

Alleluia Newsletter

October 2020



A Prayer for Elected Officials :

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come before you with a humble and grateful heart. I ask you to lift up those who are seated in places of authority in our nation – President Trump, those representing me in the United States Senate, in the U.S. House, and those representing me in our state house.

Please give them wisdom on the difficult issues they are discussing and deciding on my behalf.

We ask that each representative would submit themselves to you God, the ultimate authority in each one of our lives.

Help them to recognize rights are not granted by government, they are given by you.

We pray they would use government to help secure peaceful and quiet living in our communities while respecting the proper role of your institutions of family and the church.

We know we are all sinful, subject to fall short, so we ask for an extra measure of humbleness for each of our elected officials to know wisdom only comes from you Lord.

Please protect and strengthen each one of their families, especially during times of separation.

We pray for those who lead us and do not know the saving grace of Jesus Christ and pray they will come to know you.

We ask all this in Jesus Name.

Amen.

SESSION DIGEST



The Session met for a stated meeting on August 25, 2020. Below are items that were discussed, and the actions taken.

1. Approved the new PPC Purpose Statement below:

Our mission is to proclaim the eternal gospel of the kingdom of God and its King, the Lord Jesus Christ, which is given by grace, received through faith, and lived out in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. Discussed a proposed new ministry structure, including the creation of a Finance ministry.
3. Approved manse renovations for an estimated cost of \$46,000.
4. Approved the use of the sanctuary by 40 Days of Life for their kickoff on September 22 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by John Odom, Clerk of the Session

Session minutes are open records and available to any covenant partner of PPC upon request.

The Deacon's Developments

The Deacons serve Christ by serving others for His glory and purpose

"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU!!

God loves you and so do we!!

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Nancy Nottoli (215-2164)

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Terry Odom (510-8224)

Barb Hendry (204-5216)
Alma Oline (415-4477)

September 9, 2020 Financial Report¹

General Fund Checking	\$ 42,715.09
Designated Fund Checking	\$ 128,047.75
PRESCHOOL Checking	\$ 65,884.62
PRESCHOOL MM	\$ 5,009.22
OPERATING INCOME TOTAL*	\$ unavailable
OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL*	\$ unavailable
OPERATING BALANCE (+ or -)	\$ unavailable
Deacon's Fund	\$ 3,325.45



¹ Amounts include CARE Act SBA loan for PPP. Financial reports were not available at time of printing.

*Amounts are from QuickBooks check register 9/9/2020

A complete copy of the 2020 Operating Budget is available upon request from the Church Office.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

YOU Breakfast With Jesus (Bible Study) Teacher: Larry Oline at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall is a study to answer, "Who is Jesus?" This is not just a study of facts, but this will strengthen your relationship and faith in Him.

We have considered places in the Scripture where different people directly asked Jesus who He was. We have also looked at how Jesus fulfilled OT prophecies about the coming Messiah.

Presently we are looking at the "8 I AM" statements Jesus made about Himself. All are welcome to come and study God's Word.

SESSION MEMBERS AND CLASS

2021 Sergio Gonzalez	2022 John Odom	2022 Alan Kilinski	2023 Pat Mancini
2021 Dave Pilkington	2022 Mac Boyd	2023 Gene Hammond	2023 Jan Hinkle

**Please Remember *The Dollars For*
*Deacons Offering Envelopes in the Sanctuary.***

PRAYER REQUESTS

We try to stay on top of prayer requests and concerns. If you know of someone in our church family who is ill or needing prayer, please let the office know. Even if the office is closed you can still leave a voice mail or email Threse.Hammond@PasadenaPC.com. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can always contact your Zone Deacon.

Emails to the Church

If you are attempting to contact us at PPC, please make sure you are using the correct email address for us as listed in the weekly Flyer. If you send an email to us, but do not receive a reply, please call the OFFICE.

If you are not receiving emails from us, please make sure we have YOUR current email address.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH – OCTOBER, 2020

Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic which has taken over our country for the past 6 months, just want to say that to keep everyone safe and healthy we will not restart our circle gatherings until the pandemic is over and it will be safe for all of us to gather again to have bible study and fellowship. The church has available Our Daily Bread devotionals and if you would like us to send you one every three months and the current one is September thru November, just let me know (727/302/0888 or my cell 727/656/8513) and I will see that you get one for your daily devotions. It is a very good devotional and will keep you in His word every day. Not all of you have returned yet to worship physically but we are so grateful that our Session has made it available to those staying home to stream it on you tube each week. Hallelujah! We know God is in control as to when this will be over and we pray that He continues to keep us all safe and well.

Proverbs 3:5 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" so we have to trust and wait patiently for this pandemic to be over or more in control. Keep wearing our masks and continue social distancing and until then, may God bless each and every one and keep us all safe and healthy!

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GIVING UP AND PRESSING ON (taken from a devotional in Our Daily Bread) so let's keep encouraging one another in prayer and occasionally with phone calls!

Blessings,
Pat Watts, Moderator

In 1969, my first husband, Steve Tygert, and I sailed from San Francisco to Japan, arriving on October 6th that year. Steve was always interested in radio ministry. After years at two radio ministries, in 1986 he began working on establishing Friendship Radio, using cable radio. I have written a book on how the Lord led in his vision for this ministry, his illness, and home-going. Also, how God's Word sustained us through the years of struggle with cancer. If you are interested, you can purchase from me (there are some books in the library) for \$10.00. This gives you a break in the book cost, and no S&H! Or, you can purchase on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and WestBow Press. Alma

**Please bring in your plastic grocery bags for our Food Distributions.
Bags can be put in the containers in hallway by patio. Thank you!**



SONRISE ECLC

The preschool has 54 children enrolled. We appreciate your prayers concerning the safety and wellbeing of our children and families. We have had a healthy start to the school year and our children have stayed well. We recently had a successful visit from our licensing board. She was very positive about the safety measures we have in place and thanked us for reopening and for providing our families with an excellent place to educate their young children.

As you know, this year has been all about learning to change and adapt. Part of that means giving up things that we love and that have been a big part of our culture. This year, we will not be having the Harvest Festival. We know that several of the church members have always helped with our family event but this year, we are scaling back significantly and the preschool event is cancelled.

The children have been learning about what it means to be part of a team, working together, cooperating and getting along. We have been learning Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another. Many of the children have made new friends and are learning how to be a good friend to each other. We pray that God's word is hidden in their hearts and these life lessons are treasures they take with them throughout the rest of their lives.

Shirley McLeod, Director



Library News



REVISITING FAVORITE CHRISTIAN WRITERS BRINGS RENEWED APPRECIATION, BLESSINGS

Looking at some of the outstanding Christian writers who gave us their thoughts in books, talks and sermons can be beneficial, especially in times such as we are having. Here are two of my favorites. You have your own outstanding communicators who you like. Here are two of mine and a bit of what each wrote:

C.S. Lewis: "The Christian doctrine of suffering explains, I believe, a very curious fact about the world we live in. The settled happiness and security which we all desire, God withholds from us by the very nature of the world: but joy, pleasure, and merriment, He has scattered broadcast. We are never safe, but we have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy. It is not hard to see why. The security we crave would teach us to rest our hearts in this world and oppose an obstacle to our return to God: a few moments of happy love, a landscape, a symphony, a merry meeting with our friends, a bathe or a football match, have no such tendency. Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."

Charles R. Swindoll:



"Wonderful, comforting thought: We and He are supernaturally interwoven and inseparable. Wherever you or I go, He goes. Whatever we think, He knows, In fact, He oversaw our conception and He gave us our personality as well as our physical makeup." (in *Flying Closer to the Flame*, speaks of Psalm 139:7-10)

Come in and find your own favorite writers. Either go through Fellowship Hall and turn left or go out the back of the sanctuary or patio doors and go left at the next sidewalk.

Laurie Smith, librarian




OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Pastor Eric will be on vacation October 9 through October 11. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please call your Elder or Deacon.			
4 8a Praise Band Practice 9a Breakfast w/Jesus 10a WORSHIP w/Communion 11:20a Gospel in Life 3p Praise Kids 	5 Sonrise Preschool M-F	6 7p AA Closed Meeting	7 3:30p Gospel in Life 5p Praise Band
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	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10a Koinonia Meeting 7p Women's AA	2 Church Office Closed	3
Life Practice	8 7p Women's AA	9 Church Office Closed	10 9a-1p Food Distribution 
Life Practice	15 7p Stewardship Meeting 7p Women's AA	16 Church Office Closed	17
Life Practice	22 7p Women's AA	23 Church Office Closed	24
Life Practice	29 7p Women's AA	30 Church Office Closed	31

Food Distribution Ministry

Our last distribution on September 12th was the busiest day at your Food Distribution ministry we have seen since we started the drive-thru method in March due to covid-19. Approximately 176 families were led to us.

We also distributed a special blessing for many of the children of our families. Thanks to the love, generosity, and God's leading of "Jan's Mission", we were able to purchase, prepare, and distribute a bag of school supplies for many children according to the needs of their specific grade level. We also put together tasty snack bags with lots of treats!

Thank you Jan!

Now we are in the developing stage of putting together gift ideas for the children at Christmas. If you have any ideas or want to help, please let us know.

God continues to Protect us & Provide all our needs and more !

Psalm 34:7 declares: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and He delivers them". We feel the Lord's presence, we are so grateful, and give Him the glory in all things.

I do have a special request. We need a special volunteer who can lovingly organize and manage the cars in the parking lot on distribution day. :)

Thank you for your prayers, love, and support.

In His service, Your Food Distribution Team

JAN'S MISSION

God is so very good – all the time. When the Holy Spirit first guided me to change the focus of Jan's Mission from working with children in Kenya, I felt a sense of peace – God's peace. He has given me many fantastic experiences – enough to write a book and to fill my memory bank to the brim.

But the time had come for His new plans. There are many Tampa Bay charities that need financial and spiritual support in their effort to help homeless children and children in foster care. In the last two months, donations to Jan's Mission were shared with several local charities. Then God said, "Our PPC Food Distribution helps feed children. Let's support them!" Of course, why didn't I think of that myself? With the children not getting school lunches, our food mission is more crucial than ever. So now Jan's Mission is a proud supporter of PPC's Food Distribution.

Check out our new website www.jansmission2.com

Love and blessings,

Jan

Praise Kids Club
Fall Semester is underway
On Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.
For kids 3 years and older
Bible stories and verses

Crafts

Games

Fun

Questions? Call the church office (727) 345-0148
and leave a message for Laurie Smith

As a reminder, the Stewardship Committee provides the guidelines below to help you understand how we safely gather for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 A. M. in the sanctuary with your help. Please feel free to talk to a Stewardship Committee member, deacon or elder if you have questions or concerns.

1. Your preparation can be to take your temperature and bring a mask or face covering. If you are not feeling well – stay at home (and hopefully watch our livestream- see below.)
2. The sanctuary and bathrooms will have been prepared with cleaning and extra care/
3. Wear a mask or face covering to protect you and those around you– at least when you are going to your seat and singing (pastor and praise band will not wear masks, and see more guidance below).
4. Every other row of seats is roped off and closed to provide social distancing.
5. Greeters will not be handing out bulletins – announcements will be on the projector screen and bulletins will be emailed to members in advance and also available for pickup at sanctuary entrances.
6. Go to your pew and sit 6’ or more away from the next person in that row unless you live in the same house or regularly meet together.
7. Singing may be similar to coughing so it would be a thoughtful idea to put your mask on while you are singing– you will be able to hear yourself better too 😊. If you are not able to breathe well enough to sing through your mask, please hum or pray the lyrics to the Lord as we worship Him together.
8. When leaving the sanctuary, keep 6’ apart and wear your mask if you have one.
9. We have a live and recorded service online. If you are concerned about coming to church at this time, please join us at home on our YouTube page. Just type in Pasadena Presbyterian Church, FL in the search bar. Please subscribe to our page.
10. Sunday School is underway at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. We will not serve breakfast at this time.
11. Communion occurs with pre-packaged wafer cups.
12. We ask that you social distance as needed on the way to each of the sanctuary doors.
13. GIVE GOD THANKS FOR A SAFE AND WORSHIPFUL SERVICE!

EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

If you are not aware of this, you should know that God has blessed the Pasadena Presbyterian food distribution ministry to be a shining bright light in this midst of this coronavirus. When you see God moving it's a really good idea to start moving along with what he is doing.

I don't just mean serving with the food distribution, although that would be a great thing in itself and you would witness firsthand the powerful way God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things. I mean see what they are doing for those we serve and develop ways to do it with those you come into contact.

There is a lot of work that goes into picking up food, and stocking the shelves each week and preparing the bags, produce, dairy & frozen meat for the monthly food distribution. There are also prayer warriors who call and follow up with those having physical and mental health issues, sickness and deaths in the family and more and there are those who give financial support. Even this is an opportunity to see God's hand at work in the lives of those serving that sacrifice their personal time for the sake of others and how God blesses that with fellowship, and love for each other. Don't get me wrong, we have some wonderful talented and giving people in this ministry but when you see it all come together, you just know that there is no way this great thing could happen without God being in the middle of it.

So, what do we do in the middle of a pandemic? Perhaps join Larry and Alma Oline in the Thursday night prayer meeting on zoom. I think we will see much come of this weekly prayer meeting if we will support it with our attendance and prayers. So, what should we pray for? I read this from Chris Brown of North Coast Church in Vista, California and it seemed to be the right thing for us to do.

LET'S PRAY MORE FOR OUR MINISTRY THAN OUR MISERY

I am not saying to stop praying for God to take this misery away. I am not super spiritual—when there is misery in my life, I ask God to take it away. But we need to pray more for our ministry, that we would be light during this time. I don't like going through trials, but they shouldn't stop our ministry. When do you see the light better, outside in the daylight or at night? It is the same light no matter what time it is, but you will see the light in the darkness in amazing ways.

We need to have a kingdom dream that says, God, it's not about the quality of my life anymore; it's how I glorify you. And if I shine brighter in dark times, I will pray for darkness to end, but I will pray more for my ministry.

If we redefine the "good life" as simply glorifying God, then life will never be bad. But if we define it as health, wealth and prosperity, most of us won't have a good life during this time. If our definition of good life is "I get to glorify God," I promise you this season won't be bad. In fact, it might be one of the best seasons we've ever been through. We can shine, and people will note that we've been with Jesus.

And this from Dave Ferguson Community Christian Church, Chicago

Shift 1: Focus on the needs of the community, not the church.

Shift 2: Focus on external care, not internal programs. We put all this under the branding of "COMMUNITY Cares" and began to boldly challenge our people to be the church by showing that Community cares.

Perhaps this is our greatest opportunity to mobilize our people for Jesus' mission.

What will you do? If you are already moving this direction let me know about what you are doing and how we can support you and share with others in our church so they can be blessed and start blessing too!

Gene for your Evangemissions team

SUNDAY 10am WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



August 23 49 August 30 38 September 06 32 September 20 42



CONTINUE COLLECTING BOXTOPS AS LONG AS YOU CAN, PLEASE

Please, keep on bringing to church the small pink and white "boxtops" logos on grocery and other items' packaging. Put them in the white basket near the hall intersection.

These are collected by schools as a fund-raising tool. Pasadena PC supports Rawlings Elementary with any boxtops given it.

The company is switching over to digital collection but there are still cardboard boxtops with unexpired dates which can aid the schools.

See Laurie Smith if you have questions or see <https://www.boxtops4education.com> Thank you.

Format for Submitting Information To Be Printed

- ◆ Submit information 2 weeks prior to date needed print ready.
- ◆ Send information as an Electronic File MS Word Format.
- ◆ Newsletter articles are always due by the 15th of the month.
- ◆ Newsletter articles should be in Ariel and font no larger than 10.
- ◆ Newsletter articles should be titled with ministry, month and year
i.e., "Library February 2020".

If your address or phone number has changed, please let the office know. This includes your cell phone number and email address. Many times we are not informed of your new contact information and either we in the office are trying to get in touch with you or one of the elders or deacons have information to bring to you and cannot contact you due to the wrong information. Please drop your new contact information on a slip of paper and place it in the offering plate or just call the office with an update. Thank you, The Church Office

**Due to on-going technical problems, we have changed our email distributor for our PPC prayer list. We are now using Gmail instead of PasadenaPC.com to send out our prayer concerns by email. We will continue to receive requests using our church *secretary's* email—
threse.hammond@PasadenaPC.com. Please do not send in requests using the PPCStPete@Gmail.com address. Thanks!**

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ALLELUIA NEWS

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

PPC'S MISSION STATEMENT ***"GLORIFY GOD, BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SHOW OURSELVES
TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST" (John 15:8)***

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Please remember Pasadena Presbyterian Church in your prayers, your will and your estate planning.

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6 Ed Smead
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