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PROPOSED AGENDA

I. OPENING

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

Praise ---------- Psalm 105A

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

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

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

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

II. REPORTS

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

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

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

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

CORPS @ Purdue Ministry---------- Jack Cottom, Leadership Team

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

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

Kids' Club ----------James & Bonnie Hill, Co-Leaders

Nursery Committee ---------- Kristen Brenneman, Chairman

Outreach Committee ---------- Ken Nelson, Co-Leader

Social Committee ----------Allen Blackwood, Chairman

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

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

III. BUSINESS

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

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

IV. CLOSING

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

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

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

Members and Adherents

January 2019

Members

1) Baek, Peter

2) Bibby, Robert
3) Bibby, Marlene
   1. Robert

4) Blackwood, Allen
5) Blackwood, Eleni
   2. Henry

6) Brenneman, Derek
7) Brenneman, Kristen
   3. Elyse
   4. Sadie

8) Brooks, Gary

9) Cheek, Jeremy

10) Cheng, Mike

11) Clevinger, Jennifer

12) Cottom, Jack

13) Devaney, Benjamin

14) Devaney, Nicolas
15) Devaney, Susan

16) Devaney, Thomas
17) Devaney, Pam
   5. Joseph
   6. Nathanael
   7. David

18) Elliott, Patrick

19) Evans, Keith

20) Faris, David
21) Faris, Jerri

22) Fiech, Kurt
23) Fiech, Shelley

24) Fisher, Abigail

25) Fisher, Jim
26) Fisher, Helen

27) Fisher, Jim
28) Fisher, Carole
   8. Joel
   9. Naomi

29) Fisher, Rachel

30) Gaeta, Jishshya
   10. Dominic
   11. Jasmine
   12. Rome
   13. Aerayonna
   14. Cyrus

31) Harrison, Ryan
32) Harrison, Sherry
   15. Franklin Love
   16. Xavier
   17. Zander
   18. Lucille

33) Hartzler, Aaron
34) Hartzler, Jennifer
   19. Seth
   20. Levi
   21. Nathanael
   22. Lydia

35) Hartzler, Samuel

36) Hill, James
37) Hill, Bonnie

38) Holler, Eric

39) Johnson, Tom
40) Johnson, Nancy

41) Kessler, Heather

42) Kessler, Jeff
43) Kessler, Karla

44) Kessler, Jordan
45) Kessler, Michelle
   23. Jaxson
   24. Carsen

46) Kessler, Joshua

47) Long, Jennifer

48) Long, Lois

49) Louderback, Vickie

50) Merritt, Jenn
   25. Jordan Treyer

51) Miley, Joseph
52) Miley, Cheryl

53) Nelson, Ken
54) Nelson, Christy
   26. Adalyn
   27. Mya
   28. Owen
   29. Victor

55) Nelson, Sam

56) Niess, Adam
57) Niess, Anne
   30. Micah
   31. Asher
   32. Ezra

58) Patton, B. J.
   33. Jonas Beaver
   34. Asher Beaver

59) Rapp, Matthew

60) Rhoda, Jack
61) Rhoda, Karen

62) Root, Benjamin

63) Ruckman, Joshua

64) Sabolich, Bob
65) Sabolich, Linda

66) Schaefer, Sarah

67) Shively, John
68) Shively, Blythe

69) Steele, Heartfield

70) Stockwell, Chris
71) Stockwell, Linda

72) Stockwell, Nathan

73) Stockwell, Peter

74) Sullivan, Thomas

75) Tan, Tim

76) Wagner, Buck
77) Wagner, Janet

78) Wagner, David

79) Walker, Larry
80) Walker, Maple Ann

81) Webb, Daniel

82) Webb, John

83) Young, Jessica

Adherents

1) Batz, Martha

2) Brenneman, David
   1. Luke
   2. Ethan

3) Brown, Meleah

4) Cheek, Alijah

5) Faris, Cargill

6) Hanson, Will

7) Herron, Jessica

8) LeFebvre, Rachel

9) Overly, Claire

10) Renfro, Jerome

11) Sorrells, Moe
12) Sorrells, Hannah
   3. Owen
   4. Adele

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAFAYETTE

January 26, 2018

Congregation sang psalm 96A
Bob Bibby called meeting to order
Dan Webb read the final reading of the edict for the deacon election
Adam Niess preached from Acts 6:1-7 on the need, qualification and election of deacons
Deacon election was held
Keith Evans called meeting to order
Dan Webb gave roll call. We reached a Quorum.
Moved and seconded to adopt the agenda. Agenda passed
Moved and seconded to adopt the minutes. Minutes passed

Pastor's Report - Adam Niess
Adam spoke about his excitement to be the new pastor and how excited he is to minister alongside the church
He spoke about his love for preaching, and covets your prayers
He is anticipating much enjoyment in learning more about Purdue CORPS ministry

Interim Pastor's Report – Keith Evans
Keith spoke about the transition and talked of how clear the Lord's steps have been in bringing him to counseling at the seminary and Adam to us
He talked about making it so he would decrease and Adam increase in this time of transition
He lastly spoke of truly missing us in the future and how important it is to follow our shepherd that the Lord has given us

Session Report – Dan Webb
Dan Webb spoke about the eventful year with Keith announcing his accepting of a position at the seminary and then adding Adam Niess
He mentioned the new vocal prayer request portion of evening worship
Talked about 2 baptisms and 5 new members in the church

Deacon Report – Aaron Hartzler
Aaron Hartzler mentioned the big change of Jim Fisher resigning and thanked him for his contribution to the ministry
He talked about 7 members and 13 individuals from outside the church received assistance

Christian Education Committee Report – Chris Stockwell
Chris Stockwell spoke about the curriculum and would be happy for helpers if people are interested

Jail Ministry Report – Bob Bibby

Bob Bibby spoke about the change in leadership at the jail after 10 years and asked for prayers for the relationship with the new Commander of the Jail Tommy Lehman
As always, Bob reminded us that we should pray for the ministry and consider joining

Purdue CORPS Ministry – Allen Blackwood
Allen Blackwood spoke a little bit about the ministry
Ministry seems to be growing and they are thankful for God's grace

Youth Ministry Report – Sam Hartzler
Sam Hartzler spoke about his thankfulness to the Lord because of the youth ministry
He spoke of his love for the weekly gatherings and what those are about

Kid's Club Report – Bonnie Hill
Bonnie spoke about the fruit of Kid's Club
She asked that God would be using this to open up hearts

Nursery Committee Report – Kristen Brenneman
No new babies in the past year, but looking forward to meeting a new addition to the Kessler family
She mentioned they are thankful for service in the nursery and always appreciate volunteers

Outreach Report – Ken Nelson
Ken Nelson explained what the outreach committee is and why it exists
He mentioned things have started slowly, but is hoping for growth in ideas and involvement from the committee to help others grow in their love for bringing others to Christ and His church

Social Committee Report – Carole Fisher
Carole Fisher spoke about the social events and their goal being that we grow in love for one another
She mentioned it was a good year of fellowship and hope that this coming year will be that much more effective for the growth of our church's fellowship

Treasurer Report – Bob Sabolich
He said you will find most of his report is around the budget, and he is thankful to serve
Moved and seconded to receive reports. Motion carried

BUDGET
Bob Sabolich pointed out that things look different than past years because of the 50th anniversary
Congregant asked why giving went down to help pay for the 50th anniversary, but nothing was changed
Budget was approved
Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Ken Nelson closed in prayer
Congregation sang 133B

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

January 26, 2018
1723 S 9th Street, Lafayette, IN 47905

Present were Keith Evans, Moderator; Bob Bibby; Jeff Kessler; Ken Nelson; Chris Stockwell; and Dan Webb, Clerk. Also present was pastor-elect Adam Niess. And the congregation was present for the purpose of a Deacon Election.

I. Constitution of the Court
Bob Bibby constituted the Court with prayer.

II. Role Call
The Clerk called the role and established a quorum was present.

III. Final Reading of the Edict
The Clerk gave the final reading of the edict.

IV. Worship
Pastor-elect Adam Niess gave a devotion from Acts 6:1-4.

V. Election
The ballots were passed out. The Clerk called the role as ballots were collected.
Tom Johnson was elected to be a Deacon-elect.
A second ballot was called to see if another deacon could be elected.
The ballots were passed out. The Clerk called the role as ballots were collected.
No further deacons were elected.

VI. Adjournment
Keith Evans adjourned the Court with prayer.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Adam D. Niess

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 ESV)

As you know, I conclude many worship services with the words above: Paul's benediction to the Thessalonians. Out of love for the people, he wanted them to know that God was at work within them for sanctification - that He was transforming them into the likeness of Christ and would always do so until the day of His return. I frequently use this benediction today for the same reason, because there is nothing more that I want for us than to be holy and faithful to Him. This is my prayer for all of us and the end to which I have labored over the past year.

In our morning worship services, I have ministered God's Word this year by preaching through the books of 1 Thessalonians and Jonah, as well as began a new series in the book of Acts. During our evening times of worship, I have preached through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and then started on the book of Genesis. Studying these portions of Scripture has been so helpful for my walk with Christ and I trust/pray it has been for you too. In addition to preaching God's Word, I have also had the pleasure of teaching the newcomers' class and am currently on my second round through it.

Paul told the Ephesian elders in Acts 20 that he ministered to them both publicly and privately, which has also been my aim this year. To this end, my family and I have focused on having people in our home for meals, fellowship, and fun. I have also visited many folks in their own homes and plan to continue doing so. As needs have arisen, I have been honored to meet with people for counseling and discipleship as well. Please know that you are always welcome in our home and that I am always willing to meet with you for any need or questions you may have.

Ministering to college students has also been a place of emphasis for me during this last year. At the beginning of the fall semester, I officially took the reins of CORPS (now called CORPS @Purdue). I have been pleased to lead the ministry and am grateful for the help all the students have given me in doing so. For our large group meetings on campus (Friday Fellowship), I spoke at one this year on the importance of the local church and brought in other speakers for the others. At our Fireside Chats, I have been leading a discussion on various parts of the Westminster Confession of Faith. We do not have a MIT group this year, but I also helped Anne with the leading of WIT. During the last couple of months, I have also planned the upcoming CORPS Winter Conference.

At the Session level, it has been a joy of mine to labor alongside our ruling elders and moderate our meetings. A particular highlight for me was our summer planning retreat. At present, some of the elders meet with me for prayer every other week, for which I am also quite grateful. Each week, I also meet with Allen Blackwood (our pastoral intern) for instruction, encouragement, and prayer. When possible, I try to bring him along and involve him in my ministry to others. I'm also thankful to have been given the opportunity to attend the Banner of Truth Ministers' Conference this year, as well as to be a part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. I'm honored to serve a church that has such a rich heritage. Outside of our congregation, I was appointed by the Presbytery to serve on the Candidates and Credentials Committee this year. I have also continued to serve as the Chairman for

Presbytery's Selma Committee, as well as a provisional elder on the Session of the Selma congregation. This past November, it was my privilege to give the charge to Philip McCollum, my successor in Bloomington. At the Synod level, I have remained on the RP International Conference's Advisory Committee and have served as the workshop coordinator for the upcoming conference in 2020.

As I look back over this year - my first year as your pastor - it has been one of much learning and excitement. I am so thankful to God (and to you) for the honor of ministering to you and being a part of this church family. Our ruling elders have been a great support to me and I rejoice in knowing that we have such faithful deacons. Pastor Evans gave a lot of his time to me in the earlier part of the year and our faithful secretaries have done so much to make my first year a smooth transition. Thank you for loving my family and me, and for welcoming us into your lives and homes. We value your friendship, support, and prayers so much.

May the Lord build up His church in Lafayette, Indiana, in this new year!

With gratitude,

Pastor Niess

SESSION'S REPORT

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:"
Colossians 1:27, 28

God established 2018 as a year of transition for the session. The make-up of the session changed as we welcomed Pastor Niess to Lafayette, and to the session, and sent Pastor Evans to the seminary. Also, some of the roles within the session changed as Dan Webb stepped down as Clerk after serving in that role for nearly 20 years. Ken Nelson assumed the role as Clerk, with much learning to do.

As a session, we have been very encouraged with many aspects of our church. One of the main encouragements of 2018 was how God brought Adam and his family to our church and the smooth transition between Pastor Evans and Pastor Niess. God has blessed our congregation with pastors who love the Lord, love the Word, and are skilled preachers and teachers of the Word.

At the beginning of 2018, we saw the completion of our new kitchen, lift, and bathroom project. This was a very significant accomplishment for our church, as we had been praying and planning for this remodel activity for close to a decade. The deacons worked tirelessly on this project, and as a congregation we appreciate all their labors.

Speaking of our deacons, the session is very thankful to the men that God has put on our deacon board. These men work tirelessly. In particular, they care for our building, administer the money of the church, and lead in mercy. God has blessed us with the deacons He has put into office. As a session we see the need to add more deacons. Please be praying with us to see how God will lead.

Another key event in 2018 was, our church hitting 50 years as an established congregation. This milestone took place on November 20, with a great time of celebration and remembrance of God's blessings on November 10-11. Many in the congregation have commented that this event has been used by God to energize and strengthen our congregation, as we remembered all of the ways God has used and blessed our church. The 50th anniversary committee worked very hard and did a great job in preparing for the special event and coordinating the weekend activities! The session would like to thank Jerri Faris, Jenny Long, Karla Kessler, Christy Nelson, Janet Wagner and Maple Ann Walker for all their work on this committee!

2018 also brought a retirement, as Marlene Bibby retired from her role as church secretary, a role she held for roughly 30 years. All that Marlene did for the pastors, the session, the deacons, and the congregation as a whole cannot be known or understood. The session is very thankful for Marlene's work and also for bringing her replacement in Carole Fisher.

In 2018 the session met as a constituted court a total of 15 times. The session planning retreat was held June 21-23 at the Bibby home.

The congregation received five new communicant members in 2018, Adam Niess, Anne Niess, Susan Devaney, Jennifer Clevinger, and Jack Cottom.

The sacrament of Lords Supper was conducted six times in 2018.

There was one baby born in the congregation in 2018, Carsen Kessler.

There were two baptisms in 2018, Jennifer Clevinger and Carsen Kessler.

In 2018 our average morning worship attendance was 99 and our average evening attendance was 65. As of 12/31/18, our current membership is 117 (83 communicant members, 34 baptized members.) Net change in total membership is -14 from 12/31/17.

The session is very thankful for those who serve on committees and in other areas of ministry to our congregation. In 2018, a new committee *Hospitality* was initiated to help lead our congregation in areas of hospitality. Also, a big thank you to John and Blythe Shively who have taken over the role of supplies coordinator, a role Karen Rhoda held for many years.

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

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

Purdue Corps (CORPS at Purdue) has transitioned to be led by Adam and Anne Niess. Also, Allen and Eleni Blackwood continue to provide support and leadership.

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

Kids Club is now in its third year. James and Bonnie Hill have done an excellent job of providing leadership and oversight for this ministry to children. Also, thank you to the many others who have volunteered your time.

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

The Ironmen retreat was again led by our congregation. The retreat was held in April. Our speaker for the retreat was Steve Rhoda.

In August we had our first community cookout led by our Outreach committee.

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

RP TGB, Covfamikoi Advisory Committee; and Ken (and Christy) have been appointed as Covfamikoi Directors starting after the 2019 Covfamikoi conference.

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

On behalf of the session,

Ken Nelson, Clerk

DEACON'S REPORT

The past year was yet another busy one for the deacons, but a year of blessings as well. We are thankful to God for what He has given our congregation and for the opportunity to serve.

Two years ago the congregation voted on a proposal to remodel the kitchen, add an ADA compliant restroom and install a wheelchair lift. A year ago at the congregational meeting we reported that the project was nearly finished, and we estimated that the total cost would be between $145,000 and $162,000. The final cost for the three projects ended up at $146,000.

In comparison to the renovation project, work on the building and grounds this year was relatively light. Most of the work done was not anticipated at the beginning of the year, and some planned work was not completed.

One unexpected project was the removal of several nuisance trees on the property. These trees did not pose a direct threat to any of our structures, but the work had to be done. We also determined that the increasingly frequent drips from the ceiling in the narthex were due to rotten window frames, so six new windows at the balcony level were installed. Concurrent with that work a small pane in the nursery and the large window in the sleeping baby room were replaced due to cracks. The roof was inspected due to suspected damage, and we learned that it required repairs due to normal wear and tear. With this work the roof should last another six to eight years.

Regarding the mercy ministry, there were four members of the congregation who received assistance in some form and eight people not associated with the church who were helped. The expenditures were almost entirely funded by special offerings, so the financial report shows that most of the budgeted funds were not used. The special offering for October was sent to RPM&M, and December's special offering was sent to a Chinese pastor who is taking seminary classes.

For 2019, we have decided to make the parking lot a priority project since it was not completed in 2018. We estimate the cost to be somewhere around $50,000. Additionally, we plan to have the property surveyed and to have additional problem trees removed. Potential future projects, over the next ten years, will include new furnace and air conditioning units, replacement windows for the sanctuary, and a new roof.

Finally, several church members have offered their time to work on projects at the church, and for that we are grateful. We continue to encourage everyone to help take care of our building and grounds. And we would like to encourage those who are qualified to prayerfully consider the call to be a deacon at some point in the future.

In Christ,
Aaron Hartzler
Bob Sabolich

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Teaching Staff	First Semester	Second Semester
Nursery	Kristen Brenneman	Kristen Brenneman
Preschool-K	Sherry Harrison	Abby Fisher
1st-3rd	Bonnie Hill	Linda Stockwell
4th-6th	Jen Hartzler	Jerri Faris
7th – 8th	Chris Stockwell	James Hill
High School	Jacob Long	Chris Stockwell

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

Sunday School Offerings
We continue to encourage our children to remember various ministries with their prayers and offerings each week. These ministries are chosen from our local church, the community of Lafayette, and our denominational causes. We encourage the church to keep these ministries in your family prayers.
Our ministry causes for 2018:

Jan.-Feb.	Terre Haute RP Church
March- May	Pakistan RP Global Mission
Sept. -Oct.	Bethesda Outreach Mission
Nov.- Dec.	Christmas gifts – Angel Tree

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

Psalm and Scripture Memory of the Semester
Each semester the CE Committee selects a Psalm that we encourage families to sing at home. Also a bible memory passage is selected for the church to memorize. This passage students can use for the scripture memory program in Sunday School.
Psalm of the Semester

2018 Spring Semester - 94B
2018 Summer - 57B
2018 Fall - N/A

Scripture Memory

2018 Spring Semester - Colossians 3:18-25; 4:1-6
2018 Fall Semester - 1 Thessalonians 3:11-5:11

Initiatives

The Book Table is going through renovation in the coming months. Details will be announced in the near future.
We are actively recruiting new teachers.
Looking for helpers on the committee and teachers and teacher helpers.

In Christ,
Christian Education Committee
Sherry Harrison, Linda Stockwell, Chris Stockwell, Chairman

CORPS @ PURDUE REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of CORPS at Purdue is to evangelize, establish, equip, and send students into the world who love God will all their hearts and people as themselves. CORPS is meant to help Christians become dependent on Christ, facilitate growing relationships with the body of Christ, and to raise up laborers in the ministry. We pursue these ends through outreach, weekly activities, as well as inclusion in the local church.

Leadership

For the spring semester, CORPS was led by Keith and Melissa Evans, and Adam and Anne Niess. At the beginning of the Fall semester, Adam and Anne took full leadership of CORPS, along with Allen and Eleni Blackwood. Additional members were added to the leadership team at the beginning of the fall semester. Those members include Jack Cottom, Tim Tan, Ellie Faris, and Abby Fisher. Returning leadership members were Anastasia Sturm, Gracie Pike and Tommy Mangan. Those serving as officers are Anastasia Sturm as President, and Gracie Pike as Treasurer. Jerri Faris serves as the Purdue Staff Advisor.

Events

The leadership team planned a variety of events for students to participate in this past year. In January 2018, CORPS put on the annual college Winter Conference, with Rev. Ed Blackwood as the speaker. For the semiannual spring break trip, students went to Orlando, Florida. During that trip the group worshipped, fellowshipped, and served with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Orlando.
Some of the more frequent events were Friday Fellowship, Study Break, and Fireside Chat. The students are also given the opportunity to attend weekly student lunches, hosted by the Lafayette and Immanuel congregations.

Studies

CORPS organizes Bible studies to help equip and establish students in their faith. This past year CORPS coordinated and led the Girls' Bible study, Boys' Bible study, Women in Training, and Men in Training.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anastasia Sturm

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

"For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God"
II Corinthians 9:12

This past year, during the Elder Planning Retreat, the Session made the decision to add a committee and call it Hospitality. The committee was to focus on welcoming people, sending others off, and helping the saints in the congregation with various needs.

The committee met one time formally in the fall, and we came up with a list of duties and divided them up amongst ourselves. One of the things we will be in charge of is bridal and baby showers. So, if you know of someone who needs a shower, and you would like to plan it, please speak with one of the committee members. We would also like to encourage you to use the church fellowship hall and our new kitchen for these showers. It might help more of you to get involved.

We welcomed new members with a blue Psalter with an inscription written inside. And we sent people off with a Psalter that included special notes from each of you. We feel this is a special way to show our love for singing the Psalms.

In December we organized the Finals Food for our students. We made them gluten free so all could enjoy them while studying for their finals. We are now organizing our 'Adopt a Student' program for this semester. If you missed signing up, there is always next semester. The goal of this program is to facilitate more interaction between singles/families and students in order to create a very welcoming environment for them. Remember, they are away from their families so include them as much as you/they want to be included in your lives. Any small gestures (saying hi, cookies/small gifts, having them over, email, text) will be appreciated. And don't forget the student dinners. They love to be in our homes, so sign up to host one.

Next month we will once again be organizing Military Care Packages for Peter Baek and Joe Devaney. We decided to wait until February to do this as there are so many demands at Christmastime. We informed them about this change. They really appreciate the care and love shown to them these past couple of years.

The committee will also be in charge of organizing funeral meals and flowers, help for the congregants' families as one of us is in the hospital or on the mend.
We hope this committee will be a great encouragement to new people and to all of us. It is a great way to show love for one another by helping each other. If you see a way our church can be more hospitable, please don't hesitate to speak with one of us.

Serving,
Marlene Bibby, chair
Carole Fisher
Anne Niess

TIPPECANOE COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul who seeks Him.
It is good that one should hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord.
Lamentations 3:25-26 (NKJV)

Truly the Lord is good to those who wait on Him, to the soul who seeks Him. For this reason we faithfully continue to minister to both the jail and work release facilities each Lord's Day, Tuesday evenings, and on call throughout the week, in order to present Christ to the incarcerated men and women of Tippecanoe County. There are those who have wandered from a faith previously professed, those who attended church when they were young, and those who know nothing of Christ… but; who are tired of feeling lost. Our hope is that through the work of the Holy Spirit, the seeds of the gospel would take root in the hearts of the men and women to whom we speak each week… that they would indeed became new creations in Christ… being transformed by the renewing of their minds… becoming souls who truly seek Him.

On December 16, 2018, we again were able to bring holiday treats to the inmates. However; this year we narrowed it to cookies and soft drinks (both of which they never see during their incarceration). They were happy and thankful for what they received and, as always, they are touched by this simple showing of love to them. As in previous years this holiday treat outreach brings in inmates who previously have not participated in the ministry, but; show up for the treats… and, in God's providence, continue coming weekly to hear about hope in Jesus Christ.

As stated in our last report, Captain Saxton, was replaced by Captain Tom Lehman on 20 January 2018, as jail commander. I am thankful to have developed a strong relationship with Captain Lehman and he is very supportive of the ministry. In addition, for 2019, we will make another transition to a new Sheriff, Bob Goldsmith. Prior to his election, Sheriff Goldsmith said he trusts in Christ and will support the ministry of God's Word at the jail. Please pray we work well together, and that we have no major issues during the transition.

As in years past… I would ask that you pick up your phone right now and put a reminder on your calendars to pray for us each week, as we minister on Sundays (3:00 – 4:30 PM) and Tuesdays (7:00 – 10:00 PM) at both the County Jail and the Work Release Facility. I would also ask that you prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to this ministry… we covet your help.

The ministry team at both locations consists of the following:

Ministry to Men (Jail)

Robert Bibby	RPC of Lafayette
Allen Blackwood*	RPC of Lafayette
Zachary Blackwood	Immanuel RPC
Jose Berumen	Primera Iglesia Bautista
Tom Camp*	Harvest Chapel
David Carr*	Immanuel RPC
Howard Clements	Faith Church
Greg Crow	Sycamore RPC
David Daniels (new in 2018)	Immanuel RPC
G. Michael Fielding	Resurrection Presbyterian Church
Jeff Kessler*	RPC of Lafayette
Jim Lehe	Harvest Chapel
Jerry Mott (new in 2018)	Resurrection Presbyterian Church
Jack Rhoda	RPC of Lafayette
Carlos Rivas	Iglesia De Bautista De la Esperanza
Andrew Robison	Immanuel RPC
Robert Sabolich	RPC of Lafayette
Robert Schueler*	Faith Church
Chris Stockwell*	RPC of Lafayette
Mark Withers	Community Reformed Church

Ministry to Women (Jail)

Alyssa Allen	Connection Point Church
Martha Batz	Bloomington Reformed Presbyterian Church
Eleni Blackwood*	RPC of Lafayette
Jerri Faris	RPC of Lafayette
Abbey Corbett (returned in 2018)	Harvest Chapel
Karen Rhoda*	RPC of Lafayette
Jeannette Toler	Wea Ridge Baptist Church
Angie Verissimo	First Assembly Community Ministries
Candice Verville (returned in 2018)	Harvest Chapel
Barbara White	Covenant Church

* Provides back-up when another team member is absent

Participating Churches- Sunday Worship Services (Work Release)

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

Tuesday Night Bible Study (Work Release)

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

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

On behalf of the jail ministry team…

Yours in Christ,

Robert W. Bibby, Chaplain

KIDS' CLUB REPORT

This is the second year we've been leading Kids' Club. Buck Wagner has graciously assisted us the nursery group. We have continued splitting kids into two groups (nursery and older kids' group) with one to two adults providing supervision and teaching per group:

- About 7-10 children ages 6-12 attend weekly.
- Approx. 3-7 children ages 5 and younger attend weekly in the nursery group

Purpose: Providing children of the church and their friends an activity group that meets during Bible Study and Youth Group, with the goal of glorifying God together through fellowship, fun, and study of the Bible.

Helpers: A few individuals from the Lafayette RPC have assisted us with supervision.

Impact: Children from the church have attended the group this fall

Teaching Topic

- A nursery helper supervises play with the nursery group.
- James and I have continued working with 1st-6th graders using an AWANA teaching series that focuses on the character and nature of God. Our time typically consists of a craft, a brief lesson, snack time, prayer, and group games or a short movie.

Praise Items

- We are thankful for the helpers from the congregation who have been assisting us in reaching out to the children of the congregation each week.
- We are encouraged by the friendships we see evolving among the church's youngest youth, and we ask you to be in prayer that God would help these children continue to grow in their love for the Church.
- Pray that God would open the hearts of our youngsters to Jesus, and use these children in the lives of their families and the community.

Respectfully Submitted in Love and Service,
James and Bonnie Hill, Chairmen

NURSERY COMMITTEE REPORT

"Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise" Matthew 21:16b

Over the past year Carsen Kessler and Josephine Pedersen were born. The nursery committee arranged 6 hot meals, freezer meals, or healthy snacks for these families with new additions. At the time of his baptism, Carsen Kessler received a mini Psalter engraved with his name as a gift from the Nursery Committee.

Michelle Kessler, Eleni Blackwood and I (Kristen Brenneman) taught the 2nd hour nursery class this past year. Each Sunday we had a snack and read from the "Read Aloud Bible Stories" by Ella K. Lindvall. The class consisted of 3-5 little ones each week.

There has not been any changes to the nursery committee this past year. I (Kristen Brenneman) remain as chairman, and Michelle Kessler is still a member of the committee. Some tasks of the committee are creating the nursery schedule, cleaning the laundry, disinfecting the toys, and keeping everything stocked.

The nursery committee would like to extend a heartfelt, "Thank You!" to those who have served this past year. You are truly a blessing. If you are not currently serving and would be willing to serve, please consider joining us.

2018 was a blessed year. We thank the Lord for the spiritual growth we have seen in the little ones! We look forward to 2019 and the continual increase of God's kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted in Love and Service,
Kristen Brenneman, Nursery Chairman

On Behalf of
Michelle Kessler

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

"*...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*"

As we mentioned previously, the primary focus of the Outreach Committee was to lead the congregation in evangelistic efforts and promote the outreach of our church, to see if the Lord would lead more visitors into our midst. Generally, the two different focuses go hand-in-hand. With increased evangelistic efforts we pray and hope that God would bring more people into our church, and as God brings more people into our church, we pray that our evangelistic efforts in their lives would bring fruit of conversions.

These outreach and evangelistic efforts are the mission of all of us within our congregation. The Outreach Committee is looking for ways we can lead the congregation into different areas of ministry, but this needs to be a focus for all of us, not just the committee members.

In 2018, our committee led our first outreach event. In August, we held our community cookout. As a committee we felt this was a successful event. We had nearly 30 people from the community who joined our cookout and interacted with members from our congregation. Thank you for all who participated! This event would not have been a success without all of the help from the congregation from inviting friends and neighbors, providing food, and interacting with those who attend.

Also, in 2018, our church incorporated a major website update. This was not driven by our committee, but one of the main purposes is to help with the outreach of our church. In 2018 we saw several visitors who found us via online resources (website/ sermon audio etc.)

As we look into 2019, we are planning on initiating a mailer that would be sent sometime in early 2019 to two districts near the church. This mailer will have the gospel message on one side, and information on the church on the other. We are also considering printing enough pamphlets for another district and utilizing members to pass them out, adding a personal touch to the distribution of the pamphlets.

From an outreach perspective, we are planning on hosting our 2nd community cookout. Our tentative plan is again for late August, so please make your plans to help and invite others to this event. We are also working with the Social Committee to make some of our church social events opportunities to invite friends and neighbors to interact with our church members in different and fun ways.

As always, we need to continue to pray individually and corporately for our efforts as a congregation toward evangelism and involvement in spreading the gospel to the community around us.

The Outreach Committee

Allen Blackwood
James Hill
Bonnie Hill
Adalyn Nelson
Ken Nelson, Chairman
Chris Stockwell

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Acts 2:42 NKJV

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Much has happened in the life of our congregation in 2018, and we as the social committee are very thankful for your help and participation in the fellowship events we had during the course of this year. The following are most of the organized fellowship activities we had last year, along with a brief description.

- Jan 20 - Bowling Night – a very well-attended activity and much fun and fellowship was had.
- Feb 2 - Niess installation and reception – an exciting and blessed event, with a very full sanctuary and a full fellowship hall afterward.
- April 14 - Joint Theme Dinner – this was, once again, a joint activity with IRPC, with a theme of Italy in the 1920's, with some great décor, wonderful costumes, live music, a mafia mystery game, a silent film, and more.
- May 5 - Walk along the Wabash –a casual event of enjoying a walk (ride for some) along the Wabash Heritage trail.
- June 24 & July 22 - Ice cream socials after evening service.
- Aug 18 - Canoe & Kayak trip – a fun 2-hour ride down the Wildcat Creek.
- Sept 3 - joint Labor Day picnic with IRPC – A very well-attended event, with much fellowship, lots and lots of food, and organized and impromptu games.
- Sept 8 - Eastern Michigan @ Purdue football game – quite a few people purchased tickets for the game, and despite the rain, a fair contingent came and watched the game together.
- Oct 19 - Game Night – a small, casual event where a few of us gathered and ate, talked, and played a couple of games.

Due to the (wonderful) 50th Anniversary dinner, we did not have much else going on as far as organized fellowship activities go in Nov & Dec, but there was a joint cookie exchange event organized by IRPC's social committee.

Additionally, in 2018, we sadly said goodbye to our pastor, Keith Evans & family, Ed & Joanne Evans, the Longs, Sarah Schaefer, with sharing time, tears, Psalters, cakes, and more (shout-out to the hospitality committee for organizing the Pederson send-off). We also celebrated Lois' 80th birthday and we had a retirement celebration for Marlene, thanking her for her work.

As we begin a new year, we would like to ask all of you in the congregation about what fellowship activities you are interested in, in hopes of planning events that many might want to attend and be able to attend. If you are reading this report prior to the congregational meeting, I would like to ask you to think about the events we had in 2018, and events you might like us to have in 2019 – new events, and/or continuing the events we have been doing, as we plan to pass out a very brief survey about our fellowship activities.

Lastly, please come to the 2019 fellowship activities. It is wonderful to get together in order to fellowship and get to know and love each other as well as practice some of the 'one anothers' in the Bible. And remember that these events are great activities to bring along friends outside of our church as well!

In Christ,

- The Social Committee - Allen Blackwood, Eleni Blackwood, Tim Tan, & Jessica Young

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

Compared to many previous years, 2018 did not bring many changes for the youth group. The Allgaiers, Nelsons, and Blackwoods continue to lead this growing number of youth. We continue to average around twenty students a week, and we still meet Wednesday nights at RPCL.

In the spring we finished our study through Jerry Bridge's book, *Respectable Sins*, and now we are wrapping up our study of Philippians. Our theme for this school year is "Taking hold of the promises of God." One of the most noticeable changes from previous years was the replacement of the ski trip with the spring retreat. While no one followed the written instructions and brought "snakes" instead of "snacks," the retreat was still a fun-filled time with plenty of spiritual instruction as well. There has also been a return to having church members give their testimonies as guest speakers.

This year also had some encouraging new signs. Although many students have graduated out of youth group in the last couple years, even more are coming in, filling the youth group with new energy. Many thanks are due to the Bible study which meets at the church for putting up with our noisy clamor! Another encouraging sign is the increasing number of non-RP youth attending, an area where we have struggled in the past. While we have a lot of room to grow, it is encouraging to see increased ministry in this area.

While the CYPU, our presbytery's high school youth organization, is technically not a part of youth group, it is integrally connected to its outreach. Several members of the youth group, including me, were elected to serve on the CYPU leadership team. Serving in this area has really helped me see what this program does for young people – and also what this program needs. The program thrives on the service of people of all ages, from people cooking or counseling at conferences to simply participating in the events. Even if you are past the age of attending, please consider helping in one of these areas. I can give personal witness to what the program has done in my life, helping me in my walk with God.

Finally, I am now in my last semester in high school. Being near the end of my youth group tenure has caused me to reflect on what the youth group has done for me in the six years I've been involved. Thanks to this ministry, I've made and strengthened strong Christian friendships and have been challenged and deepened spiritually. I am a very different person than the (much shorter) boy who began going to the weekly meetings at the leaders' houses six years ago. Thank you to all the leaders over the years for your work in my life, and thank you to the church for supporting this ministry in so many different ways, from providing us with places to serve and work, to coming to our fundraisers, to sending your kids to be part of this ministry. Thank you, and it is my prayer that this ministry to be used by God in this powerful way.

In Christ,
Sam Hartzler

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION COMPARISON

As of December 31, 2018

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2018	AS OF DEC 31, 2017 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
100 RPC Checking	32,505	69,792
110 RPC Money Market	140,299	154,603
120 RPC Savings	5	5
125 LPL Financial Investments	0	7,126
Total Bank Accounts	**$172,808**	**$231,526**
Other Current Assets		
150 Other Receivables	0	2,100
Total Other Current Assets	**$0**	**$2,100**
Total Current Assets	**$172,808**	**$233,626**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$172,808**	**$233,626**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	$10,507	$0
Other Current Liabilities		
210 FICA Payable	0	531
215 Deferred Revenue	1,700	
Total Other Current Liabilities	**$1,700**	**$531**
Total Current Liabilities	**$12,207**	**$531**
Long-Term Liabilities		
220 Synod Loan Payable	89,072	97,847
Total Long-Term Liabilities	**$89,072**	**$97,847**
Total Liabilities	**$101,279**	**$98,378**
Equity		
300 General Fund	129,831	84,405
310 Retained Earnings	0	0
315 Capital Improvements Fund	0	34,712
320 CORPS Conf Fund	659	511
330 Family Conference Fund	1,041	1,041
355 Book Table Fund	400	
360 Mercy Fund	0	1,787
380 Women's Retreat Fund	0	1,558
390 Youth Group Fund	1,758	776
Net Revenue	-62,161	10,457
Total Equity	**$71,529**	**$135,248**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$172,808**	**$233,626**

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette
2018 Treasurer Report
2019 Proposed Budget

	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Over/Under	2019 Proposed
Income				
Interest	711	300	411	600
Rent	20,400	20,400	-	20,400
Tithes	223,135	222,500	635	230,000
Total Budgeted Income	244,246	243,200	1,046	251,000
Special Gift Income	12,082	0	12,082	
Total Income	$ 256,328	$ 243,200	$ 13,128	$ 251,000
			-	
Expense				
Allowances and Salaries			-	
FICA	1,243	1,209	34	1,071
Guest Speakers	2,282	2,500	(218)	3,000
Honorarium - Allen				4,900
Housing - Adam	21,480	21,480	-	22,200
Housing - Keith	22,866	22,866	-	-
Ministry Expense - Adam	3,519	3,500	19	4,100
Ministry Expense - Keith	568	600	(32)	-
Ministry Expense - Allen				400
Pension - Adam	4,200	4,200	-	4,200
Pension - Keith	1,750	1,750	-	-
Custodian Salary	3,825	3,800	25	4,000
Office Manager Salary	11,500	12,000	(500)	10,000
Office Manager Salary - Trainee	929	1,200	(271)	-
Disability Insurance- Adam		1,200	(1,200)	-
Pastor Salary - Keith	5,717	5,717	-	-
Pastor Salary - Adam	54,320	54,320	-	56,000
Total Allowances and Salaries	134,199	136,342	(2,143)	109,871
			-	

Church Building			-	
Capital Improvements	15,163	15,000	163	52,324
Furniture & Equipment	2,968	2,500	468	6,000
Insurance	3,767	4,000	(233)	4,000
Interest Expense	2,837	2,837	-	2,571
Maintenance	11,683	10,000	1,683	10,000
Supplies	4,817	2,800	2,017	5,000
Utilities	11,585	12,000	(415)	12,000
Rental Expense	1,663	2,000	(337)	2,500
Total Church Building	54,483	51,137	3,346	94,395
			-	
Congregational Giving			-	
Gifts	782	800	(18)	800
Matrix	200	200	-	200
Miscellanous Missionary	300	700	(400)	700
Presbytery Assessment	4,020	4,020	-	3,711
Synod Assessment	4,971	4,864	107	5,373
RP M & M	5,000	5,000	-	6,000
RP Seminary	1,500	1,500	-	2,000
RTF	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Sudan Mission	2,500	2,500	-	
RP Global Mission			-	3,500
Trinity Mission	500	500	-	500
Total Congregational Giving	20,773	21,084	(311)	23,784
Ministry Expense				
Administrative	1,218	3,137	(1,919)	1,500
Christian Ed	1,469	1,500	(31)	2,000
College Ministry	1,341	2,000	(659)	2,500
Session Conferences	810	1,000	(190)	1,000
Hospitality Committee	1,406	1,500	(94)	1,000
Social Committee				1,500
Jail Ministry	2,463	3,500	(1,037)	3,500
Mercy Ministry	865	4,000	(3,135)	3,000
Nursery	66	200	(134)	200
Outreach	453	300	153	1,300
Session	715	1,200	(485)	1,200
Ironmen	800	1,000	(200)	1,000
Theological Education	1,000	1,000	-	1,500
Intern	300	300	-	
Youth Group	517	1,500	(983)	1,500
50th Anniversary Expense	5,204	12,500	(7,296)	
Book Table				250
Total Ministry Expense	18,627	34,637	(16,010)	22,950
Total Budgeted Expense	228,082	243,200	(15,118)	251,000
Fund Transfer Expense	78,725	0	78,725	
Special Gift Expense	11,682	0	11,682	
Total Expense	318,489	243,200	75,289	251,000
Net Income	$ (62,161)	$ 0	$ (62,161)	$ (0)