CALLING ALL HANDS ON DECK. THIS IS YOUR SHIP’S CAPTAIN.
IT’S TIME TO HOIST THE ANCHOR AND SET SAIL.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP THE LOVE BOAT SAILING AT FULL THROTTLE...

1. Prayerfully consider giving at least 10% of your income to God’s work. This 10%, or tithe, is about $2 per week for each $1,000 of annual income.

2. Review the materials in the Ship’s Log with an open heart and mind.

3. Remove and complete the stewardship materials from your envelope in the small pledge bag.

4. Enclose your CARD, time and talent sheet, and any other information in the envelope, seal it, and return it to the small pledge bag.

5. Cross your name off the Ship’s Manifest, call another crew member on the Manifest, and arrange delivery of the Ship’s Log.

6. Please do not leave the Ship’s Log at anyone’s house without talking to them first. Call your First Mate to report that you have delivered the Ship’s Log and who you delivered it to.

Call your First Mate if you are unable to get the Ship’s Log to the next crew member within 24-hours. Our target is to bring this boat ashore at our home port in 3-weeks.

Please, Please, Please...Call & Let your First Mate know who you passed the Ship’s Log to. It is your duty to let the First Mate know where the ship’s Log is at all times!!!

We can do this!

Thanks so much for your help!

FIRST MATE:
October 3, 2016

Dear Members,

First of all, let me thank you for your commitment to our church. Without your strong support First Presbyterian would not be able to fulfill its mission. The participation you offer, week in and week out, makes us a more faithful congregation. Your willingness to contribute generously to our budget allows us to serve Christ in this community, and beyond.

For the last couple of years our church has made a major financial commitment to a capital campaign. When we recently broke ground we talked about the firm foundation upon which we build. This foundation of faith is true for every aspect of life—we truly believe that God’s love in Jesus Christ is the rock upon which we live our daily lives. At every step along this campaign we talked about our giving to brick and mortar being above and beyond our annual giving to God’s work.

Now is the time to turn our focus to the commitments we make for 2017. Once again, we are building on a firm foundation. We are blessed to have a growing membership, an excellent staff, and a heart for mission. Our budget this current year allowed us to meet basic needs in these areas. This foundation, I believe, allows us to build an even stronger witness for Christ moving forward.

Please review your "Foundation Pledge" carefully and prayerfully. If you were unable to make a pledge for this past year, I hope that life's circumstances will allow you to do so for this coming year. If you did make a pledge for 2016, perhaps you are in a position to increase your commitment to this cause. Your pledge is simply a faith indication of what you plan to contribute for the coming year. It allows our officers to plan faithfully, as well. My hope is that all of us will continue to grow in generous giving until we reach the joy of tithing, or offering ten percent of our annual income to Christ’s work. Scripture tells us that God truly loves a cheerful giver!

It is now time to launch the Love Boat! Please read the enclosed material and respond as you are led. May we build a more faithful mission on our firm foundation.

Thanks be to God!

John C. Brearley
Dear Members,

The ground breaking for the construction of the Grissom expansion was a milestone in the growth of First Presbyterian Church. The construction will begin shortly and we will be able to worship in one location for the first time in several years.

This is my second year on the Budget and Stewardship Committee and my first year as the Moderator. Under the direction of Gary Pell, last year’s Moderator, and the generosity of our congregation, we were able to “right our financial ship” (or Love Boat). The Budget for 2016 was balanced after several years of shortfalls.

The goal of the Budget and Stewardship Committee is to continue on the progress made in 2016 so that the Church has the funds necessary to continue our mission “Where Love Makes the Difference.”

If we can have a strong response to this year’s financial stewardship commitment, we can continue to meet our operating needs, offer outstanding programs, and support community missions.

The Love Boat is as important this year as ever before. The financial strength of a church is the catalyst that promotes future growth. Please, as the Love Boat docks at your home, prayerfully consider your pledge for 2017 and if possible increase it to enable the Church to do even more to meet the needs of our community. It is from your generosity that allows First Presbyterian to accomplish so much.

If I can be of assistance or answer any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Bart
Bart Buie
Moderator of Budget and Stewardship Ministry Team
# Love Boat Campaign - Summary Financial History

## First Presbyterian Church
### General Fund Pledge Analysis
#### 2009-2016

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## First Presbyterian Church
### Adjusted Statement of Activities
#### Operating Account Pro Forma
##### 2009-2016

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| Total Expenses         | 2,032,978.76 | 1,877,608.53 | 1,840,972.34 | 1,773,390.14 | 1,911,381.16 | 1,869,128.39 | 1,987,413.88 | 2,008,995.00 |

| Adjusted Net Income (Loss) | (25,097.91) | 57,855.37 | 52,220.97 | 22,831.90 | (95,514.06) | (66,779.00) | 26,430.57 | - |

*Estimate*
STEWARDSHIP QUOTES

· Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”
  – 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

· Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do no wear out, and unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

· Bring the full tithe into the storehouse…and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. – Malachi 3:10
“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. The commandments...are summed up in this one rule: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”
Romans 13:8-10

The Abundant Life Ministry at FPC embodies our church motto, “Where Love Makes the Difference.” It is in this Ministry that we are able to show our love for each of our members from the care packages they and their parents receive at their birth to the bereavement boxes their families receive at their death and to the love and support we show them during every stage in between. We all experience challenges in life—times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend.

It is the pleasure of the Abundant Life Ministry to be there for our members in their time of need. Whether it is chicken soup when you are sick; sending a Prayer Shawl made with love by one of our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team members; hosting the Super Senior luncheon for the over 80 years +; providing a listening ear and support through Divorce Care, our Alzheimer’s Support Group, Grief Support Group; the 6-Week Grief Workshops; providing home visits by the Visiting Volunteers for the ill; or creating a group of people with whom to exercise or socialize. This year we added SWELL lunch group for single men. Abundant Life seeks to heal the mind, body and soul. We would love to create a support group for those who are lonely, and create socialization groups for similarly-aged adults.

Abundant Life Ministry provides educational seminars throughout the year.

This year we also have ballroom dance, Gentle Yoga and Exercise for the Unwilling, and during the summer, Water Aerobics.

We dream of:
• Socialization Groups
• Take members out for lunch

Leadership:
• Denise Ellis, RN, BSN
• Jackie Hendrix, elder
• Laura McNab
• Sylvia Selby
• Shirley Williams
• Florence Witmyer
• Margo Taylor
• Ken & Terry Ashworth
• Bette Bryson
• Net Falcinelli
• Ev Hatch
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

In the words of one of our hymns, “Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord.” We are called to grow in knowledge and love of God, to follow in Christ’s ways, and to share the joy of being a disciple with others.

In 2016, an adult discipleship committee was birthed to focus on adult discipleship and spiritual formation. We have at least five different educational offerings on Sunday morning at 10:00 am, and intend to continue to grow our new Thursday educational hour that will have two different opportunities this Fall. Throughout the week, there are many other opportunities for Bible studies, book studies, and more.

In addition to keeping our existing educational offerings good and strong, we are also seeking to expand the opportunities for discipleship growth. We are in the early stages of planning a women’s retreat, tentatively scheduled for October 2017, and there is also an opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland to live, worship, study, work, and play in the rhythms of abbey life.

Opportunities abound in the area of adult discipleship and we look forward to helping you find a place to meet new friends and grow in your relationship with God.

Planning for 2017 and Beyond:
- Have a women’s retreat weekend in the fall.
- Spend a week at Iona Abbey in the summer.
- Expand Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning educational opportunities.

Leadership:
- Rev. Christa Brewer
- Jamie Kuykendall
- Beth Campbell
Our purpose is to provide opportunities for FPC family and friends to grow in the awareness of the indwelling presence of a loving, merciful, and just God so that we may grow into clearer reflections of that gracious God.

Offerings - Annual Different Voices guest scholar series
January 8-10, 2017 Worship and Study with Psalms Scholar, The Rev. Dr. J. Clinton McCann, Eden Theological Seminary. Our Reformed ancestor, John Calvin, called the Book of Psalms an “anatomy of the soul,” and Martin Luther suggested that “everyone, in whatever situation they may be, finds in that situation Psalms and words that fit their case, that suit them as if they were put there just for their sake.” Building on these observations this study will explore what the Psalms may offer us as we confront the realities of human life, including the pressures of contemporary life. From the very beginning, the Psalms promise blessedness or happiness (Psalm 1:1), but so often we experience stress or distress in a variety of forms. Taking a look at some of these forms, we shall explore how the Psalms suggest that we move “from (dis)stressing to blessing.”

April 14, 2017, 9 am.-3pm. Kings Campus Sanctuary
Good Friday Prayer Vigil, “Could you not watch one hour with me?” Mk. 14: 37-38. Meditation and prayer in observance of the hours Jesus hung on the cross.

Check It Out - FPC Resource Library, first floor Kings Campus
A collection for aid in teaching, worship, and personal study.

June, July, and August FPC Summer Book Club explores the human condition through discussions of fiction and non-fiction books within a fellowship of curious minds. Open to all!

Discussions and Studies Bible, Religious History, Living the Christian Life, Heritage Sunday Blessing of the Tartans An acknowledgement and celebration of those saints who have preserved and passed on to us our traditions and faith in the living God.
“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
Galatians 6:10

Our motto is “Where Love Makes the Difference.” It is in our Benevolence Ministry where we show our love to the community so that we can make a difference to our neighbors around us. Recently, when an FPC member was at a social gathering, she was asked by the hostess about her church affiliation. When the answer came as, “First Presbyterian Church,” the hostess exclaimed, “Honestly, your church does so much work in Myrtle Beach. Your support to my charity is amazing!”

Endorsing the belief that as Christians, we are commanded to love and help our neighbors, the Benevolence Committee administers FPC’s community financial support to charities. The committee judges the recommended support after studying the mission of and community members served by these charities. Many local charities are given financial support by our church. Among these charities are:

- Boys & Girls Club
- Coastal Samaritan Center
- Community Kitchen
- Grace Ministries
- Helping Hand
- Little River Medical Center
- World Mission
- Caribbean Youth Network
- Community Assistance Center
- Friendship Medical Center
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hope House
- Mobile Meals
- New Direction includes:
  - Men
  - Women
  - Families
  - Women & Children

Over the past few years, we have maintained our level of giving to our local charities, but have been unable to increase our giving while their needs have greatly increased.

First Presbyterian’s stewardship mission is also fulfilled by our members who commit many hours and much energy in volunteering their time to work in charities. Other church members serve on the boards of local charities.

We dream of:
- Doubling FPC’s financial support of our local agencies.
- Becoming a church where 50% of our dollars go to benevolences.

Leadership:
Marie Taylor, moderator
Michael Cettee
Michael Clayton
Howard Barnard
Rev. Dr. John C. Brearley
Larry Hartsell
Karl Titus
Diana Farrell
Rev. Cameron Thomas
Welcome Children and Families!

Here at FPC we seek to create opportunities for our children and their families to grow alongside one another in this community of faith.

The formation of faithful understanding for children is essential in discovering how to live as a follower of Jesus Christ in our world. It is the role of the community of faith, as well as the family unit, to work together instilling the values that promote a mature faith expression. A mature faith allow our children to discover ways in which to use their faithful foundations learned from both family and church so that they may navigate their lives as active disciples.

It is our vision for every child, in our own community and world at large to grow up knowing they are deeply loved and valued because they are created by God, while also learning to share that love in ways that honors everyone.

While laying the foundation for faith formation, we offer experiences for our children and families that cultivate a mature faith expression by recognizing ways to faithfully demonstrate God’s love in the following aspects of life:

- Ourselves
- Our families
- Our communities
- Our nation
- Our world

Our children have the opportunity to grow up knowing the love of God to your stewardship gifts and efforts. By offering time and talents, our volunteers uniquely contribute to our children’s ministries such as Sunday school, LOGOS and Vacation Bible School. These ministries shape our children’s understanding of faith through art, recreation, bible study, and music.

We encourage you to explore our Children’s Ministry opportunities so that you may discover occasions for your family to engage in our community. Know that you and your family are always welcome to join us in all we do as we discover what it means to live as followers of Jesus Christ.
“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

Growing a church not only means finding new members and bringing them into our church family, but it also means strengthening those who are already here...making new friends but keeping the old ones. With growth comes change, both physical and spiritual. We seek to chart the course for FPC leading us to the goals we all seek.

Let’s imagine what our Church portrait would look like if we could see into the future... First Presbyterian Church would have one campus, located on Grissom Parkway. All of our Sunday school classes, youth building, ball fields, columbarium/memorial garden, commercial kitchen, Chapel and Sanctuary are completed. Our membership has tipped 2,000 and our financial position is in great shape with no debt. Participation in Sunday school, Bible study, outreach programs and other ministries involve all of our membership. We are able to reach out into our community and beyond, led by the Holy Spirit, to serve others in the name of Christ, in ways that we could have never even dreamed!

How do we paint this futuristic portrait? FPC is in the middle of a great transition and the road we are traveling diverges into two directions. One fork, the easy path, leads us to the ordinary. Our goal in the Church Growth Ministry is to follow the second path, the road less traveled, that will lead to God’s greater glory. But, in order to travel the second path, a number of events must occur:

- We must sell the Kings Campus property
- We must pay off our existing debt
- We must build our new sanctuary and expand our existing facilities
- Every member must be assimilated and be a participant in God’s vision for FPC...both financially and also in the spirit and in the flesh

Church Growth is only one aspect of the ministries at FPC, but growing our church is a foundation we must build to help us accomplish the goals laid forth. Let’s take these first steps that will lead us to our finished portrait.

We dream of:
- Enhanced use of the Internet and Internet Worship.
- Worship application for smart phones.
- Increased quality publicity.

2016-17 Goals
- Traditional Lunch on the Lawn
- Ministry Team Videos
- Prospective Members Dinners
- New Members Dinners
- Member Cluster Program – groups led by members’ Deacons
- Adopt a Young Family
- Increase Church Membership by 5% in 2016
- Increase worship attendance to 700 members weekly
- Increase Sunday school average attendance to 420 people
- 2 Annual Picnics

Leadership:
- Jay Dellinger
- John Brearley
- Judy Cettei
- Roy Dunn
If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.  

*James 3:16-17*

We are called to go out from these walls to share the love of Jesus Christ the world over. This call to mission includes local, domestic, and foreign efforts! FPC is putting our time, talents, and money to use in each of these ways. We have the potential to serve over 20,000 meals to those in need annually in cooperation with Street Reach, Community Kitchen, and Feed the Hunger. Your help provides volunteers and dollars needed to support Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center, Helping Hand, and MB Haven. As well, you have provided countless pairs of underwear, socks (Undie Sunday), and school supplies (Tools for School), as well as ready to eat food to Hope House of MB, and organizations serving students who are homeless or in need at MBHS. As the charter organization of Habitat for Humanity of Horry County, FPC still maintains an active relationship as together we build up our community. Through the wider Church, we are annually support 7 missionaries around the world in the amount of $5,000.00 each or $35,000.00 cumulatively.

Operation Christmas invites families from this community who are not able to provide gifts to their children to come and shop in the store created by FPC volunteers. Clothing and toys fill Wilkes Hall during the Christmas season as moms and dads come to pick out the perfect gifts for their children. Bibles are provided to those without. This program is possible due to the overwhelming support from you. Beach Castles hosts students from different states to engage in ministry right here in Horry County completing home repair and simple construction projects for the financially and physically disabled and the elderly. As many as 35 students per week are housed and fed at the church during summer months to serve in this way.

We dream of:

- Renewing our commitment to foreign mission by serving the Bahamas
- Expanding the Beach Castles program.
- Increasing a robust engagement in local & global mission.

Leadership:

- John Neely
- Sue Cranford
- Cathy Oliver
- Caren Whittier
- Cameron Thomas
- Tammy Hetzer
Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Presbyterian Women commit to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

Presbyterian Women in the congregation meet in circles which provide programs, leadership, resources, information and opportunities for service. Each year from September through May, women of our church are invited to participate in fellowship, study and service.

Our theme this year coincides with our study book “Who Is Jesus?”.

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb” (Revelation 22/1)

Besides our studies that teach us about God, we will share Jesus’ love when we find opportunities to serve others in our local and world communities. No one is beyond the reach of a loving God. Listed below are a few of the ministries and charities that the Presbyterian Women support throughout the year with monetary donations and/or volunteer time.

Associated Charities
Christmas gifts for Presbyterian Home in Florence
Backpack Buddies
Evelyn’s Basket of Love and Life
First Book of Horry County
Helping Hand
Hope House
Mayfield Ministries
New Directions
Thornwell Home for Children

We dream of:
• Strong Circle Growth
• Expanding the Spring Surge

Leadership:
• Jeri Himmelsbach
• Sue Tisdale
• Beth Campbell
• Anne Cox
The Growing Tree Preschool and Kindergarten of First Presbyterian Church, now in its 26th year of service to our community, provides a learning environment where children receive the very best early childhood experience. We empower children so that they are ready for the challenges ahead while deepening their understanding of the love of God. We create an atmosphere in the Growing Tree where our children grow in the grace and knowledge of God’s love through Jesus Christ. The teachers and staff of the Growing Tree feel the full weight of responsibility of providing appropriate educational and spiritual experiences to bring each child closer to Jesus. We do all we can to join hands with parents to open that door.

We are now entering our 9th year in our new facility at the Grissom campus. This facility has enabled us to expand our program to a maximum capacity of almost 200 students, who represent approximately 155 families, as well as 30 qualified teaching professionals. We have been able to provide state-of-the-art educational equipment to keep our students well ahead of the learning curve technologically by installing a smart board in our Kindergarten and in 2 of our four year old classrooms. Through our fundraising this year, we installed smart TVs in our one, two, and three year old classrooms, and purchased laptops for our four year old classes.

Our goal for the coming years is to participate in more community service in order to provide the children opportunities to be a blessing to others. In addition, we would like to upgrade and add fun additions to our playground. We hope to continue to serve this church as a ministry to all children of all races and denominations, teaching them the love of God. We will continue our focus on strengthening our family, church and community ties while offering the best preschool and kindergarten experience. While the Growing Tree maintains its own budget separate from the church’s budget, you should know that your stewardship dollars help maintain our learning space and support our continued growth as one of our communities leading preschool and kindergarten.

Leadership:
• Dr. John Brearley
• Sue Cranford
• Summer Butler
• Susan Kenny
• Sue Mozingo
• Mary Daniel
• Suzanne Gayton
• Colette Ramsey
“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;…” Romans 12:10

Encouragement, friendship, faith, fun and service...these are the blessings that are afforded to the men who gather together as part of our Men’s Ministry. Your stewardship gifts of time, talent and money enable our church to offer opportunities for fellowship among men of First Presbyterian Church, strong friendships, stronger faith, support and encouragement for men going through difficult times.

Because of the regular Presbyterian Men’s breakfast gatherings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Central Myrtle Beach and every other Thursday in the southern part of the Grand Strand, men pray with and for one another, encouraging one another in times of trial, and strengthen each other’s faith through conversations and devotionals.

Presbyterian Men enjoy seasonal cookouts and gatherings with good fun, good food, good fellowship, and good faith. The connections made help to create a sense of family and make our large church feel smaller.

Presbyterian Men’s Ministry Team provides service to the larger community of Horry County through volunteers, man power, and witnessing God’s love to others.

In the words of some members:

“Men’s ministry at FPC provides a venue of sharing and enjoying fellowship with my fellow men of God. It provides times of good humor and sincere concern for our mutual needs of fellowship…”

“I come to commune with a genuine, nice group of Christian men. I invite others to enjoy the hospitality and to form meaningful relationships.”

“Attending the Men’s breakfast for the past 2 years has been a huge and powerful blessing in my life. Shortly after my wife died, I could always feel the prayers from everyone and know that I was in their thoughts. It meant a lot. I had a lot of ‘helping hands’ looking after me. It is as if God has put his arms around me and said, ‘I will take care of you.’ Being a part of this group has been an uplifting experience and has definitely brought me closer to God and FPC. It is a great comfort to know that we share our thoughts and concerns for others. We continuously pray for those who need God’s help and know that they will be comforted.”

Critical Needs for 2017:
- Increased participation in our excellent events
- Create a men’s retreat in the future
- Start a men’s gathering in the Conway/Highway 501 area
- Start a men’s gathering in North Myrtle Beach

Leadership:
- Edwin Hinds
- Jim McCrackin
- Bob Moore
“...Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! ...Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!...” Psalm 150

The Worship and Music Ministry Team is charged with the responsibility of providing worship services that meet the ever-changing needs of our entire congregation. Through word and music, we strive to praise God while bringing excellent, meaningful worship to the members and guests of First Presbyterian Church.

The Early Sabbath services have been well attended this year. Communion is served once each month by intinction. The music and singing during the service is excellent, under the direction of Skip Yingling, our Early Sabbath Music Director as well as the Children and Youth Music Director. Another need for worshipers has been met by creating a worship service that meets in the Fellowship Hall twice a month. It starts at 10:05 on Sunday morning. It is contemporary service for all. A band plays for the hymns that are sung and the dress is casual, for the most part. Communion is served on a regular basis by intinction. More advertisement needs to be presented to the community to invite those who would like to participate in this service.

Worship is at the heart of church life and your stewardship dollars and gifts allow us to provide life-enriching, life-changing worship opportunities every Sunday and Thursday throughout the year. Worship is how we connect with our faith family. It is our common time together. Bread and cup, flowers and candles, ringing bells, majestic organ, diverse musical ensembles and voices both young and old. Ministers preaching, sound systems to better hear, bulletins to keep us on the same page, services thoughtfully prepared and prayerfully led, joyful Easter, candlelight Christmas, the annual Lovefeast and Festival of Lights and much more.

Just as importantly, we cannot accomplish our mission without your volunteer efforts. The Worship and Music Ministry team is also aware of the need for a larger area in the sanctuary for the Chancel Choir so that has been included in the plans of our new sanctuary. Our Chancel Choir gives tirelessly of their time and talent each week to provide exceptional sacred music for our worship. Musical instrumentalists are used to further enhance our musical offerings for both of our service options as well as our Christmas and Easter Cantatas. The majestic organ playing, large and small music ensembles, and voices of every age add tremendously to our traditional corporate worship. Please contact us if you are interested in our music program We will find a place to use your time and talent. We need you!

We have seen growth where we least expected it showing us that we are doing something right, that we are embracing our season of change and we are empowering ourselves in the process. If it has been a while since you have worshipped with us, we want you back. We want you to come and see your church home again, the place “Where Love Makes the Difference,” a welcoming congregation full of hope, ideas and vision for the future of FPC.

We all have dreams for our Ministry teams and ours is no exception

- Provide funds for promotion of Early Sabbath and for additional musicians
- Provide funds to enable taking older children and youth to Montreat for the Music and Worship Conference
- Provide for a trained assistant for our large and expanded Children's and Youth music ministries that would work with our preschool children.
- Increase the number of volunteers to the flower committee and to assist with communion set-up

Leadership:
- Barbara Peterson, chairman
- Brown Bradley
- Skip Yingling
- Carolyn McKittrick
- Ruth Gore
- Fanny Gore
- Mary Gene Singleton
- Jack Gaddy
- BJ Thomas
- Robby Warner
- Macy Cottom
- John Brearley
- Cameron Thomas
- Christa Brewer

Worship and Music by the numbers:
- 640 weekly average worship number
- 32 families involved in Children and Youth Choir programs
- 42 adult choir members singing each week as well as in Christmas and Easter Oratorios
- 36 handbell ringers in middle school, high school and adult handbell ensembles
- 8 involved in Early Sabbath music leadership...high school through adult
- 10 The Gathering musicians
We dream of:
- A Youth Building at the Grissom campus
- Playing fields at the Grissom campus
- Engaging more youth in our community.
- Increasing our impact in local mission.

Leadership:
- Lucia Gore
- Cam Thomas
- Jeff Marlowe
- Skip Yingling
- Ray Riggs
- Karen Prickett
- Spencer Benton
- Jan Riggs

It is tough being a teenager these days; perhaps one of the most important things we can do for our students is to continue to provide opportunities to have fun in a healthy environment. With the many students we keep up with, we have a robust and growing program. Given the resources, we would like to build a new building and playing fields on the Grissom campus that would offer a place for our students to chill after school or meet on Sunday nights. This would be a dedicated space for students to call their own, something they have never had in our church. Youth at FPC is strong and will continue to grow because of the support we have received from you over the years in the form of prayer, time and money.
STEP-UP REQUEST

We have presented the general case for increased financial support along with a summary of our property and operating costs, which have increased. We have also highlighted in a narrative budget requests for each Ministry Team, along with Second Mile (Designated Giving) opportunities for new and special areas. This material includes our desire to increase our Benevolence and Mission dollars for the many organizations who depend on us, both locally and beyond.

Hopefully, all our members better understand the case for increased financial support at FPC and will faithfully respond to make a pledge and if able, step up or move toward stepping up to the next level of giving as shown below. A pledge is a good faith estimate of your intended giving. It can be adjusted higher or lower throughout the year, as necessary.

We have set our goal for a 10% increase in pledge dollars over last year’s campaign. This will help fund the mission of our church and serve as a big step for the future. If every member were to step up, our financial resources would exceed our highest years on record. More importantly, we would meet the commitments Christ is calling us to make.

Find where you are on the chart below and help us meet, or even exceed, our goal by making a generous pledge today. May God bless our responses!

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