



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN
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Congregational Meeting

January 31, 2024

2023 Annual Reports

Orlando Reformed Presbyterian Church Pastor's Report 2023

“How soon will some few years pass away, and then when the day is ended, and this life's lease expired, what have men of the world's glory, but dreams and thoughts? O happy soul for evermore, who can rightly compare this life with that long-lasting life to come and can balance the weighty glory of the one with the light golden vanity of the other.” Samuel Rutherford, *Letters of Samuel Rutherford*, Letter 147, page 271.

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Congregation, Few years in the life of the pastorate stand out as extraordinary. In some regards, this past year has been one of those extraordinary years. God has been good! We have seen a lot of growth, many of our youth asking great questions concerning the faith, and a lot of vibrant desire for worship and fellowship. God should receive all the glory for the wonders he has done. We have a seen a glimpse of “that long-lasting life to come.”

Many things below are not mentioned - times of counseling, Lord's Day recaps, countless phone calls and times of encouragement, emails, and visitations, among other things. I trust that the Lord has used for your good the ministry he has entrusted to me.

Below are a few snapshots of my work in this past year.

Preaching/Teaching

This year I have continued my morning series from First Corinthians. That series began in 2022. The Book of Proverbs has been preached at the evening service since the middle of May 2023. Before that we finished the Gospel of Mark. During the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, I have preached a slow and meditative series through Isaiah 53. Occasionally “one off” sermons have been peppered throughout.

Generally, my philosophy of preaching includes more scholarly and exegetical work in the morning service with a desire for evening worship to be more focused on application. Both styles of preaching include a desire to explain the Christian experience and to elevate Jesus Christ in your midst.

On occasion I have had opportunity to teach Sabbath School as well—normally in the summer months when the regular classes are not in session.

Prayer Meeting

Monthly prayer meetings continue at my home. Following a dinner together, I present a Psalm mediation and then we sing the Psalm. We then bring our prayers and petitions before the Lord, thinking of Christ's work in our midst. Prayer meeting is an important function in church life and an excellent way for all people to participate—men, women, and children—as we come before God.

Youth Ministry

Several opportunities for the youth to fellowship and learn together are vitally important in the life of the church. Lydia and I have made our home open to young people, we host “fifth Sundays” in our home where the youth gather for food, fellowship, and testimonies from older

(than them) saints. This past winter I was able to speak at the winter youth retreat of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery. I was asked to speak to 50 young people on why we are a confessional church; giving four talks on this subject. They are available on our Sermon Audio page.

The Church Courts

As a Presbyterian minister, I serve the church more broadly than the local congregation. In 2023, I served as the assistant clerk (or is it assistant to the clerk?) of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery. On the denominational level I serve as the chair of a special synod committee studying the issue of female deacons, in part, responding to a paper that was submitted to Synod 2023 (a position for which I did NOT volunteer). I also serve on the board that oversees Crown and Covenant Publications and am a part of "RP Global" which seeks to bring together the RP global community in various ways.

Special Projects

My book, *Worthy: The Worship of God*, was released in December 2023. I have not seen sales numbers, so I know nothing of how well it is doing. I continue to write for *Gentle Reformation* and the *Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals*. My podcast, *The Jerusalem Chamber*, hopes this year to finish our study through the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. I also have begun a third book which deals with communication in the church. I hope to finish that within this year.

The Year Ahead

What does God have in store for us as a congregation? What does God have in store for me as your under-shepherd? My prayer is that God would continue to have us to give him glory and to serve him with godly fear.

Please listen to or re-listen to my "old year's night" sermon for more insight into my thoughts on how God may use us to his glory:

<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=1231232146506176>

It has been a great year and I trust that good things are in store.

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Nathan

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“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46-47

This year has been yet another exciting year in the growth of the congregation, both spiritually and numerically. The congregation has greatly benefitted from the opportunity to meet both Lord’s Day morning and evening worship times, and continuing the ministry in Gainesville as well as beginning an exploratory work in Celebration.

We have witnessed spiritual growth in classes for our children with teachers excited to share biblical truth about our wonderful life in Christ and finishing our studies in the Westminster Confession under Elder Goerner’s skillful leadership and beginning a new study of Church history under Pastor Nathan. We have embarked on a concentrated effort to evangelize our community through witnessing efforts at Lake Eola and Coffee on the Corner.

We have continued to meet regularly for after-worship luncheons and celebrations of new members in the congregation, both baptized and communicant. The women have continued meeting weekly in three groups to study God’s word, focused book study and fellowship. The men have continued to meet monthly, now studying Burroughs’ Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment. Monthly prayer meetings and youth gatherings have continued at the “Eshelmanse.”

In all these elements, we have experienced the great blessing of the Lord’s work among us, and for this we should give our God great praise!

To recap, here are some of our congregation’s activities and highlights we witnessed during 2023:

January

The session finished their study of “The True Care of Souls” by Martin Bucer. We saw 25 members join over the course of 2022 bringing our total membership to 138 communicant and baptized members. Session approved an exploratory work in Celebration to begin in March.

We welcomed Micaiah Schaefer, 1st child of Karl and Bashia Schaefer.

February

Sam Goerner transferred his membership to a PCA congregation near Lexington, KY and Jim Wright, Stephen and Rachel Jennings and their two children, Elijah and Elaina transferred their memberships to ORPC. Session moved the evening worship time to 4:00 pm to accommodate some of our traveling families and those with school-aged children.

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March

Session began their next study of “Thoughts on Public Prayer” by Samuel Miller. Elder Emeritus Jim Pennington was honored by RPTS for his many years of faithful service to the church. Our congregation hosted the Genevans for a choral concert. Evening worship services began in Celebration, Florida. Our dear elder sister, Lou Woofter passed unexpectedly into glory.

April

Session received Thea Rorke and Joshua Joyner into the congregation on profession of faith. Stephen and Samatha McCaskell were also received and their four children were baptized. Magaly de Souza and Marina Silva’s letters of transfer were received from their congregation in Brazil.

We welcomed Verity Johnson, 1st child of Joe and Jayna Johnson.

Our dear Elder Emeritus Ed Forest passed on to his heavenly reward after many years of faithful ministry among the Orlando congregation and we grieved over our loss, but rejoiced with the Forest family that he is now with our Lord in glory.

May

The Friday Women’s Group began to study Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands by Paul Tripp. Tava Schaefer asked session’s permission to begin and run an Instagram account to aid in our social media outreach. Elder Kevin worked with Tava to get that up and running.

Session tabled a request for more frequent communion (the request was for monthly). The elders talked about this and some of the logistics of the request and made positive comments about the letter. Although we are not, in principle, opposed to monthly communion (despite having differing preferences) we believe it is not the time to make such a change in our worship practices.

We welcomed the McCaskell family into the congregation: Stephen and Samantha and their four boys Salomon, Micah, Ezra and Aden. Theodora Rorke and Joshua Joyner made professions of faith. Stephen and Rachel Jennings and their children Elijah and Elaina, Magaly de Souza and Marina Silva transferred their memberships to ORPC. We also welcomed Mishael Mercado, 3rd child of Jason and Jen Mercado.

June

Joe Johnson completed his preaching exam and was licensed to preach following the Spring meeting of the Great IAKes-Gulf Presbytery.

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Joe Johnson, Elder Ramirez, and Stephen Jennings began organizing evangelistic outreach on Lake Eola with Gospel tracts.

The education committee added Samantha McCaskell to the committee following the tenure of Dianne Schaefer. Also, Elder Ramirez replaced Elder Worsham as the session member on the committee. Vanessa Le assumed the position of committee chair.

Dianne Schaefer presented the session with a proposal for a prayer guide to help the congregation pray through the membership from month to month.

We welcomed Theodore Jennings, 3rd child of Stephen and Rachel Jennings.

August

We were glad to report that 39 people for our congregation attended Covfamikoi and it was a great time of teaching and fellowship.

The women's Tuesday Bible Study began their study of Hebrews for You by Michael Kruger.

Dianne Schaefer will organize the "in the lot" outreach event for this year (Oct. 14).

One other outreach event was approved: coffee on the corner. Before Covid, really (say it loud: really!) good coffee was offered once a month on the corner of Livingston and Broadway.

Rev. Tom Reid phoned in to give a Gainesville report. Several good things were mentioned and we approved an increase of his honorarium/remuneration. There are many prayer requests, including a request for a family to relocate to help out with the church plant. Are you hoping to move? Do you want to help with kingdom expansion? Please consider our work in Gainesville.

September

The elders met with Jessica King, Paul Rushing, Owen and Calvin Eshelman and Donna Rose who all were welcomed into communicant membership by profession of faith.

Pastor Nathan, Stephen Jennings, along with several of our young people went to Gainesville on Tuesday, September 12th to meet with Pastors Josh (Prairie View, IL) and Tom Reid to do outreach in Gainesville. The group went to the University of Florida campus and passed out 448 invitations to church for 3-4 hours. The group divided into groups of three and had about 70 conversations about the gospel, church, Jesus, the Scriptures, etc. Several Muslims, Buddhists, atheists, spiritually-indifferent, etc. were willing to talk. The group was encouraged by other Christians who promised to pray for our endeavors. It was a perfect day to be on campus—the weather was great and it was the week where student organizations were promoting their organization, which meant students were primed to talk to strangers about their groups. After spending time on campus, the group went to the neighborhood next to Reid's

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and passed out invitations and knocked on doors. We invited every house in the community to church. We prayed again after that for God to use the effort to build his church.

October

We resumed our Coffee on the Corner monthly outreach event under the direction of Jonathan and Dianne Schaefer. In this effort, we are seeking to engage passersby in conversation over a good cup of coffee on the lawn next to Broadway.

The Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery met on Friday, October 6th at Sycamore Reformed Presbyterian Church in Kokomo, IN.

The elders visited Camp Ithiel to think through the possibility of it serving as a site for a future presbytery youth conference. Elder Kevin serves on the youth ministry team for presbytery.

Joe Johnson announced his intent to begin an early morning study of Bavinck's Reformed Dogmatics, the first meeting was scheduled for November 3 at 6:00am.

Session met with Rev. Tom Reid who is heading up our Gainseville church planting endeavor. There were some recent setbacks in that work, with three households relocating for various reasons. We decided to reassess the church plant in our December meeting. Tom and Genvieve were also encouraged to come soon to Orlando for a week to get some rest, fellowship, and encouragement.

The communicant membership of Nathaniel Wold was received by Christ Church (RPCNA) in Utica, NY.

We welcomed the births of Mireille Song and Laressa Le and mourned with the Forest family over the passing of Jean Forest, wife of Elder Emeritus Ed Forest and another faithful servant and member of ORPC.

November

Session met with the deacons to review our spending for 2023 and to finalize preparations for 2024. Scott Bailey, the chair of the Diaconate, walked us line-by-line through the 2023 spending and the proposed budget for 2024. Our congregation meeting was held on November 15, 2023 and we witnessed through the meeting how the Lord is building His Kingdom here in Orlando. We gave Him praise for enabling this ministry to continue with solid funding.

We continue to be thankful for the hard work of the Deacons in preparing and maintaining our budget and are very thankful for the tireless and excellent work of our congregational treasurer, Bob Terry.

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We were encouraged to hear Parker Duffey give her profession of faith and to have her affirm the vows of communicant membership.

We welcomed Adonis, grandson of Pablo and Andrea Valenzuela (son of Brandon and Vania).

We were visited by the Hannah family (missionaries in South Sudan) and heard from Lucas about their work in South Sudan.

December

Elder Duffey concluded our review of Thoughts on Public Prayer by Samuel Miller and session selected their next book to study, J. Gresham Machen's 1923 classic, Christianity and Liberalism.

Rev. Tom Reid met us over Zoom to discuss the work in Gainesville. The Reids were very encouraged as the Lord brought a few new people to their fellowship.

We discussed the possibility of adding greeters to the doors on Lord's Day mornings. The session believes that the doors that need greeters the most would be the downstairs doors from where most people enter. We asked the deacons to organize and implement a greeter program.

The membership of Nicholas and Adriana Francoeur (along with baby Miles) was received from the Broomall congregation.

Watson Eshelman and Lucy Goerner asked the session to recommend them for Theological Foundations for Youth (July 8-26). The session agreed to this recommendation.

Pastor Nathan spoke at the Winter Youth Conference December 27-30 in Converse, Indiana.

Conclusion

As you read through this brief account of our collective experience in 2023, it is clear that the Lord is at work among us. Let us take yet another moment to give thanks for the privilege of His service, participating in the building of His Kingdom here on earth.

As your elders, we are encouraged with the prayers on our behalf as we seek to serve you well. Though we do not know what the future holds for us, we take refuge in the hands of our Lord, confident in His perfect plan for His glory and our sanctification through Christ.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Orlando Session,

Jonathan Schaefer, Clerk

ORLANDO REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2023 Membership and Attendance Report

January 2024

In 2023, our overall membership grew from 138 to 158 members. Communicant members added to our membership by profession of faith include Stephen and Samantha McCaskell, Jessica King, Paul Rushing and Donna Rose. In addition, Joshua Joyner, Thea Rorke, Owen, Watson and Calvin Eshelman, Lucy Goerner and Parker Duffey made professions of faith and became communicant members; previously all were baptized members. Stephen and Rachel Jennings, Magaly de Souza, Marina Silva, Nathaniel Wold, Nicholas and Adriana Francoeur, transferred their memberships to ORPC. Additions to our roll from baptisms include Micaiah Schaefer, Verity Johnson, Mishael Mercado, Micah, Salomon, Ezra and Aden McCaskell, Mireille Song, Laressa Le, and Theodore Jennings. Baptized members added by transfer include Elijah and Elaina Jennings and Miles Francoeur.

Sarah Klein, Michael and Dominique Quiles were removed from our roll. Our hearts grieved with the loss of Lou Woofter and Ed and Jean Forest. Our roll was reduced by three for them, but heaven's roll increased by three. We rejoice that they are with the Lord.

The total membership roll of 158 comprises 97 active communicants and 50 baptized members. Of our communicant members, 7 are inactive and 4 are out-of-bounds communicant members.

The average attendance at morning worship in 2023 was 121 with a high of 158 on December 31, 2023, and a low of 75 on July 16, 2023. The average evening attendance was 44 with a high of 67 on February 5, 2023, and a low of 22 July 16, 2023.

Prepared by: Jonathan Schaefer, Clerk of Session

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Report of the Deacon Board

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

The Deacon Board continues to covet your prayers for strength and focus as we serve the congregation and seek to support its ministries. Below are some highlights of service that we have been blessed to participate in over the last year.

Mercy Ministry

The Mercy Ministry of the ORPC provides service, comfort, aid and encouragement to those in need. In 2023, the ministry included meeting some direct financial needs of our members, as well as some physical needs related to housing and giving some logistical assistance. The total expenditures for the mercy needs of the congregation for the year were over \$3,500, and all of this was supported by direct contributions made during Communion services without the need to draw on the amount budgeted.

Looking ahead into 2024, the Deacons will continue to seek out and meet the needs of our members and Adherents. We encourage each member to prayerfully consider giving directly to the Mercy fund during our celebration of the Lord's Supper. Additionally, we implore the congregation to continue to pray for each other, look for ways in which to meet each other's needs and encourage each other in ministries of mercy. As always, please let the Deacons know how we can come along side you and support those efforts or if you see an unmet need that we can address together.

Facilities Maintenance and Renovations

The deacon board continued to work to keep the building in working order and take on improvement projects in 2023. Outside, the exterior of the annex, including the porch, was repaired and repainted. The trees were also trimmed to keep them clear of the buildings.

Inside, we continued to work on mitigating the water in the basement by cutting a drainage channel to route water to the sump pump more effectively. We also completed the installation of sound dampening tiles in the social hall. Finally, we had the carpet in the sanctuary and adjoining areas cleaned.

Meals for Special Needs

The deacon board worked with Kelly Bailey to coordinate meals for members with special needs, and would like to thank Kelly for her service in this area. These meals are provided as an outpouring of love by the congregation when members have a significant life event, such as injury, illness, birth, or death of a loved one that might disrupt their ability to prepare meals for themselves. Over the course of the year meals were provided to 10 members and their families through this ministry. The deacons ask that you participate in this ministry by contacting us and letting us know if you or someone else the congregation has a situation that might warrant getting meals delivered.

Flowers and Cards Ministry

Flowers are provided to members who are hospitalized for multiple days or on the occasion of a member's funeral, unless requested otherwise by the recipient or directed by the Deacons.

Cards were sent to members and adherents for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings etc. as well as for extended illness and bereavement. Jen Mercado took over this ministry in 2023 and continues to do a great job.

The Card ministry moved to largely digital format in 2023 with the majority of recipients receiving their cards via email. Physical cards continued to be mailed to the children of the church, those who do not have access to technology, or if a physical card was requested instead of digital.

Media Ministry

The congregation maintains a web presence at www.OrlandoRPC.org and at www.SermonAudio.com/OrlandoRPC.

The congregation website, **www.OrlandoRPC.org**, is maintained by Kevin Duffy and gives information about our location, service times, and ministries. We thank Kevin for his skilled service in keeping the website up to date. The website was visited by 3,558* unique visitors during 2023.

**This is a significant increase from 2022 and may not be 100% accurate due to Google changing how the data is tracked in March/April of 2023.*

We upload sermons and adult Sunday School classes weekly to Sermon Audio at **www.SermonAudio.com/OrlandoRPC** (also accessible at www.ReformedVoice.com/OrlandoRPC). There is an archive of over 879 recordings there, which includes sermons preached from our pulpit since 2008, as well as many Sunday School classes. Those recordings continue to be accessed and downloaded by people from all over the world. In 2023 Orlando RPC messages were played 8,478 times from Sermon Audio, being accessed from every U.S. State and 46 different countries. The top five non-U.S. countries were China, Switzerland, Ireland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

The worship services are streamed each week on YouTube with an average of seven online viewers both in the morning and in the evening. They are available for later viewing on our YouTube Channel at **www.youtube.com/channel/UCgc_bawWEtdv9D_4aUQsP9w**. Our YouTube channel has 168 subscribers with 4,913 views of our services during the year. The most watched service for the year has been March 5, with 82 views and counting.

Sanctuary Flowers

Emily McCauley faithfully attended to the sanctuary flowers in 2023 and the Deacons would like to thank her for her ministry to our congregation in this area.

Attendance

The average morning worship attendance in 2023 was 121, with a high of 158 on December 31 and a low of 75 on July 16. The average afternoon attendance was 44, with a high of 67 on February 5 and a low of 22 on July 16. The morning service average is up by 8 from 2022. The afternoon service average is down by 10 from 2022 due to some members attending afternoon services in Celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
The Deacon Board

Treasurer's Annual Report

Jan - Dec 2023

Account Reconciliation - Suntrust (All Funds)

	TOTAL	ORPC	GAINESVILLE
Balance Jan 1, 2023	\$ 113,029.31	\$ 82,063.99	\$ 30,965.32
add 2022 deposits			
subtract 2022 expenses	\$ 564.58	\$ 564.58	
Net 2023 opening balance	\$ 112,464.73	\$ 81,499.41	\$ 30,965.32
Add 2023 Income	\$ 236,642.84	\$ 209,788.84 ##	\$ 26,854.00
Subtract 2023 Expenses	\$ 217,392.65	\$ 198,088.93	\$ 19,303.72
subtract 2023 deposits	\$ 820.00	\$ 820.00	
add uncleared 2023 expenses	\$ 6,519.25	\$ 4,281.65	\$ 2,237.60
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 137,414.17	\$ 96,660.97	\$ 40,753.20

Suntrust Account -- Quarterly and Annual Changes 2023 (All Funds)

Quarterly Balance	Balance	Quarter +/-	From Jan 1
Net opening balance Jan 1	\$ 112,464.73	-	-
Balance March 31	\$ 117,858.86	\$ 5,394.13	\$ 5,394.13
Balance June 30	\$ 118,041.18	\$ 182.32	\$ 5,576.45
Balance September 30	\$ 118,687.82	\$ 646.64	\$ 6,223.09
Balance December 31	\$ 137,414.17	\$ 18,726.35	\$ 24,949.44

Annual Comparisons (ORPC funds only)

Year	Acct Balance Jan 1	Income	Expenses
2011	\$ 62,541.00	\$ 86,274.67	\$ 85,730.73
2012	\$ 62,784.94	\$ 88,913.16	\$ 115,443.65
2013	\$ 36,300.02	\$ 99,250.31	\$ 97,051.10
2014	\$ 39,398.66	\$ 96,649.42	\$ 103,984.34
2015	\$ 39,173.95	\$ 115,957.19	\$ 107,760.93
2016	\$ 41,157.67	\$ 113,898.04	\$ 108,673.35
2017	\$ 42,962.69	\$ 124,540.88	\$ 112,645.25
2018	\$ 55,840.54	\$ 137,967.29	\$ 118,072.66
2019	\$ 79,649.32	\$ 141,060.95	\$ 129,580.44
2020	\$ 88,888.92	\$ 153,351.56	\$ 123,447.14
2021	\$ 119,602.88	\$ 179,003.60	\$ 215,966.15
2022	\$ 80,790.28	\$ 203,369.65	\$ 200,270.39
2023	\$ 82,063.99	\$ 209,788.84	\$ 198,088.93
2024	\$ 96,660.97		

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Profit & Loss Budget Performance
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	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
35000 · Carryover-	\$113,029.31		
35501 · GF22 Carryover	\$81,623.65		
35503 · Desig - Bible Study Ma	\$116.43		
35507 · Desig - Gainesville	\$30,965.32		
35509 · Desig - Mercy Fund	\$323.91		
42200 · Maintenance and Upgrade Escrow		Used	Balance
42202 · Annex Exterior Repairs -	\$7,500		
42203 · Building Reserve -	\$10,000		
42204 · Replace Psalters -	\$2,500	2,483.33	16.67
42205 · Capitalized Equipment -	\$12,000	800.82	11,199.18
42206 · SH Noise Damp -	\$5,000	2,579.14	2,420.86
42207 · Refresh Restrooms -	\$15,000		
42208 · Centennial Celebration -	\$1,000		
Total 46100 · Ganesville Fellowship	26,854.00		
49500 · Tithes/Offerings/Desig Giving			
49510 · General Fund	199,452.39		
49511 · Desig - Genevans Concert	271.00		
49512 · Desig - Student2Student	90.00		
49513 · Desig - Cyprus missions	100.00		
49514 · Desig - Global Missions	30.00		
49516 · Desig - Pastor Counseling	1,000.00		
49517 · Desig - Library/Literature	369.00		
49521 · T/O Desig - Ed Forest Memorial	1,550.00		
49522 · T/O Desig Kid2Kid	310.72		
49529 · T/O Desig Jean Forest Memorial	390.00		
Total 49500 · Tithes/Offerings/Desig Giving	203,563.11		
49600 · Interest Income	3.73		
49800 · Mercy Fund Offerings			
49801 · T/O desig - Immigration	450.00		
49802 · T/O desig - Selma	958.00		
49803 · Mercy need June	3,346.00		
49800 · Mercy Fund Offerings - Other	1,388.00		
Total 49800 · Mercy Fund Offerings	6,142.00		
49900 · Uncategorized Income	80.00		
Total Income	236,642.84		
Expense			
60000 · Leadership Expenses			
60010 · Pastor Salary	39,114.00	39,114.00	100.0%
60011 · Pastor Housing	47,806.00	47,806.00	100.0%
60013 · Pastor Medical Insurance	10,100.00	10,100.00	100.0%
60014 · Pastor Pension	8,480.00	8,480.00	100.0%
60016 · Pastor Life Insurance	2,823.60	900.00	313.73%
60017 · Pastor Mileage Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	100.0%
60018 · Pastor Hospitality Expense	1,624.10	2,000.00	81.21%
60020 · Pastor Conference Expense	2,275.00	2,500.00	91.0%
60021 · Pastor Expenses and Supplies	2,675.04	2,600.00	102.89%
60050 · Guest Speakers	2,800.00	3,000.00	93.33%

Note: As monies are used from escrow accounts
current balance will be updated

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Profit & Loss Budget Performance
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	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	% of Budget
60200 · Presbytery's Budget Assessment	3,071.34	3,100.00	99.08%
60250 · Synod Operation Assessment	4,362.00	4,000.00	109.05%
60260 · Synod RPM&M	7,500.00	7,500.00	100.0%
60270 · Synod Delegate Travel Expenses	850.46	750.00	113.4%
60300 · Miscellaneous	200.00	100.00	200.0%
Total 60000 · Leadership Expenses	134,881.54	133,150.00	101.3%
70000 · Plant & Equipment Expenses			
70010 · Custodial Service	6,500.00	6,500.00	100.0%
70020 · Lawn Service	2,850.00	2,800.00	101.79%
70030 · Repairs and Maintenance	6,309.57	8,000.00	78.87%
70040 · Office Supplies	1,574.37	2,500.00	62.98%
70050 · Capital Equipment Escrow	800.82		
70061 · Kitchen Supplies/food	722.50	1,200.00	60.21%
70062 · Janitorial Supplies	664.17	1,000.00	66.42%
70070 · Telephone/Internet	2,159.76	1,900.00	113.67%
70080 · Utilities	7,343.00	6,000.00	122.38%
70090 · Replace Psalters Escrow	2,483.33		
70095 · SH Noise Damp Escrow	2,579.14		
70100 · Insurance - Property	6,805.66	5,000.00	136.11%
70103 · Insurance - Liability	2,093.62	1,700.00	123.15%
70110 · Tax & Corp Fee	566.10	600.00	94.35%
70200 · Bank Fees	80.00	100.00	80.0%
70300 · Miscellaneous	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Total 70000 · Plant & Equipment Expenses	43,532.04	37,350.00	116.55%
80000 · Ministry Activities Expenses			
80010 · Sabbath School	1,338.44	2,500.00	53.54%
80020 · Bible Studies Expenses	17.75	250.00	7.1%
80021 · Witness Subscriptions	1,740.00	1,500.00	116.0%
80030 · RP Missions Scholarships	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
80035 · Ori RPC Mission Support	500.00	750.00	66.67%
80040 · Social Committee	1,041.28	1,500.00	69.42%
80050 · Shower Committee	36.46	400.00	9.12%
80060 · Library/Literature Rack	389.78	400.00	97.45%
80070 · Flowers/Cards	310.67	500.00	62.13%
80075 · Sanctuary Flowers	120.05	500.00	24.01%
80080 · Media	851.90	950.00	89.67%
80090 · Mercy Fund	0.00	3,600.00	0.0%
80100 · Young Adult Group Events	1,138.71	500.00	227.74%
80110 · Youth Conferences	1,484.00	1,500.00	98.93%
80120 · Genevans Concert	728.69	1,000.00	72.87%
80130 · Camp Scholarships	2,737.50	4,000.00	68.44%
80133 · Outreach	1,386.89	2,000.00	69.35%
80135 · Desig - Student2Student	90.00		
80138 · Desig - Global Missions	30.00		
80210 · Desig -- Cyprus	100.00		
80230 · Desig - Bible Studies Expenses	116.43		
80280 · Desig Kid2Kid	310.72		
80290 · Desig - Mercy fund	1,388.00		
80291 · Desig - Mercy Fund - Immagratio	0.00		

Orlando Reformed Presbyterian Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
 January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
80292 · Desig - Mercy fund carryover	323.91		
80293 · Desig - Mercy Fund Selma	958.00		
80294 · Desig Mercy Need June	896.17		
80300 · Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	0.0%
80310 · Desig - Library/Literature Rack	369.00		
80330 · Desig - Pastor Counseling	1,000.00		
80352 · Desig - Genevans concert	271.00		
Total 80000 · Ministry Activities Expenses	19,675.35	24,950.00	78.86%
85000 · Gainesville Expenses carryover			
85010 · Tom Reid Salary	15,000.00		
85020 · Other Expenses	4,303.72		
Total 85000 · Gainesville Expenses carryover	19,303.72		
Total Expense	217,392.65	195,450.00	111.23%
Net Ordinary Income	19,250.19		

2023 Christian Education Committee Report

We give thanks to God for providing us with a solid Sabbath School program again this year.

The Christian Education Committee met several times in 2023. Committee members are: Vanessa Le (chair), Samantha McCaskell, Scott Bailey, Stephanie Garrow, and Alejandro Ramirez.

We planned the Sabbath School curriculum, classes, and teachers for the 2023/2024 school year. We have been blessed with 40 children from preschool to high school this year.

For kindergarten through 6th grade, the students are studying The Biggest Story, a curriculum that is designed to go through the big story of the Bible in 7 years. They also continue to meet with Donna once a month to go over the Westminster Shorter Catechism and the Psalm of the month. The high school class (which includes 7th and 8th grade as well this year) studied The Holiness of God by R.C. Sproul in the fall, and is studying two different Puritan books on meditation for the spring semester. All classes and teachers are being encouraged to memorize the Westminster Shorter Catechism at the rate of one question and answer per week. We have received a lot of positive feedback from teachers and students in regard to these classes. We are always in need of teachers, so if you are interested in teaching for the 2024 fall semester, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Le

CE Committee Chair

2023 SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Anthony Farrant, Dianne Schaefer, Stephanie Garrow, Kelly Bailey, Lydia Eshelman, Jessica Schaefer, Will Townsend, Kinsey Townsend

Debra Goerner : Fellowship meals (Backed up by Lydia and Kelly)

Lisa Schmidt : Showers (Backed up by Lydia and Kelly)

Lydia Eshelman: Genevans event

Kelly Bailey: Special needs meals

The planned events for the year were as follows:

Game Night – Chair Jessica Schaefer/Will Townsend/Kinsey Townsend – budget \$100.00

Night on The Town for Graduates – Organizer Kelly Bailey – budget \$100.00

Church Picnic – Chair Stephanie Garrow – budget \$350.00

Back to School Bingo – Cancelled due to other events going on

Winter Formal Dinner – Chair Anthony Farrant – budget \$400.00

Other events:

Hey Let's Go Summer events – Will and Kinsey Townsend

Community Outreach Event – Chair Dianne Schaefer – separate budget

Total Budget – beginning of year \$1500.00

Total Spent - \$

All of the social committee events were pretty well received and attended throughout the year. Those who attended the events had an enjoyable time.

The Fellowship meal team was outstanding as well as we had even more fellowship meals this year than we had in the past and all of them were enjoyable and well attended. The different themes are always fun and introduce some different types of foods to the pallets of the church family.

Speaking of the church family the showers team had a super busy year this year with multiple weddings and births adding to the church family. From what I heard great times were had by all at these events.

- Jayna Johnson
- Jen Mercado
- Rachel Jennings
- Grace Song
- Vania

Committee Member Rotation Plan

2024 no rotation off as Dianne has chosen to step down from the committee. Her efforts have been greatly appreciated throughout the years and we have all enjoyed her input in meetings and event planning as well as at the actual events.

2025 – Kelly Bailey

2026 – Stephanie Garrow

2027 – Lydia Eshelman

2028 – Jessica Schaefer

2029 – Will and Kinsey Townsend

2023

WITNESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT

Singing the Psalms during our worship services is a wonderful blessing. In addition, there is nothing like "reading" the Book of Psalms during our personal worship and praise times. It should be part of our daily devotional routine. Within its rich poetic verses we can feel and see the full Glory and Majesty of the LORD. God comes alive within those romantic, image-filled verses, resulting in the intimate enrichment of our hearts and souls. As Christians, that should be our ultimate, perpetual goal, because as we are spiritually enriched, the LORD is truly Glorified.

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January/February 2023 Witness issue

Items were submitted in Nov. 2022

News items included:

- * Three Wedding Anniversary celebrations: Jim & Ruth Pennington (50th), Ray & Louise Turmenne (50th) and Glenn & Jean McFarland (60th).
- * Two families welcomed into our congregation: Jason & Jen Mercado and Pablo & Andrea Valenzuela.
- * On Oct. 30th, four became communicant members and one baptized child, Lydia; Joseph Hernandez, Jr., Emily Schultz (Mc Cauley).
- * Two newlyweds expecting: Karl & Bashia Schaefer and Joe & Jayna Johnson.
- * Oct. 9th, guest preacher: Rev. Robert Rothwell, associate pastor-elect of Spruce Creek PBC in Port Orange. His sermon, "God is Covenant Lord: Reformed Vocation" texts: Gen. 9:1-7 and Matt. 28:18-20.
- * Our basement flooding during Hurricane Ian. Thanking Deacon Board for their efforts.
- * Sunday, Nov. 13th: Kevin Duffey and Alejandro Ramirez ordained and installed as elders during morning worship.

WITNESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT for 2023 (cont.)

January/February 2023 Witness issue (cont.)

PRAYER CALENDAR needs

- * New moms-to-be: Bashia Schaefer and Jayna Johnson.
- * New members joining congregation.
- * God's glory in all we say and do.
- * Elders Kevin Duffey and "Alex" Ramirez.
- * Eagerness to praise and serve the Lord.
- * Keep our minds focused and tuned to Him.

BRIEF NOTES

BAPTISMS:

- * Lindy-Anna Eleyinafe -- Apr. 24th (@Gainesville)
- * * Noah Eleyinafe -- Apr. 24th (@ Gainesville)
- * Alexis Mercado -- Sept. 11th (@ Orlando)
- * Abiel Valenzuela -- Sept. 11th (@ Orlando)

MARRIAGES:

- * Joel Schaefer & Tava Goerner -- Sept. 30th

March/April 2023 Witness issue

No church news items were submitted, however a study on Joel: The Timeless Tempe Preacher, was submitted by Pastor Nathan Eshelman appeared in Gentle Reformation on pg. 17.

May/June 2023 Witness issue

Items were submitted in March.

News included:

- * Mark & Debra Goerner's 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration in Celebration, FL.
- * Joe Johnson's sermons /; on Nov. 20th and 27th, when he was our guest preacher.
- * The new worship opportunity in Celebration, FL; beginning services in evening at 4 pm.
- * Rev. James Wright returning his membership back to Orlando RPC from Covenant Fellowship, Pittsburg, PA.

WITNESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT for 2023 (cont.)

NEWS ITEMS (cont.)

- * Transfer of membership for Stephen & Rachel Jennings from Grace RPC, State College, PA (along with their baptized children, Elijah and Elaina.)
- * Other members joining the church on Dec. 25th: Watson Eshelman, Lucy Goerner and Jaemin & Grace Song, along with their two sons: Ezra and Kian, Baptized at that time.
- * Rev. Ray B. Lanning, editor for Reformation Heritage Books, Grand Rapids, MI, was guest preacher: his sermons / texts on Feb. 12th and Feb. 19th.
- * Dr. Joel Beeke, President of Puritan RTS was guest preacher for the evening service, his sermon / text included, on Mar. 5th.

PRAYER CALENDAR needs, though submitted, were not published in this issue.

BRIEF NOTES

BIRTHS:

- * Micaiah Jon Schaefer, born Jan. 19, 2023, weighing 7 lbs, 1 oz., measuring 20 inches long. He is the son of Karl & Bashia Schaefer.

BAPTISMS:

- * Micaiah Jon Schaefer, son of Karl & Bashia Schaefer, was baptized on Feb. 12th 2023, by Pastor Nathan Eshelman.
- * Ezra Song, son of Jaemin & Grace Song on Dec. 24, 2023, was baptized by Pastor Nathan Eshelman.
- * Kian Song, son of Jaemin & Grace Song. was baptized on Dec. 24, 2023 by Pastor Nathan Eshelman.

DEATHS:

- * Lucille "Lou" Woofter, passed away on Mar. 10, 2023, survived by one son living in Orlando and four other children out-of-state.

July/August 2023 Witness issue

Items were submitted in May 2023.

News included:

- * The Genevans held a concert in the sanctuary on Weds., Mar. 8th at 7 pm.

WITNESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT for 2023 (cont.)

NEWS ITEMS for July/August 2023 (cont.)

- * Rev. James Pennington received the annual Faithful Servant Award from RPTS on Mar. 10th.
- * An article on Rev. Pennington's Faithful Servant Award was written by Louise Turmenne, Witness Correspondent, using facts that were originally gathered by RPTS.
- * Our newest ministry opportunity in Celebration, FL.
- * Rev. Tim McCracken, who spoke during our Sunday School hour on Mar. 26th regarding his prison ministry work in Central California.
- * The happy news that was shared during announcements on April 18th of pregnancies: Vanessa Le, Rachel Jennings, Jenn Mercado, Grace Song and Vania Valenzuela Valenzuela. All of which have since had safe deliveries.
- * A special memorial service was held in the sanctuary on Apr. 16th for Lucille "Lou" Woofter and a funeral for Elder-emeritus Ed Forest on Apr. 22nd.
- * The annual "Night-on-the-Town" Dinner held on Apr. 20th at Grills Lakeside in Orlando to honor our graduates: Nick Goerner, Jayna Johnson, and Will Townsend.
- * Joe Johnson being prepared for his own ministry.

PRAYER CALENDAR needs

- * For more personal opportunities for our members to minister to those who have need.
- * That God will guide and direct our elders as they seek to glorify Him in their leadership within the church.
- * That God will use our ministry to suit His purpose and will.
- * That our elderly members will feel God's powerful presence in their lives.
- * That the Holy Spirit will guide and enlighten us in our personal devotions.
- * For the newest ministry in Celebration, FL : for their growth and opportunities for witness to others.

WITNESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT for 2023 (cont.)

July/August 2023 Witness issue (cont.)

PRAYER CALENDAR needs (cont.)

- * For Joe Johnson in his studies and preparations for ministry.
- * That the Lord will continue to grow and prosper the ministry in Gainesville, FL.

BRIEF NOTES

BIRTHS:

- * Verity Jane Johnson, born on Apr. 25, 2023, to Joe & Jayna Johnson, weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. and measuring 20.5 inches.
- * Mishael argelis Sebastian, born on May 10, 2023, to Jason & Jen Mercado, weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz, and measured 20 inches.

GRADUATIONS:

- * Nick Goerner -- homeschooled,
- * Jayna Johnson -- receiving a AA in general studies from Valencia College.
- * Will Townsend -- received a doctor of physical therapy degree from Advent Health University.

DEATHS;

- * Ed Forest, age 95, passed away on Apr. 12th. Survived by his wife of 68 years, Jean, and their children: Roy, Tom and Jim, and their grandchildren were listed.
- * Rev. D. Bradley E. Schultz, age 61, passed away on Apr. 24th. Survived by his wife of 34 years, Darlene, and their two children listed.

September/October 2023 Witness issue

Items were submitted in July 2023.

News included:

- * CHOICES Women's Clinic, after their annual Walk For Life in Blue Jacket Park, Orlando, this past April, garnered \$535,000 in donations. Our church raised \$40,000 toward that effort, making it possible for CHOICES to open another new clinic, mortgage free, in Kissimmee, FL.

WITNESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT for 2023

September/October 2023 Witness issue (cont.)

CHURCH NEWS (cont.)

- * Ten new members joined the church on Sunday, May 21st. We welcomed Thea Rourke, Joshua Joyner, Marina Silva, Magaly Dias de Souza, Stephen & Samantha McCaskell and their baptized children: Micah, Salomon, Ezra, and Aden.
- * Stephen & Rachel Jennings welcomed a new addition to their immediate family: Theodore Brooks Jennings was born on Saturday, June 17, 2023. The details regarding his birth are in the BRIEF NOTES section.

PRAYER CALENDAR needs

- * That the men will be strengthened and encouraged in their walk with the Lord.
- * For new moms: Katie Petra and Vanessa Le.
- * For those who are sick or experiencing hardships.
- * For those who are anticipating upcoming surgeries and those who are recovering from surgeries.
- * For the children as they attend school: that the Lord would protect them and guide them in their studies.
- * Death of loved ones: that families would be comforted.

BRIEF NOTES

BIRTHS:

- * Theodore Brooks Jennings, son of Stephen & Rachel Jennings, was born on Sat., June 17, 2023. He weighed 9 lbs., 6 ozs., and measured 20.5 inches long.

BAPTISMS:

- * Micah, Salomon, Ezra, and Aden McCaskell, sons of Stephen & Samantha McCaskell, were baptized on Sunday, May 21st during the morning service. Pastor Nathan Eshelman officiated.

November/December 2023 Witness issue

Items were submitted in Sept. 2023.

News items were published in the January/February 2024 issue instead.

WITNESS CORRESPONDENT REPORT for 2023 (cont.)

November/December 2023 Witness issue (cont.)

PRAYER CALENDAR needs

- * That the upcoming holiday seasons will be wonderful, warm and filled with spiritual blessings.
- * Offer sincere praise for the Holy Spirit's enlightenment while reading and studying God's Holy Word.
- * That we would be compliant and submissive to the Lord's leading.
- * That praise and worship for our Triune God will flourish without hinderance.
- * Thankfulness for the Lord's daily gracious and loving watch-care and provision.
- * For our children as they continue in their studies: that the Lord will protect them and guard their minds.

BRIEF NOTES

BAPTISMS:

- * Theodore Brooks Jennings, son of Stephen & Rachel Jennings, was baptized on Sun., Aug. 6th Pastor Nathan Eshelman officiated.
- * Mishael argelis Sebastian Mercado, son of Jason & Jen Mercado, was baptized on Sun., Aug. 6th Pastor Nathan Eshelman officiated.

Respectfully Submitted

Louise M. Turmenne

Witness Correspondent