

# RPC of Selma - Report to Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery

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## March 4-6, 2021

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The Selma congregation has been nine and a half (9 ½) years without a pastor. That is a long time by any standard, yet the Lord has enabled us to persevere. There is great love among the saints and the desire to carry on with the work Jesus has given to us.

Mark Brown is concluding his year-long internship program with us, and has been unanimously upheld by the congregation and officers in the vote to issue him a call to pastor. He had an article published in the magazine “RP Witness”, appeared on television and in online news as a part of a cross-church prayer event, and designed a website for the church. He looks forward to also applying his training as a Biblical counselor on behalf of the Church.

Mark Brown and longtime member James Martin, who has provided pulpit fill for some time, both joined the session as ruling elders, to the delight of the congregation.

We on the session are getting older, so we are anxious to get someone as a pastor. The addition of four new deacons last year—Charles Moorer, Lynne Brown, Regina Woodson, and Jeanne Evans, has boosted the morale of the congregation, and especially the session.

This has been a very difficult season because of the Covid-19 response. We’ve strived to continue worship, and being a smaller congregation worked to our advantage, because we never had to stop meeting in person. Everyone voluntarily masked and socially distanced. We eagerly look forward to resuming outreach and implementing the planned mid-week Bible study.

Our senior saints have remained home during this time, but maintained contact by visitation, and we miss them. New contacts in the community are arising even without intentional effort, and we thank God for that. Our little city is in flux, and we hope to be part of guiding her in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Averette Woodson  
Greg Woodson  
George Evans, Clerk  
Mark Brown  
James Martin  
Adam Niess, Provisional elder  
Jerry O’Neill, Moderator

Total membership: 20; Average AM worship attendance: 10; Average PM worship attendance: N/A; Baptized members professing: 0; New members by profession: 0; Net change in total membership: -2 (by removal)

Recommendation 1: That Adam Niess be appointed provisional elder for another year.

Recommendation 2: That if Mark Brown passes his exams for ordination and accepts the call, Jerry O'Neill be permitted to step down as interim moderator.

2021 General Fund Budget (Reformed Presbyterian Church of Selma, AL)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	General	Category	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
2	Income						
3		Tithes and Offerings	\$26,000.00	\$24,620.00	\$26,000.00	\$25,030.00	\$26,000.00
4		Open Collection	\$1,600.00	\$1,291.83	\$1,600.00	\$715.01	\$1,600.00
5		Courtesy Offering	\$300.00	\$207.30	\$300.00	\$201.73	\$300.00
6		Other Income	\$2,500.00	\$1,979.84	\$2,500.00	\$4,487.27	\$2,500.00
7		Transfer from Money Market	\$16,195.58	\$22,695.58	\$25,694.61	\$19,848.00	\$34,825.90
8	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$46,595.58</b>	<b>\$50,794.55</b>	<b>\$56,094.61</b>	<b>\$50,282.01</b>	<b>\$65,225.90</b>
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10	Expenses						
11	Pastoral Support (Mark Brown)						
12		Pastor's Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$16,800.00
13		Health & Medical Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00
14		Cell Phone Allowance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00
15		Manse Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00
16		Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$480.00
17		Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
18		Book Allowance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
19		Pastor's Pension Assessment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00
20		Synod and Presbytery Expenses (Averette)	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
21		Synod and Presbytery Expenses (Greg)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
22		Synod and Presbytery Expenses (Mark)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
23		Mileage Allowance (Church Related)-.56 per mile	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24		Conference Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
25	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$12,800.00</b>	<b>\$10,300.00</b>	<b>\$32,830.00</b>
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27	Congregation Life & Worship						
28		Guest Ministers	\$7,500.00	\$7,265.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,250.00	\$1,000.00
29		Travel/Lodging for Guest Ministers	\$1,600.00	\$355.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
30		Sabbath School Materials	\$1,800.00	\$1,608.81	\$1,800.00	\$1,298.52	\$1,350.00
31		Communion Assistant	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
32		Witness Magazine Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
33		Bulletin Covers/Inserts	\$300.00	\$385.29	\$400.00	\$295.80	\$300.00
34	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,700.00</b>	<b>\$9,739.10</b>	<b>\$7,600.00</b>	<b>\$4,844.32</b>	<b>\$3,050.00</b>
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36	Instruction						
37		Vacation Bible School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
38		Special Events & Youth Groups	\$600.00	\$444.58	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
39	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$444.58</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>
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41	Fellowship						
42		Congregational Dinners	\$300.00	\$639.50	\$300.00	\$248.00	\$300.00
43	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$639.50</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$248.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
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45	Local Ministries						
46		Youth Groups	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
47		Youth Conference Exp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
48		Outreach & Discretionary Funds	\$1,400.00	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$250.00	\$400.00
49		Courtesies	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
50	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,750.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$1,550.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	General	Category	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
52	Denominational Responsibilities						
53		Mission and Ministries	\$1,000.00	\$1,718.99	\$1,000.00	\$625.00	\$750.00
54	<b>Total</b>		\$1,000.00	\$1,718.99	\$1,000.00	\$625.00	\$750.00
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56	Presbytery Responsibilities						
57		Presbytery Assessments	\$569.57	\$569.57	\$436.67	\$436.37	\$408.86
58	<b>Total</b>		\$569.57	\$569.57	\$436.67	\$436.37	\$408.86
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60	Synod Responsibilities (23 Comm Mbrs)						
61		Synod's Assessment	\$954.80	\$1,050.00	\$1,112.92	\$1,113.00	\$1,113.00
62	<b>Total</b>		\$954.80	\$1,050.00	\$1,112.92	\$1,113.00	\$1,113.00
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64	Charitable Contributions						
65		American Red Cross	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
66		Ruth J. Brooks Humanitarian Scholarship	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
67		The Miller-Childers Center (Foodbank)	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
68		American Cancer Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
69		National Council of Negro Women	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
70		United Way	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
71		R.P. Seminary	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
72	<b>Total</b>		\$1,600.00	\$50.00	\$1,650.00	\$600.00	\$1,250.00
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74	Other Expenses						
75		Moving Expenses for Tentative Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
76	<b>Total</b>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
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78	Property Maintenance & Improvement						
79		Property/Van Insurance	\$4,500.00	\$4,695.50	\$5,200.00	\$5,117.75	\$5,224.00
80		Church Utilities	\$7,000.00	\$9,574.85	\$10,000.00	\$10,695.20	\$7,000.00
81		Janitorial Services	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.04	\$2,900.04	\$2,900.04	\$2,900.04
82		Van Repair	\$1,500.00	\$772.51	\$1,000.00	\$30.00	\$250.00
83		Van Gasoline (Church Related)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
84		Church & Pars. Improv.	\$10,000.00	\$16,833.48	\$6,000.00	\$7,707.38	\$7,000.00
85		Copier/Supplies	\$400.00	\$1,043.07	\$400.00	\$730.89	\$750.00
86		Parsonage Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
87		Unallocated Operating Costs	\$1,621.21	\$0.00	\$1,344.98	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
88	<b>Total</b>		\$28,121.21	\$35,819.45	\$27,045.02	\$27,781.26	\$24,324.04
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90	<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$46,595.58	\$51,531.19	\$56,094.61	\$49,197.95	\$65,225.90
91	<b>Total Income</b>		\$46,595.58	\$50,794.55	\$56,094.61	\$50,282.01	\$65,225.90
92	<b>Difference (L84-L85)</b>		\$0.00	\$736.64	\$0.00	\$1,084.06	\$0.00
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94	<b>Budget</b>		\$46,595.58	\$50,794.55	\$56,094.61	\$50,282.01	\$65,225.90
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96	<b>Income vs Expenses Surplus</b>					\$1,084.06	
97	<b>Income vs Expenses Shortfall</b>			\$736.64			
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100	(Synod's assessment is calculated as 2% of the congregation's prior year undesignated receipts as determined by						
101	Synod's statistics calculations).						