5 removed from rolls in 2013 (+1 moved back to town)

◊ 39 removed from rolls in 2014

Associate Minister's Report

Ron Parrish

As the Associate Pastor of Pastoral Administration and Christian Education, my responsibilities include developing, coordinating and monitoring the church's overall ministry. In the area of pastoral administration, I seek to function as the coordinator and implementor of the program of the church. Specifically this means: First, that I give priority to shepherding the program of the church (officers, staff, W.O.C., Christian Education, Music, Care Groups) by anticipating opportunities, needs, problems, and determining what's next. This involves working with various leaders and dealing with any challenges or needs. Second, I am responsible to organize and oversee pastoral visitation: visitors, members, hospitalized, shut-ins. Third, to do whatever preparatory work and double-checking as is necessary to ensure that the public services run smoothly.

My responsibilities require follow-up, coordination, planning and flexibility. I am privileged to work in concert with a dedicated secretarial team and a group of faithful and enthusiastic volunteers. It is a privilege to work with: Andrew Atkinson, Facilities Assistant, Mr. Dale Hinely, Financial Director; Mrs. Karen Hansill, Pastor's secretary, Mrs. Maggie Taylor, Publications Secretary, Cheryl Murray as our Food Service Director, and Mrs. Joanna Wright/Miss Elissa Hunter, Youth Administrative Assistants.

I am most appreciative of our volunteers who serve in a number of capacities: Bill and Donna Best, our Print Shop Crew; Mrs. Laurel Brewer, who served as our Flower Coordinator; Mrs. Jane Boatright, W.O.C. President; Mrs. Carolyn Hodges and her team of volunteers for their skill in decorating the Sanctuary at Easter and Christmas; and Mrs. Joanne Johansen and Miss Leighann Parrish as our Wedding Coordinators.

Throughout the year I worked with Mrs. Joan Malley, Parish Administrator and on the Staff of Christ Church Anglican, in the coordinated use of our facilities which began in December 2011.

Beginning in June, the church hired, and I especially, welcomed Mr. Josh Espinosa as our new Church Administrator. With Josh's arrival, I was able to give up the church administrative part of my job. This was a most welcomed change which now allows me to give myself full time to Christian Education and pastoral responsibilities.

In the area of education, I oversee the entire program of Christian Education and work closely with the Christian Education Committee. In this capacity, I am pleased to be able to work with Mrs. Jane Boatright, Nursery Director; Mrs. Amy Martin, Children's Director; Mr. Paul Rodgers, Director of Youth and Families; and Mr. Frankie Daniell, Director of Camps and Missions. These are valued leaders, who with a host of others, provided important leadership for these ministries throughout the year.

I serve as a resource for all the committees and ministries of our church. The Congregation Growth and Care, and Christian Education Committees receive my particular time and attention. I refer you to their reports for what was accomplished in 2014. I want to thank their chairman, John Garnett, Richard Marting and the members of the committees for their support and encouragement.

As a Teaching Elder I am thankful for the opportunities that I had to teach, preach and to assist in worship. I taught this past year throughout the Sunday School.

It is a joyful privilege to serve with my colleagues Terry Johnson, Tim Foster, Frankie Daniell, Josh Espinosa, Kathryn Van Eck and Paul Rodgers. I value and respect each one for their gifts and the way our

differing gifts are blended to work as an effective team.

In January I was able to return to Peru with Matthew, David, Leighann, Donna and the other members of the I.P.C. Point Pleasant Day Camp team to Trijullo, Peru. We joined with a team from Twin Lakes Camp in Jackson, MS, to conduct a day camp for about 150 children from their churches. We had a great week playing and interacting with the children and their Peruvian leaders.

In addition, I am privileged to labor along with faithful and supportive Elders and Deacons. A special thanks of appreciation goes to Dennis Boatright, Clerk of Session, and Frank Orellana, Chairman of the Diaconate, for their faithful leadership and service.

I am very thankful to God for giving me a very supportive wife in Donna and four children who are now engaged in the pursuit of careers and in the completing of higher education. Matthew continued in his position as the Director of Advancement for Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity in Richmond, VA. Leighann continued in her position with Savannah Neurology Specialists. Andrew also works for Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity as the Volunteer Services Manager. David continued to pursue his degree at the University of Georgia and is scheduled to graduate in May 2015. Donna remained very busy in the roles of wife, mother and as a mother/baby nurse at Candler Hospital.

The Parrish family is anticipating our first wedding in June 2015. Andrew became engaged to Miss Claire Elizabeth Shurley from Dunwoody, Georgia, on April 18, 2014. They met as students at the University of Georgia. Claire's parents, John and Marcia Shurley, and her older brothers, Graham and Preston; and the entire Parrish family could not be happier about the forthcoming marriage. Incidentally, Graham Shurley and our son Matthew became best friends, roommates and fraternity brothers at the University of Georgia.

I am very thankful for the many acts of love and support from the members of the congregation. It means more than I could ever express.

Ron Parrish

Associate Minister's Report

Tim Foster

I am grateful to the Lord for eight years of ministry at I.P.C. When I arrived in Savannah in 2006, like many students fresh out of seminary, I presumptuously thought I had ministry figured out. Boy, was I wrong! The last year or two has shown me I have a lot to learn. Thankfully, I am part of a pastoral staff that patiently tolerates my weaknesses while spurring me on to personal growth. Thanks to Terry, Ron, Frankie, Paul, Josh, Alex, and Nick for their prayers and encouragement. As for the I.P.C. congregation, it is a tremendous honor to serve a church that loves and prays for its ministers. Thank you for your kind words and notes of encouragement. Caroline and I frequently reflect on how privileged we are to serve at I.P.C. It is from this thankful perspective that I share a few highlights from my ministry in 2014.

Preaching – In my Sunday morning sermons, I completed a series on Titus. In my evening sermons, I preached through Revelation 2-3, the letters to the seven churches. I also preached through Philemon and a variety of other topics. My primary preaching responsibility is the Wednesday Noon service. We continue to study Paul's epistle to the Romans. We spent most of our time in the second half of the book this year (Rom 8:18-15:13). We hope to finish the book in 2015. It has been a great study! Please join us if you can. The Wednesday Noon service is a means of outreach to the downtown community as tourists, workers, retirees, families, and people of all ages gather to hear the gospel proclaimed. Those who are otherwise unable to attend our Sunday services are able to receive a sense of our reverential, God-centered worship through our abbreviated Wednesday service. I am grateful for Kathryn Van Eck's faithful and superb accompaniment of our singing, and our skilled kitchen staff that serves high-quality, excellent lunches for those who attend the service.

Teaching – I led a couple of adult Sunday school classes through the book of Ephesians. I also led one of our summer home Bible studies and helped teach a Sunday afternoon Bible study for members of the Coastal Jail Transitional Program. I taught one of our elective classes entitled, *Accepted in the Beloved: How Jesus Redeems Our Guilt, Fear, and Shame*. The main purpose of the class was to discover how our union with Christ helps us process our negative, threatening emotions. Thanks to all who attended and gave valuable feedback.

Pastoral – I served on the Congregational Growth and Care Committee again this year. I also conducted hospital visitation, provided pulpit supply at area churches, and participated in a variety of ministries connected to our church (counseling, Savannah River Presbytery, PRIMES, Twin Lakes Fellowship, etc.).

Study – In 2015, I hope to finish the class and thesis work for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. I have enjoyed sharing many of the things I have learned in sermons and Bible studies. Caroline and I thank you for all your prayers, encouragement, and support. We look forward to what the Lord will do in 2015.

Tim Foster

Youth and Families Report

Highlights and Items to Note from 2014

First Quarter of 2014

- We began the year with nine Juniors and Seniors visiting Covenant College. We spent one night on this trip at Covenant and one night in Atlanta. In Atlanta, we visited with an RUF minister from Georgia Tech and two students involved with the RUF ministry. Together these guys shared advice for our students regarding a successful transition to college life.
- In January we said goodbye to Joanna Wright as our Youth Assistant. She and Collier were expecting their first child (since born, Colin Monroe) and preparing to move to Columbus, GA. She was a much loved and valuable asset for our ministry.
- On February 12 we held *Lady and the Tramp* at Point Pleasant. There we discussed what healthy, gospel fueled relationships look like between the genders. We also ate together, enjoyed desserts made by the guys, played *historical lovers trivia* and shag danced. The highlight of the evening was watching the Clerk of the Session dancing while standing in a chair. Pictures can be purchased of this performance for \$35 at the I.P.C. bookstore.
- In March we had our annual Winter Retreat at Little Ocmulgee State Park. Fifty-three (53) chaperones and students enjoyed a weekend playing together and learning from speaker, Josh Romine. He taught us on the place of discipline in the life of a believer using the theme, "Now and Later" (also a name of a candy), from Heb 12:11.

Second Quarter of 2014

- The first weekend of April, our Youth Choir traveled to Valdosta, Georgia, to visit Wild Adventures before spending the night in Brunswick. Sunday morning they sang at the worship service of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church in St. Simons. That evening they sang for worship at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Brunswick.
- On May 14, we celebrated the lives of I.P.C.'s graduating seniors at our *Senior Roast* at Point Pleasant. Eight seniors were honored. Later that month, an additional two joined that group when they received ESV Study Bibles during a Sunday morning worship service.
- In June, we attended our first EDGE conference. The EDGE is a reformed youth conference at Covenant College for middle schoolers. Nine students participated in this truly unique and significant opportunity.
- In mid-second quarter, we were able to bring on Elissa Hunter as the Youth Assistant and Rachel Garnett and Abby Johnson as Youth Summer Interns.

Third Quarter of 2014

- This past July, we held our first annual **Mission Savannah**. I believe this event will become a staple on the calendar for our Student Ministry. While we learned a lot and believe we can greatly improve on the week, it was undoubtedly a highlight event of our year. The event is designed around five-core values or convictions: The Word of God; Fellowship; Service; Teams; and Wisdom and Safety. Thirty-six students stayed the week at Point Pleasant with many more (20+) participating in our evening activities.
- In early August, the Rodgers moved!!! We rented for one year in temporary housing until we found our home in Pooler.
- '*Gating in the Lot*' was a party in September where the youth took over I.P.C.'s parking lot for food and fun. It is believed this was the event where Paul collected the nickname *Spidey-Paul*.

Fourth Quarter of 2014

- In October, the Senior High visited Linville Gorge for an extended weekend of camping and hiking. Rappelling and rock climbing were also on the agenda, but the weather did not comply. Highlights for some (all but one) was Paul getting lost in the woods at night responding to a call of nature. He was rescued by Michael Rustine, the one student willing to mercifully exit his warm sleeping bag. Our campsite included the impressive visual of 12-ENO (hammock) campers as well as three tents. The subject of study for the weekend was the power and use of the tongue, taken from James 3:6.
- Late in October our youth served at the I.P.C.'s annual Fall Festival. The night was a hit. Amy Martin coordinates the evening and it is something our youth eagerly anticipate.
- In November, the McLeans hosted our annual Oyster Roast and Hayride. The event is certainly one of Paul's favorite of the year. Mary Catherine and Patrick go over and above in coordinating a team of volunteers to provide a first-class, thoroughly enjoyable, evening.
- On Saturday, December 6, our youth delivered gift baskets to elderly and shut-in I.P.C. members. This is an annual event made possible by the graciousness of Pam Dykema to make these baskets.
- Jane and Dennis Boatright hosted the youth for our Christmas Party on December 11. The Senior Gift Box Game, always a highlight, was won by the lone female participant, Madison Wiggins. Way to go Maddy!

MISCELLANEOUS

- Some of the subject matter studied this past year during our Wednesday Night Rallies were: 1 Corinthians 9; John 17 and we began a series on the life of Abraham.
- During the summer, we had Youth Dessert Fellowships, hosted by various families. Our youth studied the biblical basis for the reformed position of the gospel as outlined in the Five Points.
- Volunteers have played a key role in the Student Ministry this year, and always will. Some of the volunteer teachers have been Tim Barrett, Jody Robinson and Dennis Boatright. Other men have filled in at opportunities, including David Wade and Mark Dusek. Other key volunteers, such as small group leaders or otherwise, are: Pam Wiggins and Wilbur Wiggins, Sharon Robinson, John Garnett, Megan Mullinix, Sarah Spencer, Caroline Foster, Andrew Gibson and Greg Brunson. Any names unfortunately omitted is entirely the fault of Paul and deserving of a frog-punch to the arm.
- On Sunday nights following the evening service and a meal together, our youth participate in volunteer-led small groups. Small groups are a priority to our ministry plans to the youth. Our philosophy and methodology for these small groups is: The Bible Study/Accountability Group Balance; The Transparent/Indulgent Balance; and the Discrete and Relationally Connected vs. In-the-Light Balance.
- As always, Kathryn Van Eck plays such a critical and often under-valued role in the life of our students. Thank you Ms. Kathryn, we all love you.

Paul Rodgers

Pastoral Intern Report

This past year has been one of great blessings and joy as the Lord has allowed me to serve among the staff and congregation of I.P.C. Savannah. We have been warmly greeted and sweetly encouraged by so many whom we have grown to love and think of very truly as Christian family. I am confident that the Lord has and will continue to use this experience to grow my wife and I in our life of service together.

This year of internship has exposed me to many aspects of pastoral ministry that I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to interact with prior to ordination. While here, I have had the pleasure of ministering amongst the Covenant/Career group on a weekly basis. This work has consisted of my teaching the weekly Bible study, as well as my helping to organize and carry out events, and also times of getting to know and counsel several of our group's members. I have been blessed to see the Lord grow our group in numbers with our largest meetings having around 40 in attendance. It has also been a blessing to see a good number of our group join I.P.C. as communing members. We have studied the first 7 chapters of 1 Corinthians and have started on the Gospel of John.

I have also been blessed to have taught several Sunday School classes as well. During my time, I have taught the Covenant, Berean, and Garmer classes and have variously taught through with the former two the book of Nehemiah in its entirety and with the latter a Christological survey of John's Gospel. For Elise and I this has been a wonderful time to get to know our members!

As part of the internship, I have enjoyed getting to exercise spiritual gifts in not only teaching, but also preaching. Wednesday services have been a particular joy in that I have gotten to preach seven (7) sermons on the first 7 Psalms. In addition to Wednesday services I have had the privilege of preaching four (4) Sunday evening worship services where I have preached variously in Galatians, 2 Timothy, and John's Gospel. I have also been blessed to assist in the worship liturgy of eight (8) of our weekly services.

I have enjoyed also getting to preach several services at our Bluffton, SC summer meetings. It has been wonderful to get to teach several meetings of our Coastal Jail Ministries Sunday Bible study and be able to be a part of several of the attendees' lives.

As part of my internship, I have enjoyed attending our monthly Session meetings and have learned so much about careful leadership as I have observed Pastors Johnson, Parrish, and Foster lead and minister so well with the Session.

Far and away my favorite weekly event has been to attend Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast! This has truly blessed my soul as Pastor Johnson has taught sequentially through the Psalms and then to hear a group of 30 or more men belt loudly praise to God as they sing His holy word back to Him! Our time of prayer has indelibly affected me. Hearing men full of years pray rich prayers for the sake of souls, the growth of the body of Christ, and the personal experience of piety has driven me to Christ again and again. I know this will be a ministry that I seek to emulate in any future pastorates I may take.

Nicholas S. Bullock

The Clerk of Session Report

At the beginning of two thousand and fourteen, the Session was composed of thirteen ruling elders and three teaching elders. In May the church hired Mr. Joshua Espinosa as the new Church Administrator. At the end of the year, Elders William Brodmann Sr., Richard Marting, and Eric Robyn completed their six-year terms, and we thank them for their faithful service. The Session customarily conducted its business through monthly regular scheduled meetings 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. Former Elder Rick Mullinix and William Austin were elected at the November Congregational meeting along with new Elder William Brodmann Jr. They will begin their duties on January 1, 2015.

The Session continued to conduct its business through the Christian Education, Missions Committee, Congregational Growth & Care, Finance and Administration and Personnel committees. The activities of these committees are summarized later in the annual report. The Session is grateful to the members of these committees who volunteered their time and talents to further the work of the church.

Two thousand and fourteen brought with it I.P.C.'s annual trip to Washington to participate in the March for Life Rally. On behalf of the session I want to give a special thank you to Elder Frankie Daniell and the Right to Life committee members for their leadership in this very important event that gives the members of I.P.C. the opportunity to stand for those that can't stand for themselves. In the Spring, the Missions Committee hosted our annual Missions Conference. The conference was well attended and it was a wonderful reminder of our opportunity and obligation to support the spreading of the gospel. In May we moved our evening services to Point Pleasant with our annual Barbeque provided by the Diaconate. In August we held our fourth Season of Communion with the Rev. H.B. Charles, Jr. leading us in the study of God's Word and ended our summer at Point Pleasant with our wonderful annual Low Country Boil which was provided by the Diaconate. In the fall the Women of the Church hosted their annual meeting and luncheon tea with 140 women attending. The elders' wives hosted their care group at tables and it was a wonderful time of fellowship for the women as they gathered to discuss their upcoming events for 2015. We ended the year with our annual Service of Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve services.

As 2014 closes, I'm once again thankful for God's wonderful blessings toward us as part of His church. My prayer for us at I.P.C. is that we would continue to be faithful to our great God and to continue to persevere in the ministry of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Session, I end this annual report with a special thank you to the full-time and part-time staff members whose dedicated work give direction and meaning to the ministry of Independent Presbyterian Church.

J. Dennis Boatright

Membership and Committees

Class of 2014

William D. Brodmann Sr.
Richard E. Marting
Eric W. Robyn

Class of 2015

J. Dennis Boatright
David D. Gobel

Class of 2016

Marion T. (Jody) Lanier III
William M. Austin

Class of 2017

Francis V. Daniell
John W. Garnett

Christian Education

Richard E. Marting (Chairman)
Timothy A. Barrett
Eric W. Robyn
Deacon: Francisco Orellana and David Wade
Ronald H. Parrish, Associate Pastor
Amy R. Martin, Children's Director
A. Paul Rodgers, Youth
Jane H. Boatright, W.O.C. President
and Nursery Director

Congregational Growth and Care

John W. Garnett (Chairman)
David B. Gross
Timothy P. Foster, Associate Pastor
Mark W. Dusek
David M. Wade

Missions Committee

David D. Gobel (Chairman)
Frankie V. Daniell
Deacon: W. Gregory Brunson
W.O.C. Missions Chairman, Judy A. Daniell

Class of 2018

Timothy A. Barrett
David B. Gross

Class of 2019

W. Gregory Brunson
Charles C. Martin, Jr.
John C. Van Puffelen

Class of 2020

Richard B. Mullinix, Jr.
William D. Brodmann, Jr.

Financial and Administrative

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Session Meeting Attendance Report 2014

<u>Session Member</u>	<u>Stated Meeting</u>	<u>Called Meeting</u>
Timothy A. Barrett	08	14
J. Dennis Boatright	09	12
William D. Brodmann, Sr.	10	13
W. Gregory Brunson	09	12
Francis V. Daniel	10	13
John W. Garnett	09	13
David D. Gobel	10	12
David B. Gross	08	13
Marion T. (Jody) Lanier III	09	09
Charles C. Martin, Jr.	09	10
Richard E. Marting	09	04
Eric W. Robyn	03	08
John C. Van Puffelen	08	10

Note: There were ten (10) monthly stated meetings and sixteen (16) called meetings.

Christian Education Committee Report

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 (Nursery Director, Children's Director, Director of Youth and Families, Organist and Choir Director) as determined by the Session. The areas of responsibility include: Nursery, Junior Church, Youth Program, Leadership Training, Sunday School, Training of Church Officers, Women of the Church, Music Program and Choirs.

The members of the Christian Education Committee for 2014 were: Richard Marting (Chairman), Eric Robyn, Tim Barrett, Frank Orellana, David Wade, Jane Boatright, Amy Martin, Paul Rodgers, Kathryn Van Eck and Ron Parrish.

Average *Sunday School* Attendance was 288 (285 last year).

Nick Bullock was hired as a Pastoral Intern. He and his wife Elise arrived in Savannah from Mississippi in February.

Rachel Garnett and Abby Johnson, served as a Summer Interns. They assisted Paul Rodgers with the Youth Ministry.

For a fifteenth year, the congregation participated in *Operation Christmas Child* which was organized by Nick Bullock.

Mrs. Rob Kelly (Allison) gave leadership and organized the schedule for the Children's Church Ministry.

Nurseries are staffed with a combination of volunteers and paid workers on Sunday mornings and evenings. Mrs. Jane Boatright serves as Nursery Director.

Children's Ministries: Under the leadership of Mrs. Charlie Martin (Amy), Family and Children's Activities included the Spring Egg Hunt on April 19, and the Fall Festival on October 31. In addition, Mrs. Martin recruited teachers and gave oversight to the Children's Sunday School Program.

On Sunday, June 1, we recognized 11 High School Seniors of the congregation. They were presented with an ESV Study Bible. We also recognized 14 college graduates and one (1) graduate from Medical School.

Memorization program: A total of 99 children have completed Level I (the Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments) since 1994. In 2014, they were Grace Elizabeth Jackson, Laura Candice Jackson, Michael David Hazeltine, Jr., Elliot Hamilton Moody, James Michael Spencer, Eppie Allen Key, Helen Cameron Shine, Emma Grace DeMott, Joseph Mills Gross, Ethen Andrew Crowe, Samuel Bennett Miles. A total of 31 children have completed Level II (*The Catechism for Young Children*) since 1993. In 2014 they were Jonathan Bennett Shine. Thirty-two (32) children have passed Level III (*The Shorter Catechism*) since 1996.

Family worship and learning of Psalms and Hymns were encouraged through the newsletter, completing in 2014 our 22nd year of this program.

Richard Marting

Nursery Report

The nursery at Independent Presbyterian Church is a place where the members of our church serve together to care for the youngest among us. It is a sacrificial service because these little ones cannot repay the kindness shown to them. It is a sacrificial service because church members miss their own Sunday school classes or the worship services to be with the children. Older women serve alongside our younger women in the nursery. Women serve with their husbands or teens in the nursery. All who serve in the nursery have the opportunity to meet new families to the church who have young children. All who serve in the nursery know the young children of the church and their families better because they serve. We are instructed in Scripture to demonstrate care for one another in the church and the nursery gives us the opportunity to do that.

There are over 140 church members who are on a scheduled nursery rotation. We need 18 church members each Sunday in order to staff our nurseries. We have four rooms in our nursery: infant, crawler/walker, 2-year-old, and 3-year-old. Little ones stay in the nursery until they are in a preschool program. Our nursery is open for Sunday school, for the Sunday morning and evening worship services, Tuesday morning W.O.C. Bible studies, Wednesday noon services, and the yearly extra services or programs of the church. On Sunday evenings, one volunteer and eight paid workers staff our nursery. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays paid workers staff our nurseries.

We have four teams of women who teach our 2-year-old and 3-year-old Sunday school classes. These teachers have the privilege of being the first teachers that our children know in the church. Each team is with the children three months of the year. They teach Bible lessons, prayer, catechisms, hymns, and songs. Little ones can and do learn in the nursery.

The doors of our nursery are open because of the sacrificial service of the members of our church. We are also grateful to the members of the Christian Education Committee for their help, wisdom, and guidance.

Jane Boatright

Children's Report

The Children's Ministry at Independent Presbyterian Church had a healthy year of strong attendance and growth this year. We continue to meet in the Whitaker Street Building and the Axson Building.

Children's Church continues to meet during the morning worship service for our four and five year olds. Allison Kelly has provided strong and faithful leadership for this important class. In an effort to garner more volunteers for the program, Allison reached out to the Diaconate. These officers and their wives each took a turn this year teaching our children and it was a resounding success.

Our Sunday School classes have had the benefit of gifted teachers this year. Linden Helmly, Jamie McKee, Carol Dusek, Cindy Sutlive, Sue Hinely, Candace Sutlive, Bev Van Grouw, Kay and Kevin Heritage, Tevis and John Garnett, and Charlie Martin all worked with our covenant children during 2014.

Our Memorization program saw a number of children completing Level One: Laura Candice Jackson, Grace Elizabeth Jackson, Michael David Hazeltine, Jr., Eppie Allen Key, James Michael Spencer, Elliot Hamilton Moody, Emma Grace DeMott, Helen Cameron Shine, Joseph Mills Gross, Sam Bennett Miles, and Ethan Andrew Crowe all recited the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed. Bennett Shine completed Level Two, which is the recitation of the *Children's Catechism*.

The annual egg hunt and pancake breakfast was held Easter weekend at our Point Pleasant facility. This continues to be a very popular event with over 200 in attendance. Many visitors and out-of-town family were there this year. Thank you to Paul Rodgers and the Youth Group that serve the church. They hid over 1,800 plastic eggs, decorated 200 eggs, set the tables for breakfast, and got it all ready for our families. Frankie Daniell continued to provide invaluable leadership for the event. Thank you to Kay Heritage and the kitchen staff which had everything ready for our men to flip the pancakes.

Fall Family Night was full of visitors this year. Our carnival that we host on October 31, had new rides and a petting zoo and was a success again due to the hard work of the Youth Group and Paul Rodgers. William Van Puffelen generously provided the lighting for the event and Breck Van Puffelen made sure all was in place for us. Frankie Daniell again is so faithful to the families of this church with his leadership and work for the festival.

Lessons and Carols service was held on December 14. This service continues to be one of the most beloved in our congregation. Kathryn Van Eck incorporated all of the children, youth, and adult choirs for the service. A number of adults volunteer to robe all the children and help with the children's buffet afterwards. Thank you to Cheryl Murray and the kitchen staff for providing the goodies for our children. The William Van Puffelen family has faithfully provided a gingerbread centerpiece for over a decade now. Under the direction of Morgan Thomas, a replica of our own I.P.C. was enjoyed by everyone.

Jane Boatright, Director of Nursery, and I worked together to provide a nursery for our four and five year olds for our evening service. We incorporated our Sunday evening read-a-louds into this nursery room to provide the children an activity while their parents enjoy fellowship during the supper hour. It is our hope that this combination will encourage our younger families to stay and participate in our evening fellowship. So far, it has been a success. We had such a nice number of volunteers that each only had to read once during the school year.

The Children's Ministry continued to work with Veritas Academy and Christ Church which continue to meet in our buildings. I endeavor to work with these two institutions to help provide good communication and relations.

I continue to serve on the Committee of Missions and Church Camps under the leadership of David Gobel and Frankie Daniell. It is a privilege to help create and assemble the church's annual Missions Conference.

I am accountable to the Christian Education Committee which meets each month. I am honored to work with Ron Parrish, Dick Marting, Tim Barrett, Frank Orellana, Jane Boatright, David Wade, Eric Robyn, Kathryn Van Eck, and Josh Espinosa.

The administrative and maintenance staff continue to provide incredible support and leadership for the Children's Ministry. Maggie Taylor, Dale Hinely, Andrew Atkinson, Karen Hansill, and Josh Espinosa provide invaluable assistance to the workings of this church. Cheryl Murray and her staff have been a tremendous support as well. Terry Johnson, Ron Parrish, and Tim Foster continue to lend godly counsel.

Thank you to the congregation of the Independent Presbyterian Church for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Amy R. Martin

Music Report

Two thousand fourteen was a good year in the music life of our church. Our Sanctuary Choir included several new members, and several former members are no longer with us. Some have moved away, some have transferred to other churches. This year we lost one of our long-term members, Joan Paéz. She was a music enthusiast, good singer, a wonderful Christian, and a true joy to have in our group. She will long be missed. The 2014 choir had 35 members. Generally for the Christmas season, the numbers go up. I was encouraged by the faithful attendance at rehearsal and was grateful to each member for his or her commitment to choir. Without that dedication there would be no choir at all.

In the spring of 2014, the Chapel Choir had 30 members, but by the fall semester, the Chapel Choir had 45 members. In the evening service of May 18, the Chapel Choir sang several anthems. Over the course of the year, the children made noticeable progress in music reading, rhythm, and tone quality. On May 17, the Chapel Choir had a fun outing at Summer Waves Pool on Jekyll Island. This year we had beautiful weather and enjoyed a great day together. This was, once again, a really fun way for the children to finish the year.

The Cherub Choir (1st - 2nd grade children) consistently learned the Hymn of the Month and will continue with that effort in 2015. In Cherub Choir, the children learned rhythm patterns, pitches, breathing, some note-reading, following a director, proper choir etiquette, singing vowel sounds, etc. Cherub Choir was preparation for Chapel Choir, and was a great opportunity to develop a love for singing in our children

Our Youth Choir (7th -12th grade students) had 20 members in 2014. There were several very good part readers in this group, so the choir was able to sing three and four-part harmony. This choir was (and is) an excellent opportunity for our young people to serve this congregation. They were an enthusiastic group and eager to learn, a real joy to me from week to week. This choir rehearsed at 4:00 each Sunday afternoon, participated in evening (and some morning) worship services and the Lessons and Carols service and sang very successfully. In 2014, this choir enjoyed an exciting choir trip. We left Saturday morning, April 5, drove to Wild Adventure in Valdosta, Ga. A good time was had by all! On Sunday morning, we sang for morning worship at Golden Isles Presbyterian on St. Simons Island. Sunday evening, the choir sang at the Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Brunswick. We returned to I.P.C. on Sunday evening of April 6. The Choir was accompanied by Paul Rodgers, Tevis Garnett, Dennis Boatright, and Greg Brunson. I very much appreciated the trip being planned by Greg Brunson. The trip was well received by our host churches and created a true spirit of unity with our choir members. Also, on May 25, the Youth Choir sang several anthems before and during our evening worship at Point Pleasant. The Youth Choir ended its season with a pool party at my home on June 6.

The Handbell Choir had approximately 14 members and regularly contributed to worship services. The Handbell Choir took a very active role in the Christmas season worship services for 2014. Mrs. Greg Brunson was the director of the Handbell Choir.

During the year 2014, many of our young people participated in our worship services using their musical gifts. Several played the piano, cello, violin, and trombone. Also, in 2014, a Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus sang for several services.

The year 2014 was a musically rewarding year. I am continually thankful to be a part of this ministry at Independent Presbyterian Church, and I look forward to the year ahead. I pray God will grant us health, wisdom in the choices we make, discernment in the use of our time and our relationships with others. I earnestly pray for God's people to have a strong desire to sing, that the music ministry of this church will grow and prosper. I am thrilled to serve in a church with such strong pastoral leaders who appreciate the value of God's word proclaimed through music. May the year 2015 unfold God's richest blessings on us, and may we remain faithful to Him in all things.

Kathryn Van Eck

Women of the Church Report

The women of Independent Presbyterian Church are grateful to God for our church. We are grateful to belong to a church that seeks the glory of God and the faithful proclamation of the Scriptures. We are grateful for ministers and elders who are committed to God and to leading us in the ways of the Lord. It is the desire of the women of our church to do all that we are able to support and encourage the work of the church. It is our desire to serve God in this church following the examples of women in the early church. We want to be faithful women and fellow-laborers in the work of the gospel.

We make it a priority to emphasize that every woman that God brings to this church has a contribution to make. We are not complete without the participation of every woman who is a member of the church. As we work together, in our differing phases of life and with our variety of gifts, we can make meaningful contributions to the church as a whole.

This year, each time we made a gesture of kindness in seeking to meet a need, wrote a note of encouragement, or took a moment to have a friendly conversation, we made a contribution to the church. When we attended baby showers we demonstrated our concern for new mothers. Women in our church prepared meals for families who welcomed new babies into their homes. As we greeted visitors to our church we did our part to ensure that no one new would be overlooked. When we wrote notes to college students or prepared something for the boxes that were sent, we reminded these students that their church cares for them. Some of us made visits to those who must be absent from us because of illness. Other women made cookies for the fellowship time at RUF meetings. Women sent care packages to our deployed soldiers. A calendar was kept for flowers to be placed in the church on Sunday mornings. The church and fellowship hall were beautifully prepared for our Christmas celebrations. Prayer was a priority among our women as a faithful group of women met to pray each Wednesday before the noon service, and e-mails were sent to alert our congregation of the prayer needs of our members. Women organized and participated in events that support the sanctity of life. There were weekly Bible studies that ministered to women in the Chatham County Jail. Two meals were prepared each month and taken to The Living Vine maternity home.

Bible study was also a priority among our women. Women led and attended two weekly Bible studies that were held on Tuesday mornings. We had three morning Circle groups that met monthly for Bible study and a luncheon. We had an evening Circle meeting that met monthly for women who needed an evening Bible study.

Many of us worked to plan our yearly W.O.C. events. Our W.O.C. Winter Retreat with Wini Baker was held in Hilton Head with Sarah Spencer leading. Our March Missionary Luncheon with Marla Payne, Pam Schweitzer, and Pam Yeo was held in our fellowship hall. Our September Annual Meeting was held at Point Pleasant with Dottie Mitchell conducting the meeting and Wendy Sutton speaking. We enjoyed a luncheon prepared for us by Cheryl Murray and the kitchen staff. The November Holiday Hospitality gathering was held in the fellowship hall with Debbie Scharold and Susan Jackson leading the meeting. This year we began to have fellowship gatherings on Saturday mornings in months that we did not have large W.O.C. events planned. Sally Johnson, Pam Dykema, Miranda Gibson, and Gloria Horstman led these events. This year we had Saturday morning brunches following the Inquirers' Classes to welcome new women to our church.

It is essential that our W.O.C. span the generations. It continued to be our goal in 2014 to encourage women of all ages to be a part of who we are and what we do. College women attended our retreat. College, High school, and Junior High women attended and made contributions to our September Annual Meeting. Women of all ages enjoyed our Holiday Hospitality event as mothers brought their daughters to be with us.

The W.O.C. is grateful to our ministers and the members of the Christian Education Committee for their guidance, encouragement, and wisdom.

Jane Boatright

The Covenant Group Report

During this last year, a core group of the formerly named Twenties Group voted to rename this group for the purpose of broadening the invitation of membership to those who would not otherwise fit the age range of twenties. The newly adopted name is Covenant which was decided upon due to it having been used as the name for I.P.C.'s young adult Sunday School class. The purpose of Covenant is to be a means of teaching and ministering to young adults in the Savannah area.

During January of this year, Rev. Timothy Foster, as well as Rev. Alex Mark, led the weekly Bible study until the arrival of Intern Nick Bullock who upon arrival in February took up teaching responsibilities.

Thursday evening meetings meet on the 4th floor of the Whitaker Bldg. There is a time of fellowship followed by Hymn/Psalm singing and a 45-minute Bible study. The Bible studies have been focused on verse by verse study in the Pauline Epistle of 1 Corinthians. The weekly study is usually made up of a mixture of young adults from I.P.C. and several other churches in the Savannah area and normally average between 30-40.

The Sunday School class meets weekly on the 3rd floor of the Axson Bldg. During this year, the class has been taught variously by Nick Bullock, David Gobel, and Jeff Sutton.

Throughout the year there have been several social events hosted by the Covenant group such as Potluck Dinners, Game nights, a Canoe Trip, a Whitewater Trip, an Oyster Roast, Christmas party and other events.

This is a growing ministry that has gained momentum. It will be wonderful to see how God ministers through this group in the future!

Nicholas S. Bullock

Missions Committee Report

The Missions Committee selects local and foreign missionaries and organizations for financial and prayer support; planting new churches or supporting church planting initiatives; organizing short term mission opportunities for members of the congregation; overseeing the I.P.C. Day Camp, and hosting an annual Missions Conference. 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 2014.

The members of the Missions Committee for 2014 were: Frankie Daniell (Missions Director), David Gobel (Chairman), David and Priya Goesser, Glenn and Julie McDougall, John Rigby, Paul and Cindy Carpenter, Charlie and Amy Martin, Chuck and Kathy Moore, Eddie Deloach, Cindy Sutlive (Chairman, Moral Concerns subcommittee), and Greg Brunson.

Church Plants

MTW Team, Newcastle, England - Bill Schweitzer, Church Planter
Sheffield Presbyterian Church, Sheffield, England - Kevin Bidwell, Organizing Pastor
Gateshead Presbyterian Church, England - Joshua Reiger and Benjamin Wontrop
Grace Presbyterian Church, Clovis, California - Brad Mills, Organizing Pastor
First Scots Presbyterian, Beaufort, SC – I.P.C. Intern, Alex Mark
Christ Church Presbyterian, Charleston, SC – Jon Payne, Organizing Pastor

Local Missions

Bill Maxey Ministries
Christian Medical Association
Coastal Empire Right to Life
Coastal Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Coastal Jail Ministries
Covenant Care Services
HIS Radio – Jody Robinson
International Seaman's House
Living Vine Christian Maternity Home
Savannah Care Center
Savannah River Presbytery
Savannah United Ministries
Tom Keller, Pastor to Nursing Homes
Urban Hope
Veritas Academy

Home Missions

Al Baker, Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship
Eddie and Shaunta Chambers, Alabama State University
Christian Counseling and Education Foundation
Chaplin Ministries, MNA
Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA
The Gideons
Tim and Nicole Mares (MTW)
Palmer House for Children, Columbus, GA
Reformed Youth Movement
Reformed Worship Conference, Midway, Georgia
Twin Lakes Fellowship
World Missionary Press

Reformed University Fellowship:

Savannah College of Art and Design – Soren Kornegay
Georgia Institute of Technology – Michael Phillips
Georgia Southern University – Ro Taylor
University of Georgia – Justin Clement

Seminaries:

Greenville Presbyterian Seminary, Greenville, SC
Reformed Theological Seminary
Westminster Theological Seminary, Escondido, CA
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA

World Missions

Stan and Donna Armes	MTW South Africa (retired in 2014)
Peter & Diane Bakelaar	Church Planting, Japan
Wes & Jami Baker	Church Planting, PeruMission
Vic Bernales	Davao, Philippines
John & Sue Burch	MTW Missionary Mentoring
Chinese Reformed Theological Seminary	Taipei, Taiwan
Henry & Wendy Clay	Navigators, Columbia, SC
Tom & Jan Courtney	MTW, Scotland
Wayne & Ann Curles	Pastor Training, Eastern Europe
Hermes & Alleen de Tomas	Administration & Short Term Coordinator, PeruMission
Dale & Susan Ellison	Medical Ministry, PeruMission
Joe & Bev Fitzpatrick	Pastor Training, Puerto Rico
James & Rachael Grant	MTW Madrid, Spain (fundraising)
Sebastian Heck	Reformation 2Germany, Heidelberg, Germany
David and Natalie Holsten	Mission Aviation Fellowship, Indonesia
Tom & Carol Hudson	Church Planting, Portugal
Dan & Carol Iverson	Church Planting, Japan
Jonathan & Maggie Iverson	Church Planting, India
Gary & Linda Johnson	International Xchange Organization
Jerry Knight	Instructor, African Bible College
Matt Lamos	Belgium
Marc & Aline Mailloux	MTW, Caribbean Islands
Coby & Pamela McGinty	University Ministry, South Africa
Mission India	Church Planter Training
Jon & Sarah Pfeil	Church Planting, Japan
The Puritan Project	Reformed Literature Publishers
Alonzo & Esther Ramirez	Church Planting, PeruMission
Dr. Nickolay Revtov	Evangelism Explosion Eurasia
Mark & Barbara Rustine	Wycliffe Bible Translators, Philippines (U.S.A. in 2014)
Roger & Diane Smalling	Church Planting, Ecuador
Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher	Theological Training, South Africa

Note: Certain missionaries supported by I.P.C. are not listed here because of the sensitive nature of their work.

Short Term Missions

Trujillo, Peru (October 3–11, 2014): A team of five from I.P.C. worked with PeruMission to provide dental care to Peruvians at the new Arevelo Clinic as well as to the very poor barrio of Clementina, ministering in a small church building there. We also assisted with some finishing construction on the new clinic and offices. We had the honor of participating in the grand opening of the Arevelo Clinic. The team consisted of Mark Dusek, Todd and Terri Fruit, and Ron and Donna Parrish.

Trujillo, Peru (December 26, 2014-January 3, 2015): Working together with Twin Lakes Camp of Jackson, Mississippi and PeruMission we hosted a Day Camp for 150 children from four PeruMission churches and their surrounding neighborhoods. Led by Frankie Daniell, our team consisted of I.P.C. Day Camp staff and other I.P.C. members including Caroline Moore, Madison Wiggins, Jennifer Daniell, Judy Daniell, David Parrish, and Scott Brodmann.

In addition to these trips, support was also given to former church member, Nathaniel Mullins, for a one-year internship in Chiba, Japan.

Special Projects

In 2013 the I.P.C. Session approved the Missions Committee's motion to use funds from a bequest left by William Glasgow for the following special projects:

1. One-time support for a music ministry at Christ Church, South Carolina (began 2014)
2. Three-year commitment to support Tokyo Bay church planting initiative (began 2014)
3. Three-year commitment to support MTW church planting initiative in Berlin, Germany (began 2014)

Missions Conference (March 20-23, 2014)

The theme of the 2014 Missions Conference was, "*Built Together into a Dwelling Place for God,*" taken from Eph 2:19-22. Jon Payne, church planter of Christ Church Presbyterian in Charleston, South Carolina was the keynote speaker. His wife Marla also participated in the conference. Missionary guests included Bill Schweitzer, a church planter in Gateshead, England; Justin Clement, campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Georgia; and Toon Yeo, a church planter, minister, and faculty member at the Chinese Reformed Theological Seminary in Taipei, Taiwan. A special gift was raised to support the Chinese Reformed Theological Seminary in publishing a Chinese translation of Terry Johnson's book, *Reformed Worship*.

I.P.C. Day Camp at Point Pleasant

(see separate report)

Moral Concerns Subcommittee

(see separate report)

David Gobel

I.P.C. Day Camp at Point Pleasant Report

We are thankful for the good 2014 summer day camp. We enjoyed another camp season free from serious injury and filled with many good experiences. Thank you to all who prayed for the health and safety of campers and staff as well. The camp season was eight one-week sessions beginning June 2 and ending August 2. No camp was held the week of July 14-18 as the youth group used Point Pleasant as its base camp for “Mission Savannah.” Camp filled very quickly again this year and we were unable to accommodate over 200 new applicants. We continue “graduating” many eleven year olds who have been coming to camp since they were five! The camp is an evangelistic outreach tool with the gospel being clearly proclaimed on a daily basis. It is also an excellent opportunity for our middle school, high school, and college-aged people to learn service, leadership, and teamwork. One of my greatest joys in directing the camp is working with the staff through the many challenges that occur daily and seeing them grow in their relationships with each other. The Point Pleasant property is a near ideal facility for a venture of this sort and our growing youth program goes a long way in providing the needed staff. I believe that many of our older staff participating together in the Peruvian Day Camp trip in December continues to have a great effect on their working well with each other at Point Pleasant. Here is a summary of our 2014 day camp.

- Eight one-week sessions were held between June 4 and August 2.
- 642 camp spots were filled: 116 (18%) by I.P.C. members and 526 (82%) by non-members.
- Transportation was provided to 165 campers over the eight-week period.
- 12 scholarships were awarded in varying amounts totaling \$1800. Eight scholarships were extended to children from the Urban Hope ministry. Thanks go to all who contributed to the scholarship fund.
- The camp employed: one director and one assistant director for a period of eight weeks and 36 high school, college, and college grad staff for periods ranging from one to eight weeks. The program for middle school volunteers (I.P.C. members only) continued this summer and 9 of our middle schoolers participated.
- We hosted 4 college students from the Glasgow City Free Church of Scotland each for a month this summer to work at camp. They were all very involved in the life of our church—worship, Bible studies, formal and informal gatherings and fellowship. Thanks to all who housed, fed, and transported them during that time.
- The camp program included Bible, Sports and Games, Swimming, Challenge Course, Arts and Crafts, Canoeing and Kayaking, BB riflery, as well as other assorted activities. Most popular new event in camp this summer—Crate Climbing (Octoball was a close second).
- A closing program and slide show was held each Friday and attended by approximately 60 parents each week. A CD of the slide show and brochures and informational materials about I.P.C. were made available to parents at the end of each Friday’s closing ceremony.
- Thanks to Judy Daniell, Tevis Garnett, Amy Martin, Lucy Brannen, Lucy Biemiller, Lindsey Van Puffelen, Edith Brunson, and Pam Wiggins for hosting Monday night staff meetings. Thanks for the delicious food and wonderful hospitality.
- Thanks to Kristi Zerbe (SCAD student and RUF member) for designing a new camp tee shirt for use on tie-dye day. It features two climbers scaling and our beloved Cacky the dog atop the climbing tower. Some campers were disappointed to reach the top of the tower and discover that Cacky was not actually up there.

- The deep-water dock continues to be put to good use for canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, crabbing, etc. Its function as a meeting place, launch point for canoeing and kayaking, platform for swimming/diving/jumping in Turner's Creek has made it an invaluable part of our camp program. Thanks to Chuck Moore (job foreman) and Josh Espinosa for helping to build nice benches along two sides of the pier head—good for sitting and launching a nice jump into the creek.

In reviewing all my records in order to write this report, I am again reminded of the wonderful support and contributions by so many at I.P.C. in order to make this camp the success that it is. God bless you all.

Frankie Daniell

Moral Concerns Committee Report

The moral concerns committee exists to glorify God by standing for the sanctity of the life of the unborn.

Ex 20:13 “You shall not murder.”

In 2014, we had the privilege, along with a number of our congregation, to join forces with others in our community in efforts to influence the public conscience. The Bible teaches us that only as a heart is changed will a man change.

For the 22nd year, I.P.C. sent a bus load of concerned Christians to Washington, D.C. The purpose of the trip was to take part in the annual "National Right to Life March." The march commemorates the January 22, 1973 anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion in America.

On March 22, I.P.C. participated in the annual "Walk for Life" which supports the Savannah Care Center. The walk was held at Daffin Park.

On Life Chain Sunday, October 5, we gathered with other "Pro-Lifers" to conduct a silent, prayerful demonstration along Abercorn Street Extension. The Life Chain is held annually on the first Sunday in October.

As a committee, we led members of I.P.C. in taking part in the "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign. This vigil took place in front of the Savannah Medical Clinic which provides abortions on demand. I.P.C. participated in both the spring and fall campaigns.

We, as a committee, hold that prayer is our most important duty in the fight for the safety of the unborn. It is our heart cry that the day will come, and soon, that Roe vs. Wade will be overturned.

Cindy Sutlive

Congregational Growth and Care Committee Report

The Growth and Care committee provided oversight for special church services and supervised the implementation of the Care Groups. Here are some of the special events that nurtured the growth and fellowship of our congregation.

Special events during 2014:

- On January 8-9, Dr. Read Schuchardt, a professor at Wheaton College, discussed “*The Seven Vices of the Virtual Life*” which dealt with the unintentional consequences of technology as it has developed over time. He also discussed practical suggestions for converting “vices” into “virtues” and counteracting the negative side effects of technology.
- Sanctity of Life Sunday was observed on January 19, and included a sermon entitled, “*On Being Incarnational*,” from Rom 12:1-2 by Mr. Johnson.
- Georgia Heritage Day and the Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan, traditional events in the history of I.P.C., were held on February 9, and May 11, respectively. Many thanks to those in our congregation who assisted in the preparation for these two services. On Georgia Heritage Day, Mr. Johnson preached a sermon based on Lk 12:54-59 entitled, “*Interpreting the Present Times*.” For the Kirkin’ Sunday, which also coincided with Mother’s Day, he preached a message from 1 Tim 2:8-15 entitled, “*Motherhood*.”
- Maundy Thursday was observed on April 17, with a service of Lessons and Psalms, followed by observing the Lord’s Supper. Mr. Johnson gave a brief devotional message.
- Summer Bible studies were held at six different homes throughout Savannah and the South Carolina low country. James 2 & 3 were studied and proved to be a wonderful opportunity for growth and fellowship. Thanks to the Boatrights, Browns, Jacksons, Laniers, Stevens, and Woernles for hosting these studies. If you haven’t been able to join these studies in the past, please consider joining us in the future.
- Our fourth Communion Season was held August 7-10, featuring Rev H. B. Charles, Jr., pastor of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. He delivered five powerful messages from Eph 2:4-7, Heb 4:14-16, Ps 113, Lk 18:9-14, and Lam 3:21-24. The weekend culminated with the observance of the Lord’s Supper during morning worship on August 10.
- Our annual observation of Reformation Sunday occurred during the morning worship on October 26. The title of Mr. Johnson’s sermon was “*The Unrighteous Steward – Part 3*,” based on Lk 16:1-13.
- A Veterans Appreciation Lunch was sponsored by I.P.C. at Pt. Pleasant on November 8, to recognize the men and women who currently serve or have served in our nation’s armed services. Approximately 100 were in attendance including several I.P.C. members and veterans from World War II. This event was also an outreach opportunity and invitations were extended to military personnel at the local military bases. Special thanks to Dexter Brewer and his committee for their outstanding work in organizing this event.
- Our annual Thanksgiving service was observed as part of evening worship on November 23. Pastor Johnson’s sermon was “*In Everything Give Thanks*,” based on Phil 4:10-13, 1 Thess 5:18, and 1 Tim 6:6-10.

Care Groups:

Our Care Groups serve a vital role in the life of our church. They provide a systematic way of caring for the members of our congregation. Each group is encouraged to meet at least twice a year for social fellowship and to assist newer church members in getting to know other members. The church leadership reviews the members of one Care Group each month at the joint portion of the Diaconate and Session meetings. Pictures of each member are displayed as specific needs, prayer concerns, and updates are shared. Plans are underway to develop a new congregational pictorial directory in 2015.

We continued exploring different approaches for assimilating new members into the life of the church. Two of our Care Groups combined their fall social event and invited members of the Inquirers' Class. It proved to be a great tool for meeting new church members. We hope to utilize similar events in the future.

The core values of our Care Group ministry were revised during 2013 and continue to be the guiding strategy for this ministry. It uses the acronym "C.A.R.E":

- C:** *Comprehensive* – every member should know that they are cared for at I.P.C.
- A:** *Accountable* – we are responsible for caring for our members.
- R:** *Relational* – there should be regular member contact through the elders and deacons.
- E:** *Energetic* – church leaders should be engaged and proactive in shepherding our flock.

As a committee, and as church leaders, we continued to focus on shepherding our flock by introducing several tools that the elders and deacons can use in this undertaking. As effective as these tools may be, however, they are still used by flawed men. It is certainly our hope that your leaders fulfill their responsibilities and lead by example, but the complete, effective care of our members also requires the full participation of our membership. Scripture calls us to "love one another" (1 Jan 4:7), "care for one another" (1 Cor 12:25), "pray for one another" (Jas 5:16), "forgive one another" (Col 3:13), and "show hospitality for one another" (1 Pet 4:9; see also Ep 4:32, Rom 16:16, 1 Thess 5:11, and Gal 6:2 for more "one another" passages). Congregational care involves praying for others, providing meals as needed, visiting those that are sick or hospitalized, writing notes of encouragement, offering rides, visiting those that are home bound, etc. I'm confident that this small number of examples has barely touched the long list of unnoticed actions that are greatly appreciated by each recipient. Thank you for everything that you do and for your continued prayer and support of I.P.C.

Serving on the Congregational Growth & Care Committee in 2014 were Mark Dusek, Tim Foster, John Garnett, David Gross, Seth Murray, and Ron Parrish.

John Garnett

Finance and Administration Committee Report

The F&A Committee is responsible for the overall operational matters of the church. We also work with the Director of Administration in support of his administrative oversight of the regular operations of the church. We review the financial reports prepared by Dale Hinely, Financial Director, and present them to the Session at their regular meetings. Our committee is charged with preparing the annual budget of the church after input from all of the areas of operation and program directors and presents it to the Session for approval.

Members of the committee in 2014 were Elders Van Puffelen (Chairman), Brodmann, Lanier, Deacons A. Brodmann and Jackson. Mr. Espinosa, the Director of Administration, joined in late June 2014, when he was hired.

1. Total Tithes and Offerings was \$1,934,634.00. Adding income from Memorial, Trusts, Interest, etc. brought the total revenue for 2014 to \$2,561,835.00
2. We gave a total of \$542,776.00 to Mission causes outside the church.
3. Appreciation is expressed to Bill and Donna Best who serve as volunteer print crew for the bulletin and newsletters.
4. Mrs. Kay Heritage, Miss Cheryl Murray, and the kitchen staff provided delicious meals throughout the year for Men's Prayer Breakfast, Sunday evening, Wednesday noon and special events. The food service is an important support to our ministries and our thanks is given to Mrs. Heritage and Miss Murray and staff for their faithful service. (See Food Service Report)
5. We are thankful to have Mr. Andrew Atkinson on staff and he continues to do an excellent job in serving the church in an expanded role of Church Sexton and Maintenance.
6. For staffing related items, see Personnel Committee Report.
7. Please see the Financial statement for 2014.
8. Please see the Point Pleasant report by Frankie Daniell.

Overall in 2014 the church remained financially stable. It has been an honor to work closely with the office staff and the Pastoral Staff this year. We are blessed to have such outstanding people in the Church Office.

Joe Van Puffelen

Summary of Revenues and Expenses 2014

General Budget Account (Pledges, General Offerings, Sunday School, World Missions, and Loose Plate)		\$ 1,934, 633.75
Trusts and Foundations (Jenkins, Hollis, Nevitt, Hostetter)		\$388,026.46
Other Revenues (Interest, Rental of Church, Memorials, Food Service)		\$239,175.26
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 2,561,835.47
Church Extension (Missions, Church Planting)	\$542,776.46	
Personnel and Benefits (Salaries, Benefits)	\$1,212,124.60	
Christian Education Work Area (Activities, Youth, Nursery, W.O.C.)	\$ 99,264.56	
Congregational Growth (Congregational Care, Fellowships)	\$ 21,127.86	
Food Service (Food, Supplies, Equipment, Repairs)	\$ 57,444.82	
Building and Grounds (Maintenance)	\$140,877.11	
Office expenses (Office Operations, Utilities, Insurance, PP support, Misc.)	\$464,510.66	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,538,126.07
INCOME		\$ <u>23,709.40</u>

Statement of Net Worth (12/31/14)

Cash (General Operating Account)		\$ 115,867.63
Designated Funds		341,134.59
Savings		258,676.15
Trustees	—SunTrust	\$2,746,706.44
	—Stradtman Memorial	\$ 0.00
	—Hollis	\$ 0.00
	—Glasgow	\$1,947,506.54
	—Nevitt	\$ <u>0.00</u>
	Total	\$4,694,212.98
Capital Campaign & Renovation		\$484,139.42
Bookshop		\$187.32
Point Pleasant Corporation		\$201.93
Day Camp		\$95,349.44
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		\$ 5,989,769.46

Victoria Jenkins Charitable Foundation

2004	\$285,000
2005	\$225,000
2006	\$291,801
2007	\$313,487
2008	\$302,152
2009	\$159,201
2010	\$218,904
2011	\$222,823
2012	\$193,092
2013	\$381,940
2014	\$305,754

2014 Summary

Spent----->	\$ 330,151.00
Not spent— Church planting----->	\$ 159,065.00
Not spent— Maintenance----->	\$ 146,304.00
Not spent— Education----->	\$ 0.00

Capital Campaign and Renovation Report December 31, 2014

Beginning Balance 2014		
Checking		\$ 234,238.51
Savings		
Income Received for 2014		
Gifts from Congregation	\$320,474.96	
Trustees	699,516.00	
Interest	505.28	
Poindexter Trust	0.00	
Money borrowed	<u>0.00</u>	
Total income		\$1,020,496.24
Expenses		
Pews	\$ 814.66	
Fellowship Hall	40,705.97	
Steeple	691,652.00	
PP Assembly Hall	16,495.99	
Lane Renovation	<u>20,926.71</u>	
Total Expenses		\$770,595.33
Net gain for 2014		\$249,900.91
Ending Balance 2014		
Checking		<u>\$ 484,139.42</u>

Steeple Work Completed

The steeple which adorns our beautiful meeting house now gleams against the blue skies of Savannah, and has been one of the city's most significant architectural landmarks for 123 years. The work which began on March 18, 2014, is now complete and with grand results. The repairs and painting was managed by the Rives E. Worrell Construction Company assisted by a host of skilled sub-contractors. The work was completed within budget guidelines and on time. We are especially thankful that there were no injuries during the work.

This important work was financed by your Trustees from funds that they manage. By underwriting the cost of these repairs the Trustees made it possible for the congregation's tithes and offering to continue to be devoted to the ministry of the church. We are very thankful to the Trustees for their responsiveness to this need. Thanks also to the congregation and our visitors for enduring inconveniences prompted by safety concerns.

The now brilliant white steeple has real drawing power and reminds us of Mr. Johnson's statement that, "*our steeple is worth more than a gospel tract*" because of its ability to attract worshipers to our services. When visitors enter our doors for worship they find a service where the gospel is heralded in the context of God-centered reverence and faithful biblical exposition.

The following was printed in the Savannah Morning News dated March 7, 1891.

"Work upon the iron steeple of the Independent Presbyterian church has been in progress for several days. The Lane Brothers Construction Company of Newark, Ohio, has the contract to furnish the material and to build the steeple. The steeple will be something unequalled in its line in Savannah, or in the whole state, in height and appearance. It is modeled after the old steeple, but will be of iron instead of wood, and consequently fireproof. It will be, when complete, 223 feet above the level of the street. The iron tower will be divided into four sections of about equal height. The first and second sections, beginning from the base, will be of the Corinthian order, with columns and entablatures. The third section will be of the composite order, with dentile cornices and bulls'-eye windows. The fourth section is the pyramid, the height of which will be about one-third of the height of the whole tower. It will be of copper plates upon an iron frame work, and will be surmounted by a weather vane 20 feet high, bearing two gilded balls, the first about 3 feet in diameter and the second, or one above, about 1 foot in diameter. The total cost of the tower will be \$16,400. The contractors expect to complete the work about May 1. The bell for the tower given by Mrs. Alfred E. Mills and weighs 3,150 pounds. The large tower clock is given by Mrs. Jacob Rauers. It will be placed at the top of the stone work and will have four eight-foot dials."

Ron Parrish

Food Service Report

It has been an honor serving this church the past year and I, as well as the entire staff, look forward to another great year in 2015! We are very excited to see what's in store for us. As every event concludes, I have more of an appreciation for my predecessor Kay Heritage. Of course, I attribute my kitchen knowledge to her (and a little to the Food Network), and it wasn't until this holiday season passed, that I realized how much work goes into making sure the events run smoothly. Miss Kay, you made this look easy.

Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast average 25 each week all year.
Wednesday Noon Service averages 45 each week with 3-4 weeks not in service.
Sunday Evenings' Downtown Supper averages 280 each week
Sunday Evenings' Summer Supper averages 300 each week

In addition to our weekly Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday meals, the kitchen also assists with several events throughout the year.

Funeral receptions
March For Life (30-40 boxed lunches)
W.O.C. Tea (about 140 in attendance)
Youth Dinner Sides (Wednesday, weekly, about 30 in attendance)
Youth Summer Cookout (20-30 in attendance)
College Summer Cookout (20-30 in attendance)
Life Chain, assist with planning and ordering, (20-25 in attendance)
Inquirers' Tea, assist with ordering and desserts, (15-20 in attendance)
Urban Hope, monthly during school year, (40 in attendance each month)
Communion Season Dinners (average 150 in attendance for 4 evenings)
Mission Conference Women's lunch and Men's breakfast
W.O.C. Monthly Fellowships

Cheryl Murray
Food Service Director

Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee is responsible for the hiring and releasing of non-ordained staff. We also work with the Director of Administration in support of his staffing of the church.

Members of the committee in 2014 were Elders Van Puffelen (Chairman), Boatright, Garnett, Gobel, Marting. Mr. Espinosa, the Director of Administration, joined in late June 2014, when he was hired.

1. Two Summer Interns were hired to assist in the Student Ministry department. We were thankful to have Rachel Garnett and Abby Johnson.
2. Miss Elissa Hunter was hired in June, as part-time Youth Administrative Assistant and served for the year.
3. After much prayer, we were thankful to hire Mr. Josh Espinosa as our new Director of Administration. He comes with 15-years experience in Church Administration as well as having 20+ years being in and a part of several solid, Reformed, traditional Presbyterian churches which many of us are very well acquainted. He began in June, and his family finally moved into their new home on Wilmington Island in November.
4. We were saddened to say goodbye to Mrs. Debbie Parker, who served faithfully our Senior Minister as his “right-hand” for many years of service. We continue to pray for her health.
4. We were thankful to find a more than capable replacement for the Senior Minister’s secretary. Mrs. Karen Hansill was hired in May, and is doing an excellent job at handling all the work that comes in and out of the Senior Minister’s office.
5. We were also saddened to say goodbye to Mrs. Kay Heritage from the staff and are thankful that she remains ready to serve when called upon.
6. Another loss for the church was when Jeff Powell’s service came to an end after faithfully serving as the Maintenance Manager.
7. We have had several kitchen and cleaning staff come and go and are thankful for their continued service to this church.

Joe Van Puffelen

The Diaconate Report

In Acts 6:3, the twelve apostles summoned the congregation of disciples in order that they might choose from among themselves “seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom,” to whom they appointed the duty of serving tables. As a result, the twelve devoted themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word, and the seven deacons ensured that the common needs of the congregation were attended. Thus, the Diaconate served in pursuit of two ideals: a congregation without complaints of neglect and worship without distraction.

Our Diaconate is spiritually motivated to give attention to the physical and material needs of the congregation and the facilities of the church. Deacons are expected to fulfill their assigned duties responsibly and faithfully, regularly attend the meetings of the church and the Diaconate, and exhibit leadership within the congregation. A Deacon should also be a growing reflection of the biblical requirements of the office as described in 1 Timothy 3.

This year twenty-eight active deacons served the I.P.C. congregation. Two deacons were assigned to each of the twelve I.P.C. Care Groups and assisted the care group Elder with any physical needs among the church members in his care group. They were also responsible for organizing and leading their Care Group in Sunday evening meal service and clean-up.

For this year, the Diaconate was re-organized into five committees: Worship Assistance; Maintenance; Mercy; Stewardship; and Hospitality. The Communications committee was disbanded. A summary of each committee’s significant activities follows.

The **Worship Assistance Committee** Chairman was William Brodmann, Jr. The responsibility of this committee is to develop and provide the personnel and services necessary for the orderly conduct of the worship services, as well as any other public meetings of the church. William Brodmann and Ron Barksdale scheduled and maintained the ushering rotation for the year, in which Deacons and non-Deacons share responsibility for ushering, collecting and counting the offerings, security, handicapped ramp and lift assistance, communion preparation and clean-up, and audio/recording duties. The ushering rotation was expanded this year with the addition of a third Deacon on security during the Sunday evening service. Ron Barksdale and Tom MacMillan remained diligent in updating and maintaining the reserved parking spaces in the church parking lot.

The **Maintenance Committee** was led by William Van Puffelen. This Committee is responsible for assisting the Trustees and the Session in maintaining church facilities, grounds, and equipment. William organized several work days at Point Pleasant, and worked with our Facilities Manager, Jeff Powell and later Josh Espinosa as well as Frank Orellana and Kevin Heritage on larger projects like the repair of the steeple and the ongoing upkeep of our air-conditioning system.

The **Mercy Committee** Chairman was David Wade. David continued to bring mercy opportunities before the Diaconate, and with his leadership and outreach we were able to give assistance to individuals and families in need. For example, we provided assistance to a young lady who is now a member of I.P.C.

The **Stewardship Committee** was led by Stephen Jackson. The Stewardship Committee is tasked with developing the giving within the congregation, and to call the membership to wise and generous stewardship of their time, talent, and treasure. This was emphasized during the annual Stewardship Season, and was coordinated by the committee Chairman. Stephen kept the Diaconate informed of our church’s financial status, and served as Diaconate representative on the Finance and Administration Committee.

The **Hospitality Committee** chairman was Mark Dusek. The responsibility of this committee is to encourage among the Deacons and all church members the desire to extend warm and genuine greetings to visitors, follow up with these visitors, and to encourage their becoming church members at I.P.C. David encouraged the Diaconate to get to know our members and visitors, to make introductions and invitations as we practice hospitality. Additionally, David coordinated with the Food Services Director to provide Diaconate assistance with all church-provided meals and receptions.

The now disbanded **Communications Committee** was chaired, once again, by Garry McKee. This committee sought to facilitate all areas of communication among the Deacons, and between the Deacons and the congregation. This committee assisted with the communications between the congregation and new Diaconate policies such as nursery security and emergency procedures. Upon hiring Josh Espinosa as the Church's Director of Administration, the Diaconate voted to disband the communications Committee.

The Class of 2014 deacons who will rotate off are: David Goeser, Patrick McLean, J. William P. Oliver, Jr., Francisco Orellana and Stephen E. Jackson, Jr. will rotate off the active Diaconate.

The Diaconate is pleased to welcome new and returning deacons as the Class of 2018: William J. Black, Michael D. Hazeltine, and G. Clay Nolen.

The final order of business for 2014 was the election of Officers for 2014.

Chairman: Kevin Heritage; Vice Chairman: Wallace Milling; Secretary: Andrew Gibson; and Parliamentarian: Clark Gibson.

As Chairman for 2014, I would like to thank the congregation for your trust and your encouragement throughout the year. Pray continually for the Ministers, Directors and Officers of I.P.C. Thank you, Deacons, for your readiness to serve, your guidance and support, your example in character, and your devotion to Christ as Head of the Church.

Francisco Orellana

Diaconate Attendance 2014

	Present	Absent
Ron Barksdale	10	2
Andy Brodmann	2	10
Will Brodmann	11	1
Neal Cope	7	5
Eddie DeLoach	6	6
Mark Dusek	12	0
Andrew Gibson	11	1
Clark Gibson	6	6
David Goeser	7	5
Kevin Heritage	11	1
Stephen Jackson	5	7
Patrick Kenard	11	1
Tom MacMillan	5	7
Garry McKee	1	11
Patrick McLean	9	3
Wallace Milling	8	4
Ryan Moody	6	6
Seth Murray	12	0
Will Oliver	2	10
Frank Orellana	11	1
Ryon Rambo	5	7
John Rigby	10	2
Jody Robinson	9	3
Michael Spencer	6	6
Roy Thompson	6	6
William Van Puffelen	8	4
David Wade	12	0
Wilbur Wiggins	10	2

Note: There were 12 monthly stated meetings in 2014.

The Trustees Report

The balance of the account the Trustees manage for IPC was \$2,746,706.44 as of 12/31/2014.

During the year the Trustees pledged \$350,000 to the Expanding Our Tent Campaign. Also, we paid out \$2000 to Christian education, \$45,000 loan to help an eligible employee transition to I.P.C., and \$752,516 to repair the steeple.

William J Monroe Jr. (2017)
Chairman

Other Trustees of I.P.C. are:
John T. South (2014)
Andrew W. Brodmann (2016)
Frank Chisholm, Jr. (2018)
Richard B. Mullinix (2015)

Point Pleasant Corporation Report

As part of my job description, I work with the Point Pleasant Corporation in maintaining and developing our wonderful facility on Talahi Island. Types of usage include Sunday evening worship during the summer, the I.P.C. Day Camp, special congregational events (Missions Conference, Egg Hunt, W.O.C. retreats and teas, etc.), care group meetings, youth group activities, Sunday school class parties, RUF gatherings, and use by members of the congregation for children's birthday parties and family reunions. Point Pleasant has become the site for RUF at the University of North Florida's annual campout. Tommy Park, campus minister for RUF there says that it is the favorite event each year for the students involved in that ministry. In 2014 we also hosted several family programs or meetings for Veritas Academy. These types of usage for Point Pleasant help us to fulfill our goal of using the property to its fullest in building the Kingdom of God.

Work days were held in 2014 including two diaconate work days organized by care group (these work days are for the whole congregation). Many thanks to all who participated in each of the work days, and for the huge amount of work that was accomplished. It should be noted that regardless of the name of the work day, anyone is welcome to participate in any of these events.

Several improvements were made to the property in 2014. The swimming pool deck was resurfaced and a new sliding board installed. Brian Hottel gave many hours to that project. Benches were built on the deep-water dock. Chuck Moore supervised that project. Three young men in our congregation completed Eagle Scout projects at Point Pleasant. Hunter Boatright built a new sand volleyball court, Tim Garnett developed a campsite on the "island with tent pad, picnic table, and fire ring, and Marc Biemiller refurbished the swing set, improved landscaping, and built a new bench swing by the swimming pool. Thank you to these young men (and congratulations). With help from a generous donor, a tractor was purchased with front loader, bush hog, and a road maintenance implement. Thanks to Tim Barrett for finding the tractor and closing the deal. We will put it to good use for future improvements. Let's look ahead with great anticipation as to how we might continue to improve our use of Point Pleasant for the building up of God's Kingdom.

Frankie Daniell