

SYCAMORE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REPORT
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Mar 4-6, 2021 (Kokomo, IN)

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.” Romans 11:33-36

The elders of Sycamore have sensed the majesty of God declared in this doxology. Amid a restless world, under a global pandemic, with more time to assemble in protest and rioting, and on the heels of a very controversial election, exposing the deep division present in our country, we have found ourselves continually turning to those words of comfort and faith from Psalm 11:4, “The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.”

<u>2020 Congregational Stats:</u>	
2018 Total Members: 35C/30B	65
2019 Total Members: 36C/29B	65
Ave Attendance AM Worship:	57
Ave Attendance PM Worship:	37
Baptized Members Professing:	0
New Members by Profession:	0
Net Change in Total Membership:	(-3/+3)

Due to many restrictions and COVID-19 risk management, ministry and fellowship has seen challenges new to us, though not new to the visible church throughout the ages, and certainly not overwhelming or insurmountable to our Savior. In fact, the challenges of 2020 have provided many opportunities to demonstrate love for, patience with, and service to one another.

Statistically speaking, the Session constituted as a court **10** times in 2020 and met informally many other times for counsel and discussion. We currently have **36** communicant members and **29** baptized members. We witnessed the Lord add Heidi Dinkledine and Sandy and Max Richardson (and witnessed Max’s baptism!). We transferred Lynn, Joy, and Baylie Hullett to Mt Gilead Baptist Church. Though it was difficult to take an accurate attendance with Zoom, our averages turnout was approximately **57** people in the morning service, and **37** in the evening teaching service (exact same numbers as last year).

Regarding our preaching & teaching ministry, we have heard from the mouth of God in His Word as we have walked through a 7-sermon series entitled, “Amid Plagues”. We also considered 9 sermons on “Anger and its Remedies” before we came back to Romans 9-11 and presently find ourselves halfway through chapter 12. Guest preachers included Steven Work, Joe Smith, and Jason Camery. We celebrated the Lord’s Supper 4 times this year due to COVID restrictions. In our evening teaching service, we considered the Lives of Elijah and Elisha, as well as a series on Meditating on the Bible. We also considered how to lovingly respond to the unbiblical practice of Lent and the theology of the Incarnation. We sang consecutively through Psalms 109D to 119M as a congregation in our evening service.

A regular teaching schedule is kept during the week as well as weekly Biblical counseling. Our pastor is also involved in tutoring the ‘7th grade’ community for Classical Conversations each Wednesday. We are tied into the ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Center, Lifeline Family Services, and Turning Point, a social service for families and individuals affected by the trials that come through addiction.

We trust and pray that as we experience our God’s benediction of His love, grace, fellowship, & trial, we would continue to “know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose’ which is “to be conformed to the image of His Son”

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2020-21 Financials

100 Income	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposal
101 Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
102 Tithes and Offerings	\$100,000.00	\$101,580.89	\$106,600.00
103 Flow-In (Anonymous & RP Witness)		\$480.00	
104 Building Emergency Fund		\$0.00	
105 Compassion International		\$10.58	
107 Other Income		\$0.00	
108 Building Improvements		\$0.00	
110 Building Cleaning		\$1,750.00	
111 Special Gifts (Mercy Ministry)		\$2,750.00	
Subtotal	\$100,000.00	\$104,341.47	\$106,600.00
200 Administration			
201 Administration	\$3,000.00	\$5,012.96	\$3,000.00
202 Christian Education	\$1,200.00	\$1,022.49	\$1,200.00
203 Library Education	\$250.00	\$221.55	\$250.00
205 Anderson Ministry Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,004.95	\$2,000.00
206 Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$18.00	\$100.00
207 Gift/Donation	\$750.00	\$1,118.00	\$750.00
208 Speakers	\$1,500.00	\$450.00	\$1,500.00
209 Media		\$2,952.71	
Subtotal	\$8,800.00	\$12,800.66	\$8,800.00
300 Congregation			
301 Fellowship & Hospitality	\$1,000.00	\$343.96	\$1,000.00
303 Mercy	\$1,500.00	\$1,848.56	\$1,500.00
304 Memorials	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
305 Outreach & Evangelism	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
306 Compassion International	\$456.00	\$456.00	\$456.00
310 Sermon Audio	\$360.00	\$459.40	\$480.00
311 Pastoral Continuing Education	\$500.00	\$575.11	\$500.00
323 Conference and Missions	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Subtotal	\$4,816.00	\$3,683.03	\$4,936.00
400 Denomination & Missions			
403 Presbytery Assessments	\$781.00	\$781.00	\$1,200.00
405 RPM&M	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
407 Synod Assessments	\$2,359.00	\$2,359.00	\$2,240.00
410 Synod	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Subtotal	\$4,740.00	\$4,340.00	\$5,040.00

500 Pastor			
501 Health	\$8,000.00	\$7,999.92	\$10,000.00
502 Housing	\$19,000.00	\$18,999.96	\$19,000.00
503 Salary	\$23,132.00	\$23,132.04	\$26,132.00
504 Pension	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
Subtotal	\$55,332.00	\$55,331.92	\$60,332.00
600 Building			
602 Domestic Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$642.23	\$1,000.00
603 Maintenance	\$3,500.00	\$1,804.67	\$3,500.00
604 Building Emergency Fund	\$4,030.00	\$4,029.96	\$2,600.00
605 Insurance	\$3,782.00	\$4,098.00	\$3,792.00
607 Utilities	\$8,000.00	\$7,088.24	\$8,000.00
608 Building Improvements	\$6,000.00	\$5,145.59	\$6,000.00
610 Building Cleaning	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,600.00
703 Flow Out (Anonymous & RP Witness)	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$26,312.00	\$22,808.69	\$24,892.00
Total	\$100,000.00	\$98,964.30	\$106,600.00
Over/Under Budget	\$0.00	+ \$5,377.17	\$0.00
2020 Ending Balance		\$33,554.18	
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