

Sycamore Visitation Committee Report

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

It was our privilege to serve as the visitation committee to Sycamore RPC on November 8-9, 2025, in Kokomo, Indiana. We were welcomed by the session and congregation with open arms, and greatly appreciated the commitment and effort put forth by them for our time together. We were also blessed by their example, fellowship, and ministry on the Lord's Day.

During our weekend with them, we were encouraged by a number of things. Some examples would be: their faithful ministry of the Word and diligent shepherding of the flock, the unity they enjoy as elders and within the congregation, the two interns they currently have (one with the elders and one with the deacons), the great amount of fellowship the people enjoy with one another, the good order in their church administration, and the formation of a new outreach committee.

At the same time, we acknowledge that they have dealt with challenging matters lately, as well as heartbreakingly difficult circumstances - such as, families leaving the congregation, hard shepherding issues to navigate, long-term counseling cases, and instances of church discipline. They have sought to honor the Lord and love His people through it all, however, and they continue to seek His help in it, for which we commend them. We mean it when we say, "Keep up the good work, brothers!"

With love for them in Christ, we also offered five recommendations to them and discussed them with the elders on two separate occasions.

The Lord is doing a good work in Sycamore RPC - one that serves as an example for all of us - but they need our prayers for encouragement and perseverance through the difficulties. In addition, we believe (along with their session) that they could benefit from an Advisory Committee of the presbytery to continue helping them navigate their challenges (see recommendation below).

As a committee, we are grateful for each of them, and for the blessing they are to the local congregation (and beyond). Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you by visiting them.

Sincerely in Christ,

Scott Hunt

Adam Niess, chairman

Colin Samul

Recommendation:

That the Ad Interim Commission establish an Advisory Committee for the Sycamore session, comprised of Jason Camery, Scott Hunt, and Colin Samul.