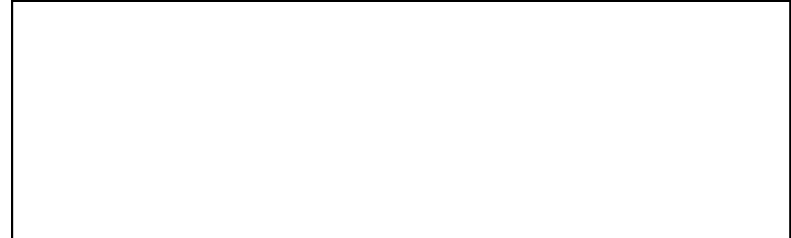


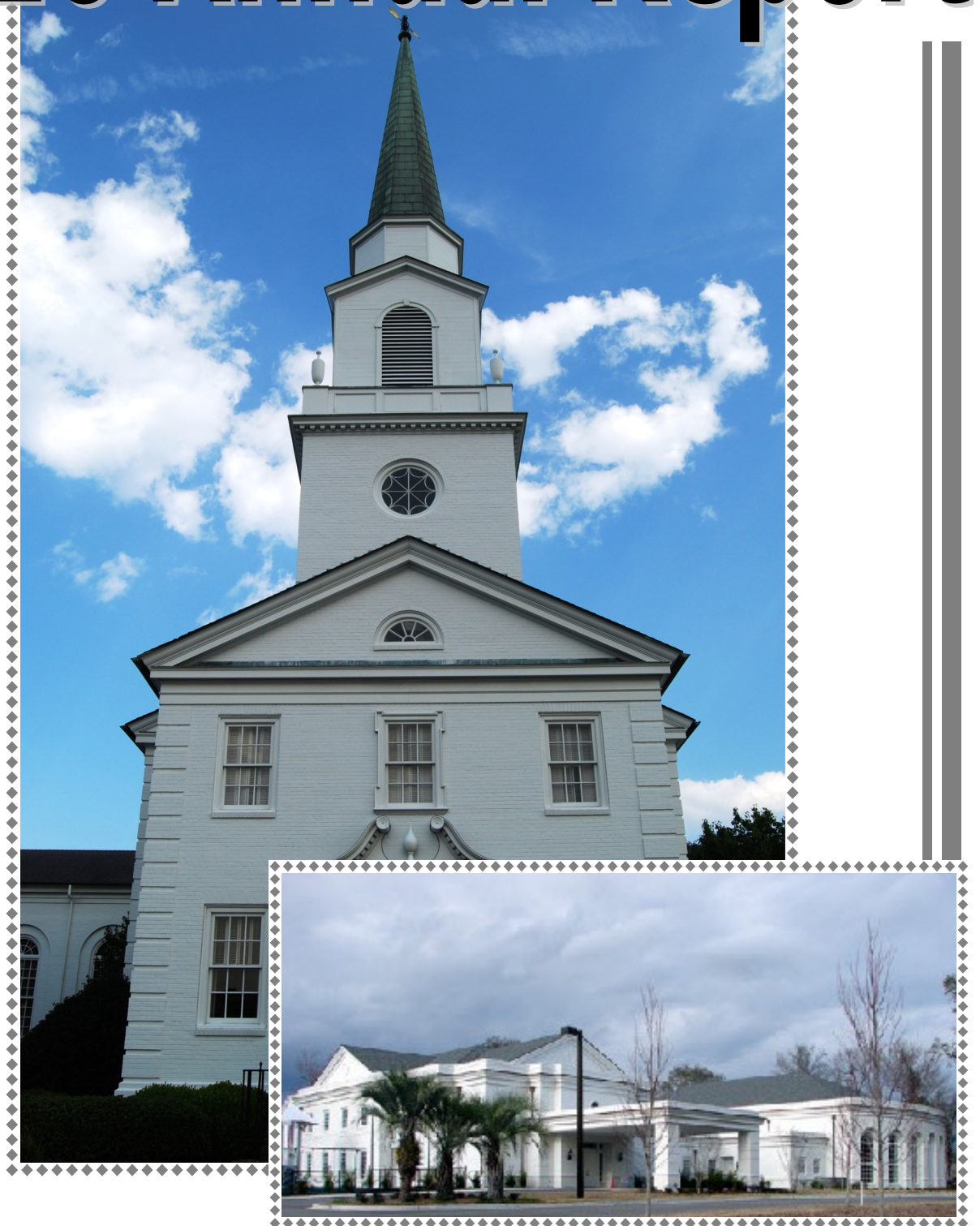
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Just these lines, My Friends....

.....as I think about 2009 and 2010 in the life of our church I cannot help but think of Charles Dicken's words in "A Tale of Two Cities." He wrote "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." It was the worst of times because of the poor economy and the number of problems it created for our members who lost jobs or whose income was substantially reduced. It was the worst of times because calls for help to the church increased and it seemed that resources to respond to those needs were not as plentiful as in years gone by. It was the best of times because of you. You rose to the occasion. You faithfully provided for the church and empowered it to meet all of its obligations. It was the best of times because we experienced growth in participation in almost every area of ministry. It was the best of times because you sense in a more profound way the work of God's Spirit. It was the best of times because our strategic planning commission faithfully continued its work which will provide a blueprint related to stewardship, staff development, and development of the Grissom campus. It is the best of times because of the magnificent opportunities before us. Our best days are not behind us – they are in front of us!


As the church moves forward we need to focus on church growth. While we gained many wonderful members in 2010, we lost members through death, transfer of church letters, and removal from the active roll. We lost more members than we gained. We need to kick into high gear our commitment to help the church grow numerically. Study after study reveals that the best way for church growth to happen is for church members to invite their unchurched friends, neighbors, and colleagues to come to church with them. We call it "Friends Invite Friends." Let's just do it! Let's be intentional about church growth. Also, we need to make sure that our worship guests experience a warm welcome. I think the old theme song from Cheers got it right for how the church should be....a place "where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came." We can do that at FPC.

Please read the annual report from cover to cover. It is the story of people who are joining hand and hearts to make the dreams of God come true in this church, in this community and beyond. You are a great congregation and your commitment to love another as God loves us makes it the "best of times" for so many people in the parish and community.

With a member's permission I have included in the 2010 Annual Report an account of the impact FPC has had on his life.

Remember how much I love you, and with blessings and prayers, I am

Your minister and friend,



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Strategic Planning**Vision Statement:**

We must trade the ordinary for the extraordinary to make and mold disciples for Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement:

We are committed to make and mold disciples for Jesus Christ.

Current Leadership:

Gary Pell; Ronald Hendrix; Orby Ferguson; Bobby Wilkes

Significant Events:

A three person Administrative Commission was formed last year to work with Bobby Wilkes to implement FPC's strategic plan. Gary Pell took on the role of leading the implementation of the stewardship goals included in the plan. The goals for stewardship are as follows:

- Initiate a feasibility study for a full-scale effort to undertake a major capital campaign for the complete development of the Grissom campus to meet our specific priorities, including the sale/disposition of the King's campus.
- Begin a comprehensive effort to enhance the stewardship education/development of the church, both short-term annual stewardship and designated giving, and much needed long-term stewardship through endowments and bequests.

Over each of the past three years we have seen a decline in the dollars pledged for the annual campaign and in the number of pledging units. We still have outstanding pledges from our last capital campaign in 2000 which need to be settled in order to reduce our debt which is coming due on the first phase of development at the Grissom campus. And we have recognized the need to build a much more significant endowment to support our buildings and programs in order to grow the church.

During the year, we formed a stewardship task force to focus on our comprehensive need to improve stewardship, including both short term annual giving and longer term planned giving. We recently engaged a consultant from Alexander Haas to help us determine the best way to enhance and align our annual campaign, address our need for capital to develop the new Grissom campus, and develop a plan for building a much needed endowment for the future. **Members of the task force include:** Jo Ann Crumpler; Tom Davis; Chris Denny; Rachel Gandy; Edwin Hinds; Mike Hogan; Winston Hoy; Hugh Martin; Jim McCrackin; Gary Pell; Laura Smith; Bobby Wilkes; Lawton Benton; Bob Calamari; Lucia Gore; Wayne Gray; Jonathan Hawkins; Mary Beth Heath; Lee Proctor

Over the next several months you will be hearing more about these efforts and invited to participate in interviews and meetings about stewardship at FPC. Please plan to participate and provide your thoughts and input. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Gary Pell, Rebecca Hinds, or Bobby Wilkes.

Included in the plan given to the Administrative Commission for implementation is the duty to investigate the means by which the Kings Highway campus (KHC) can be sold and the proceeds applied to the cost of building the next phase of the Grissom campus (GC).

The Commission has enlisted the aid of some of the most knowable members in our church in the fields of real estate and financing in this endeavor. The sale of the KHC is proving to be a challenge due both to the unique character of the real estate and the present economic climate, but the work is ongoing.

In planning for the next phase of the GC, the Commission has met with the various Ministry Teams to determine their needs for the move. As a first step, the Commission came up with a basis concept for the 2nd phase of the GC and obtained an estimate of cost from a local contractor. Next the effort will be made to determine if the needs of the church can be met with this concept or a reasonable modification thereof.

When the trigger is pulled by whatever means required to pay for the cost of the next phase of the GC, we intend to have in place a plan which will suit the needs of the church for the foreseeable future.

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Growing Tree Ministry**Purpose:**

To provide a happy and stimulating environment where each child is able to reach his or her potential for social, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth.

Current Leadership:

Linda Puglia, Moderator	Susan Cribb
Kathryn Kauffman	Lisa Hamilton
Susan Sparks	Sue Mozingo

Significant Events:

- Registered Preschool under Department of Social Services.
- All Teachers received a 2 year certification for both CPR and First Aid.
- All Teachers received 15 hours during the year for Continuing Education.
- Freaky Friday Annual Adult Event to raise money for the Growing Tree and to also bring in new families.
- Children's Carnival provided crafts, games and many other family fun activities.
- 1st Annual School and Church-wide Scholastic Book Fair provided educational materials for every classroom.
- Canned Goods Food Drive for the Community Kitchen.
- "Cents for Children" – the Growing Tree collected coins that supplied books and other materials for "The Homework Club of Sandy Gate Community."
- "Puppy Love Drive" – the Growing Tree collected food, treats, and other supplies for the Humane Society.
- "Toys for Tots."
- "Doughnuts for Dads."
- "Muffins for Moms."
- Star Lab Observatory.
- Annual Earth Day celebration—Growing Tree students planted trees and SWA presented "Talking Trash."
- Registered between 175-200 children for the upcoming school year.
- Increased kindergarten class from 16 students to 22 students.
- The Growing Tree purchased a Smart Board for the kindergarten class and computers for all the 4 year old classrooms.
- Weekly school wide recycle program.
- "Wear Red on Friday to Support the Troops."
- Kindergarten Graduation which is held during Early Sabbath that brings non members in to visit our church.
- Year End Program and family picnic where the students performed "The Sound of Music."
- Summer camps held in the months of June, July, and August with the following themes:

Rock Band	On the Move
Discovery Place	Keepin' Cool

 These camps were at capacity and provided safe summer fun and fellowship.

Focus for 2011:

Continue to serve as a ministry to all children of all races and denominations, teaching them the love of God and continue our focus on strengthening our family, church, and community ties while offering the best preschool and kindergarten experience.

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What FPC Means to Me

I have been asked what does First Presbyterian Church mean to me? I have in turn thought about how my life would have been different if not for FPC. This reminded me of the movie "WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE" with James Stewart as its main star. You will recall that Stewart's character, George Bailey, who had given up many of his dreams and made sacrifices for the benefit of the citizens of the town, Bedford Falls, was now depressed over the townspeople having lost faith in him primarily caused by the doings of a greedy, crooked town banker, Mr. Potter (thankfully, he wasn't a lawyer). When George told his guardian angel that he wished that he had never been born, the angel set about showing George in a vision what a dreadful, heartless and colorless town Bedford Falls, which had been renamed "Pottersville" in the vision, would have been had George not lived and been there to lead the town in the right direction.

While at college Marsha and I had less than perfect attendance at church, but early in our marriage we decided that church attendance would be our norm. And that continued as our children came along, even though we had not a few discussions with them about having to go to Sunday school and worship service EVERY Sunday. We must have done something right in that respect because now our 4 grown children remain involved in their churches. Marsha became a Sunday school and vacation bible school teacher and I became more interested in the workings of FPC. The more involved I became, the more I realized that I wanted to be a part of a membership that was not satisfied with the "status quo", but was intent on educating its members in the Christian faith, and responding to Christ's charge to go into the world and spread the good news of Christ's love for all people; and also a membership which can explore the mysteries of God while at the same time learning and using the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as our compass as we make our way through the everyday journey of life.

Over the years I became involved in and looked forward to my participating in Sunday school class, Sunday worship service, chancel choir, Bible studies, the session, various committee assignments, missions, and enjoying the many offerings of the FPC Concerts. While there are many other programs and activities offered by FPC, these are the ones that to date hold my interest. And I mean more than just interest. I enjoy myself in these things. I look forward to them. They have become a part of me, and help in defining who I am.

Our FPC forebears have shown us that it is good and proper to "plant a tree under whose shade we shall never sit" and FPC continues to plant those trees. Doesn't it make your life fuller to know that you are part of something which will continue to express love and care for God's creation and people long after we are gone?

What does FPC mean to me? Without FPC in my life, I'm afraid that I might be living in my own little section of Pottersville.

—Ronald Hendrix

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Births, Deaths & New Members**Births**

Margaret Elizabeth Aycock
 Lawton Alexander Benton
 Zachariah Antonio DeGiovine
 Henry (Hal) McBee Funderburk V
 Harrison Tate Garrett
 Martha Ann Kellahan
 Paityn Wesley Streater
 Langston MacDonald Talbert
 Kennedy Lee Wilkes
 Elizabeth Britton Wilson

Deaths

Mrs. Emmaline Brown
 Mrs. Harriet W. Bullock
 Mr. Harvey Cadwallader
 Mrs. Rosalie Colao
 Mrs. Virginia Dulaney
 Mrs. Doris Eager
 Mrs. Joan M. Feldheim
 Mrs. Opal Freeman
 Mrs. Irene Gaddy
 Mrs. Marguerite Hardwick
 Mr. Edward (Ed) Hayward
 Mrs. Barbara A. Hill
 Mr. Jack S. Hudson
 Mrs. Mary Emily Jackson
 Mr. Nelson Jackson
 Mr. John J. (Jack) Johler
 Mr. Kenneth (Ken) Kepley
 Mr. Harry E. Lavin
 Mr. Michael (Craig) McNab
 Mr. William (Bill) Meyers
 Mr. Bill Minick
 Mr. Melvin (Mel) Nace
 Mr. Robert (Bob) Pickett
 Mrs. Margaret (Joan) Reynolds
 Mr. Gregory (Greg) Seeley
 Mr. Frank Philip (Phil) Shearin
 Mrs. Geraldine (Gerri) Snyder
 Mrs. Adelheid M (Heidi) Sparkes
 Mr. Richard (Dick) Steele
 Mr. Llewellyn Steers
 Mr. David Wood

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Presbyterian Women**Purpose:**

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to:

- Nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- Support the mission of the church worldwide
- Work for justice and peace
- Build an inclusive caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- And witness to the promises of God's kingdom

Current Leadership:

Audrey Bruner, Moderator
 Tammy Hetzer, Vice-Moderator
 Beth Campbell, Secretary
 Anne Cox, Treasurer

Significant Events:

- Continued with Birthday Offerings, Thank Offerings, Friendship Circle, Body & Soul Packages and Memorial Gifts
- Made donations for local and global missions such as Operation Christmas Child, SOS Health Care, Habitat for Humanity, local schools and our own Youth Ministry
- Volunteered monthly at Associated Charities
- Held Food Drive for Helping Hand
- Recognized PW Honorary Life Members for 2010 Beth Campbell and Helen Shears
- Continued with monthly circle meetings and Coordinating Team meetings
- Attended annual gatherings and training events

Focus for 2011:

- Be more intentional in our invitation to new members and young women
- Increase our response to an awareness of needs of the community and world
- Focus on expanding our web-based information

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Property Ministry Team**Purpose:**

To make sure the buildings and grounds of the First Presbyterian Church are inviting and visually pleasing to all who see them and user-friendly to all of the church's members, friends, and visitors who gather here for worship, study, dining, fellowship, counseling, meetings and friendship.

Current Leadership:

Scott McNew, Moderator	Rebecca Hinds
Jean Boseman	Keith Compton
Ruth Gore	Lisa Hamilton
Sally Isaac	Joe Jumper
Bill Keller	Joe Morrison
Jon Sell	Heath Stone

Significant Events:

- Continued semi-annual cleanup days at the Kings Campus.
- Repaired the flat roofs at the Kings Campus.
- Ongoing repairs and maintenance at both campuses.
- Engaged a part time security guard for evening functions.

Focus for 2011:

- Complete major capital repairs at the Kings Campus as approved by the Session.
- Continue semi-annual cleanup days at both campuses.

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Births, Deaths & New Members**New Members**

Mrs. Fran Badurski	Mrs. Laura Robertson
Mr. Milton Beneke	Miss Temperance Russell
Mrs. Wanda Beneke	Mrs. Carole Sanders
Miss Tweed (Pendleton) Bogache	Mr. John Sanders
Mr. William (Brice) Borowicz	Mr. Thomas (Tom) Satterfield
Mrs. Susan Cadwell	Mrs. Sylvia Satterfield
Mrs. Ann Campbell	Mr. Jerry (JD) Schexnayder, III
Mrs. Harry Campbell	Mrs. Christina (Chris) Sellen
Dr. Jeanne Cobb	Mr. William (Bill) Sellen
Miss Reed Collins	Mrs. LaDonna Shook
Mrs. Elizabeth (Blue) Edwards	Mr. Lloyd Shook
Mr. Preston (Press) Edwards	Mr. Charles (Rivers) Singleton
Mrs. Ruth Eldridge	Mrs. Nancy Stinger
Mr. Andy Forloines	Mr. William (Bill) Stinger
Mrs. Ann Furry	Mr. Brooks Swanson
Mr. James (Jim) Furry	Mr. Noble (Graham) Vaughn
Miss Carolyn Gore	Mr. Michael (Mike) Wechter
Mr. Heath Gray	Mrs. Kathleen (Kathy) Wechter
Miss Veronica (Spencer) Gray	Mrs. Jennifer Weisler
Mr. Austin Guyton	Ms. Maria Zeballos
Ms. Barbara Guyton	
Ms. Angelika (Angie) Hahn	
Ms. Christine Hamer	
Mr. John David (JD) Hart, Jr	
Mr. Richard Hill	
Mrs. Mary (Betsy) Hughes	
Miss Sarah Jordan	
Mr. Mark Karavan	
Mr. David Kellogg	
Mrs. Leigh Kellogg	
Miss Anna Lackey	
Miss Alexis Leath	
Miss Devan Lee	
Mrs. Dona Lee	
Mr. Epp Lee	
Mr. Jarrett Lewis	
Mr. John (Coleman) Martini	
Mr. Darren Michael	
Mrs. Carrie Michael	
Mr. Christopher Monte	
Mr. Tom O'Brien	
Mrs. Diane Parker	
Mr. Eddie Petrie	
Mrs. Mary Cathleen (Katie) Petrie	
Mrs. Mary Reeves	

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Budget and Stewardship Ministry**Purpose:**

Develop a stewardship program which teaches and promotes the Biblical concept of stewardship and to efficiently collect, manage, appropriate and disburse the financial assets of the First Presbyterian Church and to insure that all budgets are a reflection of the church's mission statement.

Current Leadership:

Lawton Benton, Elder
Robert Wilkes
Rebecca Hinds
John Gandy
Winston Hoy
Gary Pell
Brooks Vaughn
Walt Whittier

Significant Events:

Even in challenging economic times, through God's grace and the response of our church family, we:

- Provided for the programming of our various ministry teams
- Met local benevolence obligations
- Funded our personnel expenses
- Began educating our congregation on stewardship and giving to provide a means for programs, and not to underwrite a budget

Focus for 2011:

The Budget and Stewardship Ministry Team will create more awareness and education on the Biblical concept of stewardship giving by our congregation and emphasize our local and outreach programs through membership moments and newsletter articles. It will also work closely with the Stewardship Task Force of the Strategic Planning Commission. The Budget and Stewardship Ministry Team will continue to monitor the weekly inflow and outflow of our pledges and expenses.

Budget:

Following is the 2011 budget as it compares to the 2010 budget.

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Presbyterian Men**Purpose:**

Provide a men's program that affords the opportunity for fellowship, service, and Christian growth for the men of First Presbyterian Church.

Current Leadership:

Jim McCrackin, Moderator	Ron Bjorklund
Christopher Byrd	Jim Davis
Chris Denny	Jack Gaddy
Jonathan Hawkins	Miller Hawkins
Edwin Hinds	Dwight Hudson
Warren McKittrick	Ray Riggs
Bret Rockow	Walt Whittier

Significant Events:

- Hosted annual Frogmore Stew fellowship.
- Participated in church-wide cleanup days.
- Continued prayer breakfasts on first and third Wednesdays with 20+ attending.
- Started new prayer breakfast group on Thursdays on the South Strand with 15+ attending.
- Hosted annual FPC golf tournament in June at Myrtlewood Golf Club.
- Hosted annual fall cookout at Grissom campus.

Focus for 2011:

- Utilize web-based communication.
- Host another excellent church-wide golf tournament in June 2011.
- Explore expanding men's breakfast offerings to the North Strand.
- Host church-wide canoe trip.

With additional funding, Presbyterian Men could:

- Develop an annual retreat for men.
- Offer daily devotionals to men.

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Fellowship Ministry**Purpose:**

Create a church in which names are known and faces are recognized and in which no one feels lonely, excluded or uninvited to join in friendly association with other members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church family.

Current Leadership:

Roy Dunn, Moderator
 Bobby Wilkes
 Connie Barnard
 Tommy Campbell
 Chip Cox
 Donna Dellinger
 Gail Ferguson
 Kent Hungerpiller
 Vivian Kinton
 Kathy Kyzer
 Renee Mencken
 Joanne Milnor
 Stephanie Nash
 Peggy van Veen

Significant Events:

- Continued monthly New Member Class
- Weekly between services fellowship
- Sponsored men's basketball team
- Offered out of town day trips

Focus for 2011:

- Strengthen the assimilation of new members into life of church through Worship Plus 2
- Offer more opportunities by which members can gather in small groups
- Increase number of activities (sports, hobbies, interest) for members
- Provide intergenerational opportunities for fellowship (parent/child)
- Strengthen the Fellowship Ministry Team

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Budget and Stewardship Ministry**2011 BUDGET**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
INCOME		
Pledges	1,863,272.00	1,887,637.00
Reserve Unpaid Pledges	(100,000.00)	(100,000.00)
Unpledged	175,000.00	175,000.00
Loose Offerings	40,000.00	40,000.00
Special Offerrings - See Benevolences	52,500.00	52,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,030,772.00	2,055,137.00
EXPENSES		
Benevolence - Less Miss. & Church Growth	459,624.80	455,210.50
Church Growth	12,600.00	11,500.00
Missions	1,000.00	1,000.00
Administrative/Professional	5,500.00	5,500.00
Personnel - Net Benevolence Allocation	870,890.85	964,017.95
Operating	165,029.00	159,953.00
Worship	69,450.00	66,475.00
Adult Education	14,350.00	19,950.00
Children's	15,600.00	15,700.00
Property	325,988.00	299,780.00
Youth	18,375.00	23,375.00
Single	6,000.00	6,000.00
Men	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fellowship	2,100.00	2,600.00
Life Abundant	9,400.00	9,900.00
Budget/Finance	12,850.00	8,250.00
Deacons	2,350.00	2,350.00
Session	1,500.00	1,250.00
Growing Tree	(39,729.00)	(36,127.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,954,378.65	2,018,184.45
SURPLUS	77,424.35	36,952.55

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Accrual Basis**Balance Sheet**
As of December 31, 2010

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1100-00 - Cash - Operating	395,876.10
1100-01 - Cash/Investments - Building	179,860.50
1100-02 - Cash - Designated/Restricted	268,028.15
1100-03 - Quasi-Endowment (Manse)	318,384.12
1150-00 - Endowment	1,460,696.72
Total Checking/Savings	2,622,835.59
Accounts Receivable	
1300-00 - Accounts Receivable	2,467.94
Total Accounts Receivable	2,467.94
Other Current Assets	
1400-00 - Prepaid Expenses	250.00
Total Other Current Assets	250.00
Total Current Assets	2,625,553.53
Fixed Assets	
1600-00 - Property and Equipment	17,502,768.13
Total Fixed Assets	17,502,768.13
TOTAL ASSETS	20,128,321.66
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000-00 - Accounts Payable (Year End)	5,850.56
Total Accounts Payable	5,850.56
Other Current Liabilities	
2100-00 - Payroll Liabilities	15,640.57
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,640.57
Total Current Liabilities	21,491.13
Long Term Liabilities	
2300-00 - Construction Liabilities	2,224,306.84
Total Long Term Liabilities	2,224,306.84
Total Liabilities	2,245,797.97
Equity	
3000-00 - Net Assets - Total	17,644,882.93
3900-00 - Retained Earnings	-39,741.39
Net Income	277,382.15
Total Equity	17,882,523.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	20,128,321.66

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Accrual Basis**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**
January through December 2010

	Jan - Dec 10	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000-00 - INCOME	2,106,732.87	2,107,292.00	-559.13	100.0%
Total Income	2,106,732.87	2,107,292.00	-559.13	100.0%
Expense				
5000-00 - BENEVOLENCES/ALLOCATIO...	405,715.90	467,710.50	-61,994.60	86.7%
6000-00 - Administrative/Professional	-115.00	5,500.00	-5,615.00	-2.1%
6200-00 - Payroll Expenses	927,027.39	964,017.95	-36,990.56	96.2%
6300-00 - Operating Expense	154,276.72	159,953.00	-5,676.28	96.5%
7100-00 - Worship	46,018.55	66,475.00	-20,456.45	69.2%
7400-00 - Adult Education Committee	8,347.45	19,950.00	-11,602.55	41.8%
7700-00 - Children's Ministries	9,018.77	15,700.00	-6,681.23	57.4%
7800-00 - Property	274,503.22	299,780.00	-25,276.78	91.6%
8000-00 - Youth Ministries	10,871.85	23,375.00	-12,503.15	46.5%
8100-00 - Singles	696.91	6,000.00	-5,403.09	9.9%
8200-00 - Men's Ministry	189.59	1,500.00	-1,310.41	12.6%
8300-00 - Fellowship	1,986.72	2,600.00	-613.28	76.4%
8700-00 - Life Abundant	4,975.79	9,900.00	-4,924.21	50.3%
8900-00 - Discretionary Expense	13,069.60			
9000-00 - Board of Deacons	1,313.62	2,350.00	-1,036.38	55.9%
9050-00 - Session Expenses	137.05	1,250.00	-1,112.95	11.0%
9060-00 - Budget & Finance	9,399.81	8,250.00	1,149.81	113.9%
9200-00 - Growing Tree	-37,983.22	-36,127.00	-1,856.22	105.1%
Total Expense	1,829,350.72	2,018,184.45	-188,833.73	90.6%
Net Ordinary Income	277,382.15	89,107.55	188,274.60	311.3%
Net Income	277,382.15	89,107.55	188,274.60	311.3%

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Church Growth Ministry**Purpose:**

Create and market an identity based on the mission and vision statements of First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach. Communicate and promote this identity through all forms of media in a manner that embraces the community, offers help to those in need, informs church members, and attracts the unchurched.

Current Leadership:

Teresa Dew, Moderator	Bobby Wilkes
Lynn Bastian	Barry Brown
Sandy Brown	John Gandy
Wilson Gandy	Debbie Gasque
Kim Grigg	Jordan Hadwin
Gary Hadwin	Howard Hansen
Ron Havens	Tom Herron
Hoyle Wagner	Mary Wagner
Mike Wechter	Rob Wilkes

Significant Events:

- Electronic communications continues to grow; reductions in office and postage expenses realized. Member Login Area of new website activated including online giving.

Focus for 2011:

- Website Membership Area:
 - ⇒ Secured member log in access; currently 120 user accounts have been activated.
 - ⇒ Training workshops offered in the spring and fall.
 - ⇒ Expand group member communications through membership area..
 - ⇒ Online giving promotion; electronic statements.
 - ⇒ Addition of professional photos that reflect the life of First Presbyterian Church.
 - ⇒ Expand the Youth Ministries page.
- Open online event registration.
- Utilize all forms of media publicity offered free of charge; Facebook information page expansion.
- Installation of new sound equipment in Kings sanctuary.
- Possibility of adding "Live" streaming at Grissom Campus.

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Mission Ministry**Purpose:**

To inform and involve the members of the First Presbyterian Church in the global mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and, thereby to bring new disciples to Jesus Christ in our community, our state, nation, and world.

Current Leadership:

Suzanne Belden, co-moderator; Martin Bellamy, co-moderator; Lisa Buie; Lissa Woodard; Jonathan Hawkins; Lee Proctor; Larry Hartsell; Caren Whittier; Sue Cranford; Rob Schunenman; Jim Watson; Bobby Wilkes; Todd Harms

FPC is engaged in mission both locally and globally; here's how:

Constructores Para Cristo-Last year, we sent one adult build team with 14 members to Piedras Negras, Mexico. We have financed and constructed two houses annually for many years. This year, we plan to return south of the border to build 2 more houses with the help of two teams on two separate weeks. It is incredible to see a house go up in the course of four days and a family often times go from having nowhere to rest their head or seek shelter to living in a 3 room house. Along with the house, we build relationships with these families that are nurtured for years to come, and on return visits we check in with families finding them continuing to work on their home with additions, plumbing, electricity, painting, etc.

Local Mission Front-A group of committed volunteers from this congregation prepare food and serve over 100 guests of **Street Reach Mission** each Wednesday night all year long, 5,200 meals over the course of a year! We have also collected a record number of coats and items of clothing, toys, and canned good to benefit local helping agencies such as **Helping Hand, Street Reach, CASA, and MB Haven**. **Grace Lunch** began in September 2010 with members of the church and community of all ages serving a meal to those in need from our fellowship hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The menu is nutritious and oftentimes customized to a holiday or event in that particular month such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day or even Valentine's Day. Not only do participants prepare and serve the meal, but they engage in conversation, often joining our guests for lunch and offering a handshake or hug of encouragement. The spirit of cooperation is alive and well at the Grace lunch with volunteers of all ages and Children's ministries and other groups from the church preparing special desserts or gifts for those coming to Grace lunch. We plan to continue all of these efforts in the year to come. We hope to be able to create a thrift store/clothing closet in the year to come to properly house the generous donations of clothing for men, women, and children, toys, and housewares. Currently, we do not have the dedicated space or clothing racks to make this happen.

Operation Christmas is a program co-sponsored by the mission and youth ministry teams. FPC provided for close to 300 children whose families would not have had Christmas gifts otherwise. This is the second year we have invited families to come and shop the FPC store for toys and clothing for their children. While the parents/guardians shopped and wrapped, their children were entertained by Jim and Candy Webb along with students from the church with Christmas cookies, movies, crafts, and even Santa Claus. Thanks to your generous giving, each child/student was given a bible this year for the first time. When the program was finished, the store was opened to those in need in the community and the remaining inventory of clothing, toys, and Bibles were given away. Leadership for Operation Christmas included Teressa Dew, Suzanne Belden, Sarah Benton, Helen Lazarus, and Jared Hendrix.

Beach Castles is a summer mission program inviting students from all over to come and serve in the Myrtle Beach area. Last year, FPC played host to some 100+ students over the course of the summer. Staying at the Kings campus, students completed home repair and simple construction projects in the Racepath/Myrtle Beach area to benefit those unable to complete the work themselves due to financial or physical limitations. Students who are old enough are given the opportunity to work on a Habitat site. This program has incredible potential as we move forward, and this summer as many as four groups will participate in the months of June and July.

Each Christmas Eve, FPC collects an offering to benefit **Habitat for Humanity**. As a result of this collection, we are currently building a house to help a family in need.

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Benevolence Ministry**Purpose:**

Disburse the church's benevolent money in such a way that the ministry team maximizes the church's response to its mission statement "to make and mold disciples for Jesus Christ".

Current Leadership:

Laura Smith, Elder	Claudia McCollough
Rebecca Hinds	Jim McCrackin
Bob Calamari	Jill Griffith
Tom Hudgins	Ed Tisdale
Kathryn Hudson	Jo Ann Crumpler
Phil Maulden	David Wilkes

Significant Events:

- Provided funding to the various missions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Provided a full scholarship to Presbyterian College for a local minority student
- Provided funding to local agencies:
 - Coastal Samaritan Center
 - Campground Ministry
 - Helping Hand
 - Myrtle Beach Haven
 - Mobile Meals
 - Friendship House Medical Clinic
 - CASA
 - SOS Health Care
 - Community Kitchen
 - Street Reach
 - Community Assistance Center

Focus for 2011:

The Benevolence Ministry Team will continue to provide funding to local agencies, as well as the various missions of our church denomination.

Benevolences:

Following lists the benevolences budgeted for 2011 as compared to 2010.

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	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
BENEVOLENCES		
Per Capita Apportionment	20,336.00	19,272.00
Shared Mission Support	80,000.00	80,000.00
Coastal Samaritan	1,000.00	1,000.00
Campground Ministry	-	1,000.00
Helping Hand	30,000.00	30,000.00
Myrtle Beach Haven	5,000.00	5,000.00
Mobile Meals	7,000.00	7,000.00
Friendship Medical Clinic	2,500.00	2,500.00
CASA	5,000.00	5,000.00
SOS Health Care	4,500.00	4,500.00
Community Kitchen	5,000.00	5,000.00
Street Reach	2,500.00	2,500.00
Presbyterian College	-	12,000.00
Youth Mission Trips	14,000.00	14,000.00
Center for Women and Children	5,000.00	-
Community Assistance Center	5,000.00	5,000.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS		
Habitat for Humanity	40,000.00	40,000.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	3,500.00	3,500.00
Mother's Day	1,000.00	1,000.00
Souper Bowl	1,000.00	1,000.00
Thornwell	1,200.00	1,200.00
Christmas Joy	1,800.00	1,800.00
PADD	4,000.00	4,000.00
BENEVOLENCE ALLOCATION		
Salary Allocation	200,288.50	188,483.50
Open House Ministry	20,000.00	20,000.00

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Special Arts & Music Ministry**Purpose:**

To provide supplemental cultural activities for the church and community. We believe that emphasis on the Fine Arts furthers God's ministry in the community and unifies His people.

Current Leadership:

Kathy Kyzer, Moderator	Brown Bradley
Vickie Scott	Kenneth Leach
Candy Webb	Jim Webb
Lynn Collett	Dick Collett
Diane Heckathorne	Cheri Curtis
Carolyn Hills	Marianne McDonald
Bob Hurley	Walt Taylor
Marie Taylor	Linda Albrecht
Larry Hartsell	Billie Reid

Significant Events:

In 2010 the FPC Concerts, Inc. Promenade series provided six outstanding concerts for the church and community. All concerts were filled to capacity with over 550 people attending each. The City of Myrtle Beach voted to renew out \$10,000 grant to help fund these concerts and praised our cultural efforts in the community. We have found the concerts to be a great outreach program for FPC and have gained many choir members who attended these events. A gala season is already being planned for 2011. One of the greatest cellists of Austria, Frederich Kleinhapl, has already been engaged for a January concert. A High Tea is being planned for the Great Hall in the late spring this year with music by Brown Bradley, Jeff Jones, and Noreen O'Reilly. Also Brown Bradley will lead an opera class this spring showing and discussing the Donisetti opera, "Don Pasquale."

Focus for 2011:

The Fine Arts Ministry plans another season of concerts for 2011-2012; however, because of higher artists' fees, the stimulus package of \$20 for a season ticket will be ended. Concerts will continue to be held of Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the FPC Sanctuary. Three major concerts will be held, one each month of January-March. Established artists will be engaged for these concerts.

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Worship and Music Ministry Team**Purpose:**

Provide worship services that are excellent, meaningful, and transforming for the members and guests of FPC who worship as we seek together to become channels of God's redeeming love in the world.

Current Leadership:

Bobby Wilkes, Senior Minister; Chris Denny, Associate Minister; Howard Hansen, Assistant Minister; Brown Bradley, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Linda Downes, Director of Children, Youth, and Handbell Choirs, and Early Sabbath Music; Carolyn McKittrick, Elder; Bob Calamari; Teressa Dew; Roz Gentry; Ruth Gore; Fannie Gore; Amanda Leath; Barbara Peterson; Lucyanne Ritch; Vickie Scott; John Schlatter; Jim Ward

Children's Music Ministry Task Force:

Medissa Cox; Michelle Cox; Linda Downes; Scott Limehouse; Luanne Martini; Beth McNew; Milly Vaughn

Significant Events in 2010:

- The FPC Chancel Choir is composed of 45 dedicated and talented singers. The choir provided music for the Sunday morning services and special services such as the Annual Lovefeast, Heritage Sunday, Jazz Sunday, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae, and Christmas Eve. With new changes in the Lovefeast and Festival of Lights service we included excellent seasonal music from our FPC Chancel Choir, Solo Quintet, Youth Choir, Handbell Choirs and other instrumentalists. The Tenebrae service included the FPC Chancel Choir, soloists, chamber orchestra and organ. The FPC Chancel Choir and soloists presented a Christmas oratorio. Heritage Sunday featured bagpipers, FPC choirs, and guest instrumentalists.
- The Youth Choir and both Youth Handbell Choirs, upon invitation led worship at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church in January.
- The Chancel Ringers hosted and rang in the Spring Ring in March, held in the Great Hall. Nineteen handbell choirs from three surround states participated, under the direction of renowned clinician, David Harris, director of the Raleigh Ringers.
- The Chorister Choir led worship in March by presenting the musical "Table for Five...Thousand!" at both Morning worship services.
- Youth Sunday was a creative worship service led entirely by our youth at Early Sabbath and both Sunday worship services: Youth Choir, Youth Handbell Choir, Bellistic Bells, Youth worship band, liturgical dance, ushers, greeters, and message by seniors...an outstanding morning!
- Heritage Sunday: banners, guest musicians, FPC Choirs make this a great annual worship experience!
- December Lovefeast: excellent, new leadership; extremely well attended, and musically, one of the best! Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Youth Handbells, and instrumentatists.
- The Sunshine and Chorister Choirs led 5:00 worship on Christmas Eve and presented the Children's Christmas Cantata, "Once upon a Night," complete with a live nativity!
- Early Sabbath worship continues to be a strong worship opportunity, held in the Great Hall at the Grissom Campus. A core ensemble of dedicated musicians leads in worship, enhanced by several youth musicians.

Focus for 2011:

- Continue musical excellence that enhances our goal of providing an exceptional worship experience.
- Continue to explore opportunities for musicians to serve by performing in the community.
- Move forward with plans to build a Columbarium on the Grissom site.
- Provide a "concert" venue for our excellent handbell choirs.
- Evaluate strengths and possibilities for Early Sabbath worship.
- Future plans for the adult music program at FPC include more frequent use of professional instrumentalists and continuing to provide high quality and spiritually meaningful music for our congregation, community and winter guests. We will be forming a women's sextet and men's quartet this season to give more opportunity for choir members to use their talent in small ensembles. We plan to continue to recruit snowbirds for the January-March time period. Six excellent snowbirds have continued to join us the last four years.

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Children's Ministries**Purpose:**

To nurture our children by building a God-centered foundation of faith and to celebrate God's love together.

Current Leadership

Marian Shelton, Director; Jan Riggs, Elder; Milly Vaughn, Elder

Task Force Members:

Alison DeVaux	Georgiana Keller	Meg Daniel
Amanda & Ty Anthony	Heath Stone	Melva Griffin
Anna Beth Doig	Karen Prickett	Michelle Cox
Ashley Smith	Kathryn Kauffman	Richard Phillips
Ashley Stathos	Lisa & Jeff Wallen	Roz Gentry
Audrey Bruner	LuAnne Martini	Scott Limehouse
Barb Peterson	Marcey Clark	Shannon Jenkins
Beth McNew	Mary & Charles Daniel	Susan Sparks
Chris & Bill Sellen	Mary Beth Heath	
Debbie & Joe Jumper	Medissa Cox	

Significant Events

- LOGOS, our midweek ministry for 1-5 graders, continues to be a consistent bright spot of fellowship, Bible study, music and choir, crafts, games and growing as Children of God. LOGOS ministry reaches beyond our walls, bringing children and families into our church and taking our church into the community.
 - ◇ Intergenerational relationships are at the heart of LOGOS, weaving children, youth and adults into a church family that carries into all aspects of our church and the community. For example, Roz Gentry volunteers as Craft Instructor, Table Host and Bible Assistant. Roz says that the hugs and loves the children give her are what it's all about for her. The children know her love is the real thing, especially when they see her on the sidelines cheering during their community sports.
 - ◇ Monthly mission projects are done in Re-Creation, allowing the children to share their gifts and God's love with others. Our first project was painted flower stands, presented to a few special folks dear to the hearts of the LOGOS artists. The children wanted the recipients to see the stands as reminders of the love and prayers being offered on their behalf.
 - ◇ Children's Ministries partnered with our Mission Ministry, filling gift bags to bursting with goodies galore which were distributed through our Operation Christmas to local children. Over 100 bags were handed out, each filled with toys, clothes, toiletries and over-flowing with love.
 - ◇ At the suggestion of Miss Caroline Woodard, the LOGOS families brought in homemade cookies to share at the December Grace Luncheon. The response was so generous, Caroline's eyes popped when she saw the overloaded cart.
 - ◇ The choirs of LOGOS held our second annual Christmas Carol-In during LOGOS Bible on December 15, singing carols to all who joined us via the web. Parents, grandparents and church family joined us in the sanctuary as we sang and worshipped.
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 - ◇ The Sunshine Choir (grades 1-2) and Chorister Choir (grades 3-5) serve as musical leaders in worship once a month.
 - ◇ The Chorister Choir presented the musical, *Table for Five...Thousand!* at both worship services on March 21.
 - ◇ Hymnals presented to 5th grade choristers, and pewter Chorister Crosses to first time participants in the Chorister Choir.

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- ◇ During winter semester, LOGOS hosts the K-Club for FPC Kindergartners, facilitated by volunteers, parents and youth, as an introduction into LOGOS.
 - ◇ Faithful and energetic folks take it outdoors every Wednesday; weather permitting, to lead the children in group games. "Coach" Richard Phillips, Scott Limehouse and Phil Mauldin are joined by equally faithful Youth Assistants, Joseph Jumper and Conrad Hetzer, herding excited, bouncing boys and girls through rounds of dodge ball, tag, softball and more.
 - ◇ Other Youth Assistants are also dedicated, serving all season in Crafts like Miss Alana Leath and Miss MacKenzie Prickett or in Choir, like Miss Reed Collins. Current 5th graders are already asking "can I come back and help when I'm in middle school?" proving the adage that "faith is caught, not taught."
 - ◇ Each week, volunteers prepare delicious and healthy suppers for the 150 LOGOS folks during Table Time, our "practice arena" for all we learn. We eat family-style, eight to a table, two adults from the congregation and six children, laughing and sharing as we break bread together. Kitchen Angels Candy & Jimmy Webb are there every week, lending energy and love to the Kitchen Crews.
 - ◇ The concluding component of LOGOS is our Bible Study, using the lectionary-based Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. Our Bible leaders are a dedicated and diverse group, ranging from middle school assistants to retired educators, a pastry chef, a Cajun grandmother, our clerk of Session and PW moderator, and on to first time leaders, all stepping up, to fulfill our baptismal vows. As Karen Prickett says, because of the involvement in LOGOS and other areas of Children's Ministries, the children know that when mom or dad asks them a question, or they are in any situation with a hard choice to make, "there is always another member of their church family there beside them to guide them to the best answer."
- The 4th & 5th graders' Annual Lock-In stays high on the "must-attend" list. It is 25 hours of laughter, games, great food and great faith building fun.
 - Vacation Bible School's *Baobab Blast* in summer of 2010 upheld our tradition of a highly anticipated, fully-packed, and much celebrated successful week of worship and story, crafts, games, music and fun with our participant count maxing out at ninety preschoolers, over eighty first through fourth graders, a dozen 5th graders in Service Squad, led by over thirty youth volunteers and seventy adults.
 - The Children's Church Ministry serves our youngest worshippers, those in 4-year old preschool through second grade. Church members volunteer to work as partners, upholding our Child Protection Policies, to lead during our Sunday worship services once each quarter. As in "big church," we have a call to worship, we have an acolyte light the candles, we take up offering, we hear scriptures read and a message shared and prayers spoken. Stories are told, crafts made, games played, snacks enjoyed, and friends reunited, week after week. The children learn that there is a time for Worship and respectful listening, and there is a time for reflection, response and sharing. Most importantly, they learn that God loves them and at FPC they are loved, welcomed and important.
 - Preschool Sunday school was blessed this year with new leaders. Ashley and Ty Anthony have taken the lead for our 3 year olds, and Meg Daniel has led the 4s. Chris and Bill Sellen teach our kindergartners love, faith and music every Sunday. Noreen O'Reilly joins the gang once a month for sing alongs.

Focus for 2011

Continuing to follow God's call to share The Good News while polishing all we offer to be the best it can be

Long Term Dreams

Leaders in Children's Ministries, parents and volunteers all see an opportunity for two ministries that would require more personnel, more funds, more space, but which would bring more guidance, more love and more of God's message to our church and community.

- New offerings in Recreation Ministry
- Summer day camps for children in grades 1-5

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Congregational Care: The Board of Deacons**Purpose:**

Build a stronger congregation by providing a system of communication between Deacons, their Congregational Shepherd Groups, and the church staff, to pass along news of events, illness, death, and need.

Current Leadership:

Kathy McManus, co-moderator
 Ron McManus, co-moderator
 Margaret Bellamy, secretary

Significant Events:

- Held quarterly meetings on important issues within FPC including conversations about the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry.
- Invited leaders of each ministry team to attend a Deacon meeting to outline every opportunity for worship, service, study, and/or fellowship that their team was offered. As our Deacons better understood every focus of the church, they were better able to share this news with the congregation.
- Improved Deacons' connection with their "flocks" through cards, calls, email, Shepherd Group gatherings.
- Elected new co-moderators.

Focus for 2011:

- Continue strengthening communication and nurturing the congregation.
- Develop web-based communication tools facilitating clear communication between Deacons and Shepherd groups.

With additional funding, The Board of Deacons could:

- Provide more in-depth training to all deacons
- Provide resources to deacons for expressing love and care for all members.

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Congregational Care: Abundant Life Ministry**Purpose:**

We are working towards the goal of integrating the physical, spiritual, and social care of our FPC members with the love of our church. This pastoral care is achieved through the Pastors, Parish Health Coordinator, membership, Deacons and Elders, who help us to keep up to date with the many needs of our church family. You are encouraged to call whenever you or a fellow member or a friend could benefit from the loving care of our church. Also, the Parish health Coordinator plans events and activities which promote physical, spiritual and mental health among our members and our community.

Current Leadership:

Susan Kronenwetter, Elder	Cherie Compton
Deborah Mandeville	Carlisle Scott
Lisa Wallen	Jim Watson
Becky Warren	Caren Whittier

Significant Events of 2010:

- Visited with members experiencing bereavement, physical illness, and/or mental distress.
- Orchestrated events designed to help our members and our community improve their physical and mental health such as Yoga Classes, Bicycle Club, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cancer Support Group, Divorce Care for Adults, Divorce Care for Children, Comfort Zoners (for widows).
- Hosted another successful Christmas TLC Luncheon for members who are shut-in or who have difficulty getting out and about.
- Our Stephen Ministry had its first 50 Hour Training Session (over a five month period), with the commissioning of 10 Stephen Ministers in June. Also, Supervision and Training sessions for Stephen Ministry continues twice a month in the evenings.

Focus for 2011:

- Divorce Care for Adults begins February 1, 2011.
- Living Well with Chronic Illnesses, series of classes beginning February 24, 2011.
- Divorce Care for Kids series beginning June, 2011.
- Walking/Exercise Group beginning in June, 2011.
- Hosting another Health Fair in October, 2011.
- Health Seminars throughout the year (we welcome your suggestions for topics).
- Alzheimer's Support Group to begin once a second leader agrees to serve.
- Recruit another Stephen Leader, who will attend a national school for training.
- Prepare for a second Stephen Ministry Training Class (Dr. John Byer, Rev. Carol Pagelsen, Rev. Lee Morris, and Cherie Compton are the anticipated teachers of 50 hour course), recruiting trainees for this mission.
- **Financially**, I try to be very conservative of our church's funds.
- Most of the speakers that come to lead FPC seminars are members (we are truly blessed with knowledgeable people in our church to lead the pertinent seminars), and donate their time.
- Volunteers work with our programs, so that only leadership materials are needed.
- In Stephen Ministry, as we are such a young and growing program, we do need to train another Stephen Leader, which can only be done through the national program, and I have requested funds for this training.
- The other desire that I have is for me to be able to attend a regional conference to keep me aware of programs/events which would be good for our congregation, and for me to evaluate my work in comparison to other churches. This would also be inspirational for me.
- Another financial need that I hope to have granted is to have a fund in which I could buy small gifts for some of the people that I visit. When visiting shut-ins, it would be uplifting to have a token of affection from our church to leave with them.

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Youth Ministry**Purpose:**

To create a program of Christian nurture which is excellent in every way and which considers and addresses the spiritual, emotional, relational, and social needs of every student in the First Presbyterian Church family from middle school through high school.

Current Leadership:

Beth Campbell and Robby Warner, co-moderators

Pam Angel	Tracy Davenport
Ashley Borowicz	Joe Jumper
Thomas and Alisa Stanley	Sherrie Roy
Catherine Collins	Julie Schexnayder
Anne Cox	Elizabeth Teal
Donna Dellinger	Amy Warner
Libby Dunn	Kathy Karavan
Lucia Gore	Dave Millure
Shep Guyton	Kathy Vaughn
Tilghman Smith	Brent Whitaker

Staff Representatives: Todd Harms, Director of Youth and Mission;

Linda Downes, Director of Children, Youth & Handbell Choirs; Chris Denny, Associate Minister

Here are the ways that our youth ministry team is making and molding disciples for Christ:

BIG! Meeting:

- Sunday night's outreach event for as many as 40 middle school students and 50+ high school students: church members, members of other local churches, students who are not yet members of any church.
- Meet weekly for food, fellowship, skits and games, worship and message.
- Youth Leaders: Brent Whitaker, Shari Harms, Edward and Sarah Benton, Bryan and Tracy Davenport, Shep and Kelly Guyton, Robby Warner
- Michelle Cox, Libby Dunn, Pam Angel: food coordinators.

Impact Groups:

- Small groups based on age and gender shepherded by adults and student leaders.
- Focus on building community and creating a time of fellowship and devotion/Bible study.
- 125+ students from our church and the community participating weekly.
- Leaders: Susan Seagroves, Robby Warner, Jim Ward, Earl Singleton, Dennis Raynor, Sharon Simmons, Shari Harms, Caradine Tully (student leader), Anne Cox, Donna Dellinger, Chip Cox, Jay Dellinger, Amy Warner, Madison Raynor (student leader), Edward Benton, Seth Davenport (student leader), Sarah Benton, Tracy Davenport, Bryan Davenport, Tilghman Smith, Lyndsay Plemons, Meg Hendrix, Dave Millure, Brent Whitaker, and Todd Harms.

Café' (Sunday School):

As many as 15 of our middle schoolers (6th and 7th grade) and as many as 20 of our high schoolers (9th-12th grade) participate in Lectionary-based Bible study and fellowship offered on Sunday mornings. Students grab their favorite coffee creation (or tea) before class. The middle school is led by Shep Guyton and Bubba Lewis, and our high school class is led by Jean Hungerpiller, Jim McCrackin and Todd Harms. The Lectionary is designed to take us through the Bible every three years; classes discuss daily application of selected verses each week.

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Youth Ministry**Confirmation Class:**

- Fourteen eighth grade students participated.
- Led by Rev. Chris Denny, Edwin Hinds, and Martin and Margaret Bellamy.
- Reflected on what Presbyterians believe about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, Worship Mission, Church Government, and Church Membership.
- Confirmation students wrote and presented personal faith statements to the Session.
- Confirmation students were received into the membership of the church Sunday, May 22nd following the public profession of their faith in worship.

Retreats:

- In the fall and spring of each year for both middle school and high school groups.
- Ski trips are taken in the winter.
- Students are given the opportunity to get away for the weekend, usually in the mountains, from our busy lives and enjoy paintball, ropes courses, fellowship, quiet time, music and worship.
- Well attended with 50+ students participating each time.

Youth Mission:

- Include service projects in other communities around the country to share the love of Christ.
- 40+ of our middle schoolers traveled to New Orleans, LA for one week to assist in the continued recovery by homeowners in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. 40+ high schoolers traveled to the Yucatan peninsula to continue the repair of a Christian camp in the area. They participated in the demolition of old facilities and the completion of a cement roof on a large teaching facility as well as hosting a Vacation Bible School for local children. This is a record number of participants in both age groups.

Operation Christmas:

- Partners with the Mission Ministry Team to provide Christmas gifts to local children in need.
- More than 50 students participated in this 3 day project.
- Shopping, assisting clients in the FPC Store, wrapping gifts, watching their children while they shop.

Souper Bowl Offering:

- An FPC tradition, this Super Bowl Sunday, students collected \$1,300 and more than 600 canned goods to benefit Helping Hand.
- Students have regularly collected money, coats/clothing, and canned goods to benefit other local helping agencies as well.

Focus for 2011:

We are excited about the year to come! Middle school students will participate in a spring retreat at the Garden City Chapel and have a mission trip scheduled for Panther, WV later this summer. High school students will be traveling to Asheville, NC for their spring retreat to camp Cedar Cliff. This summer, we plan to serve the people of Cranks Creek, KY on our summer mission trip. We hope to begin work on a Center for Youth on the "back 40" of the Grissom campus in the near future to support the continued growth of youth ministry at FPC!

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Adult Spiritual Nurture Ministry**Purpose:**

Foster the growth of every member from self-centered to God-centered living by:

- Offering opportunities to study.
- Preparing members to answer Christ's call to service.
- Supporting and encouraging openness in exploring God's grace.
- Developing co-workers in Christ to share in the education, leadership and nurture of all God's children.

Current Leadership:

Mike Shelton, Elder

Stuart Butler

Jo Ellis

Mary Beth Heath

Jamie Kuykendall

Betty Singleton

Kelly Wilson

Connie Barnard

Chris Denny

Sherrie Gore

Ronald Hendrix

Claudia McCollough

Norm Whiteley

Significant Events:

- Continued "Many Voices Fill the Chorus" Guest Lecture Series with Dr. Bill Brown, Professor of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. He taught about God's creation and our role as stewards of creation.
- Offered our second annual Marriage Retreat at wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC, focusing on Gary Chapman's "The Five Love Languages."
- Continued to encourage Bible study through the Disciple Bible Study Series, the Revised Common Lectionary, a variety of small group Bible Studies, and eleven adult Sunday School Classes.
- Taught on Prayer through a summer course and preaching based on "Christian Prayer for Today" by Martha Moore-Kiesh.
- Extended the FPC Book Club beyond the summer months focusing on the theme "Paths of Grace."
- Began a ministry to young families through social events as well as a Sunday School class.
- Published an Advent devotional written by members of the church.

Focus for 2011:

- Continue to invite new participants to explore faith through Bible Study using the Disciples Bible Study Series, the Revised Common Lectionary, other small group studies, and Sunday School classes.
- Develop electronic means for communication among study groups.
- Expand the publicity of educational offerings to non-members, new members, and current members.