

IMMANUEL

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery
Spring 2020

Fathers and brothers,

Thank you for overseeing our session! We are glad to bring this report to you.

- Requested statistics
 - Total membership: 153 (+16)
 - Average morning worship attendance: 127 (+17), 2020 average is 147
 - Average evening service attendance: 83 (+7)
 - Baptized members professing faith: 5
 - New members by profession: 2
 - New baptized members: 3
 - Loss by dismissal or transfer: 1
 - Net change in membership: +16
- Our session met 30 times in constituted court. Having received three new elders near the beginning of 2019, this past year was one of reorganizing the shepherding ministry, which God has blessed to create more room for newcomers. Our ruling elders continue to serve presbytery in various ways: Ben Larson leads the CYPU team, Nate Pfeiffer was part of the Columbus visitation team, Keith Magill leads the Sparta session and chairs presbytery's finance committee. Jared leads the C&CC, the Pageland TGB, serves on the EAC of synod. Lord willing, this summer will see his last required class for the D.Min. at RTS and the beginning of his thesis work. He is also serving on the board of the local pastors' group.
- At our 1/10/20 meeting, the elders approved the following motion: "To ask C&CC to lead Zachary Blackwood through the process of being licensed for more regular occasional preaching." The C&CC report reflects this request.

- We recently elected and ordained two new deacons: Joshua Bright and Sergei Spirydovich, bringing our current diaconate to five.
- Most of the preaching ministry in 2019 was spent in 1 Corinthians, with some sermons in the Psalter and a recent series through Lamentations. The month of February has been set aside for visiting missionary-pastors. In March, we will begin a series on 2 Corinthians. Our evening class has been studying the kings of Israel.
- As our statistics above reveal, we are joyfully experience a time of rapid growth. Beginning in the middle of 2019, God has brought many visitors to us, several of whom have become members. Jared is currently leading another very large (to us, ~20) information class and we hope more will join the congregation soon. This growth has made our building, which was previously slightly on the small side, now a severe liability. The congregation hired Keith Magill this year as “Coordinator for Facilities Management and Planning” to guide us through exploring all possible options. Hopefully, by presbytery, will have a plan to begin a move to a different building or begin adding on to our current facility. Please pray with us toward this end.
- Other ministries continue as in past years: yearly VBS, twice-monthly services at the Veterans’ Home, small groups, and an active social committee. We joyfully join with the RPC of Lafayette for youth group, and men’s and women’s ministries.
- God has given Immanuel RPC unity in fellowship, joy in worship, and a loving community which stands out to visitors. We can only pray He will continue these blessings. More than anything, we long to see our children profess faith and God to bring converts to Christ through our meager efforts.

For Christ’s Crown & Covenant,
The IRPC Session

IRPC 2019-2020 Budget

| Budget Category | 2018-2019 Budget | 2018-2019 Actuals | Proposed 2019 - 2020 Budget |
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| Income | | | |
| Tithes | 200,000.00 | 189,192.44 | 200,000.00 |
| Dividends & Interest | 250.00 | 410.91 | 450.00 |
| Total General Fund Income | 200,250.00 | 189,603.35 | 200,450.00 |
| Special Offerings - Misc | 0.00 | 29,192.62 | 0.00 |
| Special Offerings - Building | 0.00 | 940.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Income | 200,250.00 | 219,735.97 | 200,450.00 |
| Budgeted Expenses | | | |
| Allowances/Salaries | | | |
| Salary | 37,800.00 | 40,350.00 | 68,000.00 |
| Housing | 25,200.00 | 25,200.00 | |
| Healthcare Coverage | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Pension | 8,000.00 | 8,250.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Total allowances/salaries | 83,000.00 | 85,800.00 | 88,000.00 |
| Building/Facilities | | | |
| Insurance | 3,200.00 | 3,037.00 | 3,200.00 |
| Building & Maintenance Fund | 6,750.00 | 6,750.00 | 6,750.00 |
| Utilities | 8,500.00 | 7,472.33 | 8,000.00 |
| Mortgage | 19,300.00 | 19,292.08 | 19,300.00 |
| Debt Reduction | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 11,500.00 |
| Total Building/Facilities | 47,750.00 | 46,551.41 | 48,750.00 |

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| Giving | | | |
| RPM&M | 5,000.00 | 5000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Missionaries | 1,400.00 | 250.00 | 400.00 |
| Bill Sebald (Liberia) | 2,400.00 | 2400.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Peter (C.O.M.) | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Rut Etheridge | | | 2,000.00 |
| Scholarships | 1,200.00 | 1110.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Mercy Ministry | 2,200.00 | 2200.00 | 2,000.00 |
| International Justice Mission | 1,200.00 | 1200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Adoption | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Pro-Life Ministries | 1,600.00 | 500.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Christina Riepe (Wycliffe) | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 2,400.00 |
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| Total Giving | 26,000.00 | 23,660.00 | 28,200.00 |
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| Ministry Expense | | | |
| Pastor's Expense | 3,000.00 | 2,774.06 | 3,000.00 |
| Continuing Education Fund | 4,000.00 | 4,152.73 | 3,000.00 |
| Ministry Expansion Fund | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Facilities Admin & Planning | | | 5,000.00 |
| Office Supplies | 1,000.00 | 430.04 | 800.00 |
| Administrative Assistant | 5,400.00 | 5,400.00 | 5,400.00 |
| Christian Education | 300.00 | 179.79 | 300.00 |
| Guest Speaker | 1,200.00 | 1,100.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Domestic Supplies | 1,800.00 | 1,960.52 | 2,200.00 |
| Church Literature | 600.00 | 374.25 | 600.00 |
| Outreach | 2,500.00 | 789.79 | 1,500.00 |
| VBS | 800.00 | 979.52 | 800.00 |
| Social | 500.00 | 652.06 | 500.00 |
| Hospitality | | | 200.00 |
| Session | 900.00 | 1,305.24 | 900.00 |
| Youth Group | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 |
| Presbytery Assessment | 3,000.00 | 2,765.65 | 3,000.00 |
| Synod Assessment | 4,400.00 | 4,337.00 | 5,000.00 |
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| Total Ministry Expense | 43,500.00 | 41,300.65 | 35,500.00 |
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| Total Budgeted Expenses | 200,250.00 | 197,312.06 | 200,450.00 |
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| RECOMMENDATION | | | |
| Surplus General Fund to be applied toward Debt Reduction | | | |