

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

"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

The session gives thanks to God for how He is leading and guiding our congregation. As we have entered our 51st year as an organized congregation, we are amazed at how God continues to use us in North Central Indiana. We are extremely thankful for the relative peace and stability that 2019 brought to us as a congregation.

While 2019 was marked by peace and stability, we still experienced loss and sickness, which God uses to continue to teach us lessons in love and care for each other. In the Spring, God took Lois Long home to be with Him. Lois was a founding member and her love and care for the church was always clearly seen. We have also had several members who are facing cancer and other illness. Through these experiences, God continues to encourage us from His Word and teach us the love and care we should have for our church family.

During 2019, Pastor Niess preached through the book of Acts in the morning and he focused on the book of Genesis during our evening services. These studies have been very helpful and challenging to our congregation. We just recently finished the book of Acts and look forward to our study in Ecclesiastes.

One of the most pressing needs we have as a congregation is for more deacons. We currently have two deacons who tirelessly labor to serve our congregation. Please pray with us that God would bring more deacons to serve our congregation.

In 2019 the session met as a constituted court a total of 18 times. The session planning retreat was held July 25-27. The sacrament of Lord's Supper was conducted six times in 2019.

In 2019, the congregation received nine new communicant members, we had five baptisms, and the Lord took two of our members home.

In 2019 our average morning worship attendance was 95 and our average evening attendance was 58. As of 12/31/19, our current membership is 118 (82 communicant members, 36 baptized members.) Net change in total membership is +1 from 12/31/18. In 2019 we saw 2 baptized members professing their faith, and we had 2 new members joining based on profession.

Our congregation continues to labor each week at the Tippecanoe County Jail. We faithfully take the gospel message to the jail and Tippecanoe County Work Release on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Bob Bibby has been used for over three decades to lead this ministry.

Purdue Corps (CORPS at Purdue) continues to be a key ministry of our congregation. Adam and Anne Niess faithfully lead this ministry.

Youth Group continues to be a joint ministry with IRPC. We have seen substantial growth in the number of students regularly involved in Youth Group. The leaders are Ken and Christy Nelson from our church and Zack and Flo Blackwood and David and Anna Allgaier from IRPC.

During the week, we continue to have several mid-week Bible Studies to encourage fellowship and spiritual growth.

The Ironmen retreat was again led by our congregation. The retreat was held in April. Our speaker for the retreat was Kyle Simms from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in South Carolina.

In November our congregation hosted a community event “Living with Cancer”, a workshop conducted by Pastor Rich Holderman. We had ~ 80 in attendance for this event with ~ 20 of them being from the community.

As a session, we continue to be involved in the larger courts of our denomination. At the synod level, Adam Niess is on the International Conference Advisory Committee, and RPIC workshop committee; Bob Bibby 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 Kessler is on the Pageland RP TGB, Covfamikoi Advisory Committee; and Ken (and Christy) Nelson are serving as Covfamikoi conference directors.

God has been faithful to our congregation. We are thankful for His provision and care for us. Please pray that we would consistently seek God’s direction for our congregation and how we can advance His Kingdom.

On behalf of the session,

Ken Nelson, Clerk

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette				
2019 Treasurer Report				
2020 Proposed Budget				
	2019	2019	2019	2020
	Actual	Budget	Over/Under	Proposed
Income				
Interest	883	600	283	400
Rent	20,400	20,400		21,600
Tithe	235,642	230,000	5,642	230,000
Total Budgeted Income	256,925	251,000	5,925	252,000
Special Gift Income	9,919		9,919	
Total Income	\$ 266,844	\$ 251,000	\$ 15,844	\$ 252,000
Expense				
<i>Allowances and Salaries</i>				
FICA	1,078	1,071	7	1,258
Guest Speakers	3,493	3,000	493	3,500
Honorarium - Allen	4,900	4,900		
Housing - Adam	22,200	22,200		22,200
Ministry Expense - Adam	3,849	4,100	(251)	4,100
Ministry Expense - Allen	366	400	(34)	
Pension - Adam	4,200	4,200		4,400
Custodian Salary	4,099	4,000	99	6,240
Office Manager Salary	10,000	10,000		10,200
Pastor Salary - Adam	56,000	56,000		58,900
Total Allowances and Salaries	110,185	109,871	314	110,798
<i>Church Building</i>				
Capital Improvements	76,524	52,324	24,200	20,000
Furniture & Equipment	2,194	6,000	(3,806)	4,000
Insurance	3,868	4,000	(132)	4,000
Interest Expense	2,435	2,571	(136)	1,754
Maintenance	15,001	10,000	5,001	12,000
Supplies	4,431	5,000	(569)	4,500
Utilities	10,493	12,000	(1,507)	12,000
Rental Expense	3,381	2,500	881	2,500
Total Church Building	118,327	94,395	23,932	60,754
<i>Congregational Giving</i>				
Gifts	58	800	(742)	800
Matrix	200	200		200
Miscellaneous Missionary	525	700	(175)	700
Presbytery Assessment	3,711	3,711		2,696
Synod Assessment	5,373	5,373		5,652
RP M & M	6,000	6,000		6,500

RP Seminary	2,000	2,000		2,500
RTF	1,000	1,000		1,000
RP Global Mission	3,500	3,500		4,500
Trinity Mission	500	500		500
International Students Inc				1,800
Total Congregational Giving	22,867	23,784	(917)	26,848
<i>Ministry Expense</i>				
Administrative	3,129	1,500	1,629	3,200
Christian Ed	2,125	2,000	125	2,200
College Ministry	182	2,500	(2,318)	2,500
Hospitality Committee	1,033	1,000	33	1,700
Social Committee	1,022	1,500	(478)	1,500
Jail Ministry	2,071	3,500	(1,429)	3,500
Mercy Ministry	3,991	3,000	991	3,500
Nursery	77	200	(123)	200
Outreach	140	1,300	(1,160)	500
Session	357	1,200	(843)	1,000
Session Conferences	833	1,000	(167)	1,000
Ironmen	1,027	1,000	27	1,000
Theological Education	1,065	1,500	(435)	1,500
Youth Group	(372)	1,500	(1,872)	1,000
Book Table	259	250	9	300
Total Ministry Expense	16,939	22,950	(6,011)	24,600
Total Budgeted Expense	268,318	251,000	17,318	223,000
Fund Transfer Expense				
Special Gift Expense	9,218		9,218	
Total Expense	\$ 277,536	\$ 251,000	\$ 26,536	\$ 223,000
Net Income	(10,692)		(10,692)	29,000
Extra Mortgage Paydown				(29,000)
Net Income After Mortgage Paydown	\$ (10,692)		\$ (10,692)	\$ -