Alleluia Newsletter
March 2020

Pasadena Presbyterian Church

From Me to You:

"Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their **mission**."
(Acts 12:25)

Ready for a *shock?*
The word "***mission***" occurs *only one time* in the whole New Testament (NAS & NIV versions)! That one time is in the verse from Acts quoted above—and even then, the *actual* word in Greek is "*diakonia*" which is ordinarily translated "ministry."

What's *more*, did you know that Jesus, in the so-called "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:19ff, doesn't command us to *go* but to "*make disciples of all nations*?" The actual phrase in Greek is "*as you are going*" meaning as we go about our lives each day to praise, please, show and share Christ.

What gives?
I thought "go" meant "GO"? I thought everything we do is really to help get the Gospel out? I thought we *all* were supposed to be missionaries to those around us and wherever Jesus might send us in the world?

Well, yes: there is no question that God is a missionary God, as the likes of Pastor John Piper have said. God's sending Jesus the Son to us, becoming one of us and coming here to give Himself for us on a cross, is the ultimate act of and model for missions; and when we read through the Book of Acts, we see clearly that God the Holy Spirit worked in and through the Church, as THE vehicle to share the Gospel of Jesus with the world (He's still doing that today!).

So, even though the word "mission" isn't used, the concept and call to share Jesus certainly <u>is</u>:

"How will they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard?
And how will they hear without a preacher?
How will they preach unless they are sent?
Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE
WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" (Romans 8:13-15 NAS)

Celebrating God's missional heart, work and will in Christ is the focus for our annual Missions SUNDAY, coming up March 29th. Our focus will be on the new opportunities for local mission being developed through our own Pasadena Ministry Center (PMC). Pastor Drew Grubbs, lead pastor of CrossBridge Church, is the "architect" for the PMC and will also be speaking to us about it.

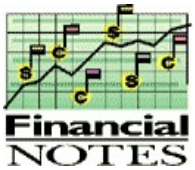
A big part of our annual conference is, of course, our <u>FAITH PROMISE</u> pledges. PPC helps provide financial support for 12 missionaries and agencies, amounting to over $3400/month! Please keep this special Sunday in your prayers, and also ask the Lord how He wants to provide for them through your participation in Faith Promise *2020!*

Looking forward to how the Lord will continue to send us out, to show and share Jesus with everyone, everywhere, to His glory!

In Christ,

Carl

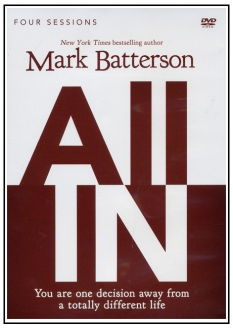
January 2020 Financial Report [1]



General Fund Checking	$ 88,298.32
Designated Fund Checking	$115,812.45
PRESCHOOL Checking	$ 38,161.07
PRESCHOOL MM	$ 5,006.65
OPERATING INCOME TOTAL*	$ unavailable
OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL*	$ unavailable
OPERATING BALANCE (+ or -)	$ unavailable
Deacon's Fund	$ 1,217.95

[1] Amounts are from bank statements 2/2/20. Financial reports were not available at time of printing.
*Amounts are from QuickBooks reports reconciled to bank statements

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



The "All In" life group meets every other week (March 8, 22) on Sunday from 7p.m.-8:30ish at the Pilkington's.

The message of *All* in is simple: *If Jesus is not Lord of all* then Jesus is not Lord at all. It's all or nothing. It's now or never. Kneeling at the foot of the cross of Christ and surrendering to His Lordship is a radical act of dethroning yourself and enthroning Christ as King. It's also an act of disowning yourself. Nothing belongs to you. Not even you.

Call Dave Pilkington if you have any questions about Life Groups.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

"I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance." John 10:10b

Praise God for giving us a gift of abundant life! God offers us many gifts in Jesus, and wants us to use them well. Please pray about how you can use your gifts of time, talent, and treasure for His glory. We're here because the Lord has led you and people like you to do that, and I look forward to seeing how He continues to do so!

Thomas Smith IV, Stewardship Ministry Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

"Breakfast With Jesus" (Bible Study) Teacher: Larry Oline at 8:30 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come have breakfast at 8:30am and stay and study God's Word at 8:45am. We are currently studying PSALMS 119. Class ends at 9:45am before worship.

SESSION DIGEST

The Session met for a stated meeting on January 28, 2020. The following items were discussed or approved.

1. The Session voted to begin a series of home Bible studies. David and Carol Pilkington will host the first four of them at their home. They will be on alternate Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning Feb. 23. Anyone is invited. Please tell them you would like to come.
2. Grace Connection Church may want to rent our facilities to hold their worship services. A motion was approved to meet with their Pastor, Tim Kelly, and two or three of their leaders on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. to discuss various aspects of this possible arrangement.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Oline, Clerk

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

Wednesday Bible Study

Our Wednesday Bible study with Pastor Gary Hofmeyer will now meet in the Library at 3:30 p.m. instead of 1:00p.m. Our group of disciples invite you to join us in soaking in God's Word.

PRAISE KIDS AND YOUTH LEADERS WANT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Kids from 3-years old to high school meet to share a snack, craft and talk and learn about the truth God has given us.

Find us most Sundays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in various classrooms in various parts of the church.

For more information, call the church office (727) 345-0148 and leave a message for Laurie Smith. It's not too late to call and come.

Pastor Gary will be offering a new Sunday school class after Sunday worship (11:15am) beginning March 1st in Fellowship Hall. The class will focus on "getting the sheep ready for their new shepherd" by studying one of the pastoral epistles (1 Timothy). Please join us as we talk about how we can get ready for our next/new pastor.

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 leave a voice mail at the manse at 727-368-5588 or contact your Zone Deacon.

MISSION SUNDAY LUNCH
MARCH 29TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

BRING YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY DISH TO SHARE

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING A DISH
PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL PAT MANCINI
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE

IF YOU CAN'T BRING A DISH
COME ANYWAY
LET'S ALL CELEBRATE
MISSIONS & OUTREACH TOGETHER

Matthew 22:37 Jesus declared, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Matthew 22:39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH – MARCH, 2020

Monday, March 2rd	WOC Communion @ the Springs – 9:45am
Tuesday, March 10th	Sarah Circle will meet in the Library @ 12:00 Noon.
Monday, March 16th	Rachel Circle Meeting at the home of Felicia Ragland @ 7:00 p.m.

We have one day circle (that meets either at 12 noon or 1:00 pm) and one evening circle (that meets either at 6:30 or 7:00 pm). This is not like a club – all women of Pasadena Presbyterian Church are invited to come to either of the circle meetings. They are open to all women. We have bible study, fellowship and light refreshments. We do have a budget for each calendar year and your offerings help us to contribute to the missions that we support, local and foreign. If you want more details regarding Women of the Church, please contact Pat Watts (727-302-0888) for further information.

GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND MAY WE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE THE WAY JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR HAS SHOWN US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!!!

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

Spring has sprung in the preschool! We are learning about all kinds of plants and animals. We had a visit from Farmer Minor and his pet pig, Daisy and we ate a big Farmers breakfast (that did not include any pigs so that Daisy would not be upset!)

Please save the date on your calendar for our spring auction which is April 16th at 6 pm. The children will sing and perform and then families will join us in fellowship hall for a silent auction and raffle. We are collecting donations for the raffle baskets. We need everything turned in before April 1st so that we can sell raffle tickets on Saturday, April 4th at the Pasadena Ministry Center Spring Festival. We hope to see our church family there at the Spring Festival. Raffle tickets will also be sold on Sunday, April 5th and Sunday, April 12th. We thank you for all your support of the preschool.

Shirley McLeod, Director

Library News

HAVE YOU BEEN TO MR. ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD LATELY?

Fred Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister who felt called to teach children about love through the medium of television. He created a unique show which ran from 1968 to 2001 and was born on March 20.

He was a guest at my church, Garden Crest Presbyterian, St. Petersburg, one Sunday. The visit happened because he and the minister had become friends. They were both from Pennsylvania and shared much in common in addition to their faith. Unfortunately, I was a college student and really had not heard much about Mr. Rogers. Later, when I became a mother, my children watched the show and I realized what I had missed out on. If you have wanted to know more about this man who changed many lives, try these books in our library:

The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers studies the man through a relationship with the author. "Eight years before his death, Fred Rogers met author, educator, and speaker Amy Hollingsworth," the amazon book description says. "What started as a television interview turned into a wonderful friendship spanning dozens of letters detailing the driving force behind this gentle man of extraordinary influence. Educator? Philosopher? Psychologist? Minister? Here is an intimate portrait of the real Mister Rogers." He died in 2003.

Exactly as You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers by Shea Tuttle is another book. "Fred Rogers fiercely believed that all people deserve love. This conviction wasn't simply sentimental: it came directly from his Christian faith," the amazon description of this book notes.

The World According to Mister Rogers , by Fred Rogers, "distills the legacy and singular worldview of this beloved American figure," amazon says. " An inspiring collection of stories, anecdotes, and insights--with sections devoted to love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty, *(this book)* reminds us that there is much more in life that unites us than divides us."

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, Mr. Rogers said each day as he greeted his audience. Let's show our love today as he did.

Laurie Smith, librarian

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1 8:15a Praise Band Practice 8:30a Breakfast w/Jesus 10a WORSHIP w/Communion Contemporary Style 11:15a Sunday school 3-5p Praise Kids	2 Sonrise Preschool M-F 9:45a WOC Communion at The Springs 	3 7p AA Closed Meeting	4 3:30p Bible Study 5:15p Praise Band
8 DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SET CLOCK AHEAD 8:15a Praise Band Practice 8:30a Breakfast w/Jesus 10a WORSHIP 11:15a Sunday school 3-5p Praise Kids 7p "All In" life group	9 Sonrise Preschool M-F	10 12p Noon Sarah Circle 7p EvangeMissions 6:30p Deacon's Meeting 7p AA Closed Meeting	11 3:30p Bible Study 5:15p Praise Band
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29 **MISSIONS SUNDAY** 8:15a Praise Band Practice 8:30a Breakfast w/Jesus 10a WORSHIP 11:15a MISSIONS COVERED DISH 3-5p Praise Kids 	30 Sonrise Preschool M-F	31 7p AA Closed Meeting	

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
Practice	5 7p Women's AA	6 Church Office Closed	7 10am HELLEN GULL SERVICE 5pm 1st Saturday Family Church
Practice	12 10a Koinonia Meeting 10:30a Gulfport Rehab Praise & Worship 7p Women's AA	13 Church Office Closed	14 8:30a-1p Food Distribution
Practice	19 7p Women's AA	20 Church Office Closed	21
Practice	26 10:30a Gulfport Rehab Praise & Worship 7p Women's AA	27 Church Office Closed	28

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

In 2019, God gave us the privilege of serving 2,125 families in our church and community ! There are many families we have come to know and who share their triumphs and tragedies with us. Our prayer warriors pray with our guests on Saturday. We take many prayer requests that are prayed over during the week. Pat Mancini also makes many phone calls to pray with and for our new friends. We want to expand the number of prayer calls we make this year. If God is calling you to get involved, you can share God's love and the good news about Jesus with others. No lifting required more than the telephone and prayers to our loving Lord !
We want to give God the glory for the more than 40 volunteers , and more on the way, who have served with us at different times in so many capacities. 2 Thess.1:11-12 "With this is mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Thank you for your service, love, and encouragement. In His service...Barb Hendry

JAN'S MISSION

His Blessings Abound!

God is indeed a merciful and gracious Father. Years ago, He assured me that He would provide for every job He asked me to do. With wavering faith, I continue to wait for the money to appear and then I start the designated project. God knows me and my weaknesses, so in His Grace, he has provided the resources to build a library at the little school in SW Kenya that He has guided me to.

The library will be built with concrete blocks, concrete floor, and iron sheet roof. It will be a fun room where kids can read and dream, question and discuss, inquire and be inspired.

Shipping books from the U.S. to Kenya is too expensive, so they will be purchased in Nairobi. I'm hoping to raise $1000 to stock the library with books about Jesus, Bibles in English and Swahili, dictionaries, geography and history books, books about animals and the environment, and books that are just plain fun to read. Donations to buy these books are most welcome.

Blessings, Jan

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

Sunday
March 29th
Missions
Sunday

This missions Sunday will be a little different than our usual honoring of our missionaries. We will honor our missionaries but this year we will also be telling you more about the new Pasadena Ministry Center. Pasadena Ministry Center is not a place, it is US. Us, meaning you and me. PMC (for short) is the outreach arm of Pasadena Presbyterian Church. It's focus is on local outreach to our community through existing ministries like Sonrise Early Childhood Learning Center, Sonrise Family Church and the Food Distribution but also (coming soon) through Senior Adult ministries, International College Student Ministry, After School Program, Sports Ministries and Special Events.

It will take some time to activate all of the new outreach ministries and fortify the existing ones we have. We have been praying and planning and we can't wait to see more accomplished but there is one thing we are missing. You guessed it, it's YOU! We need you to pray and volunteer to make this a success.

Teri Henry, PMC director will gladly take your name and availability and make note of your spiritual gifts if you know them. If you don't we can give you a worksheet to help you determine what they are but more than likely you already know the kind of things God has equipped you to do for Jesus' church. It's always the case that the greatest ability is "availability". If you are available, God will give you what you need to do the ministry. Following are just a few available covenant partners we are looking for.

If any of you are senior adults or like being around senior adults, we need ideas for that ministry. You could start by leading or being in a small group that focuses on bringing senior adults from inside and outside the church together to care for each other and share the love of Jesus. Care & Share could even be the name of the ministry. We also need covenant partners of any age to start an international student ministry. Alma Oline has an interest in this and she could use some accomplices and cohorts. If you are really brave you could help out with the sports ministry or the after-school programs we are exploring and of course all of you can help with special events like the Spring Festival that we are planning.

There is a place for you to be the Bible that someone reads and be the love that someone needs. There is a way that you can share Jesus with words and with other ways than with words. Sharing Jesus works best if you do both words and kindness but *the main thing is to get into this thing*. The fields are "white for harvest". Jesus' great commission *Matthew 28:16-20* and greatest commandment *Matthew 22:36-40* give us our marching orders don't they? Onward Christian Soldiers!

We also encourage and invite you to make a Faith Promise that will support our missionaries and some of our outreach efforts this year. A faith promise is between you and God but sharing it with us will help us plan for the coming missions & evangelism year. A Faith Promise Card and Letter will be mailed to you in March that you can fill out and drop in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Gene for the Evangelism and Missions Ministry

First Saturday Family Church (formerly known as Sonrise Church) is a fun and lively time for parents and children to spend an hour together. We sing and pray and share a laugh, then it is craft time for the kids while the adults are treated to some meaningful teaching. We meet the first Saturday of every month from 5PM to 6PM; we would love to have you join us. All are welcome. (You don't have to be in preschool to attend – just young at heart). Any questions: call church office (727)345-0148 and leave message for Teri Henry.

You now have an excellent reason to invite your friends and family to church. Saturday, April 4th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM something for all ages. Here is what we are planning: Easter eggs hunt and bounce house for the children, pie auction for everyone who likes pie or is good at baking them, cornhole for those who can toss a beanbag, volleyball tournament for young adults, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, music, magic show and so much more. Best of all, it's a great time to start inviting people to your church plus we are inviting the entire neighborhood so even if you don't bring somebody new, you are likely to find a new friend. Spring in to action Covenant Partners!

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.

The Deacon's Developments

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

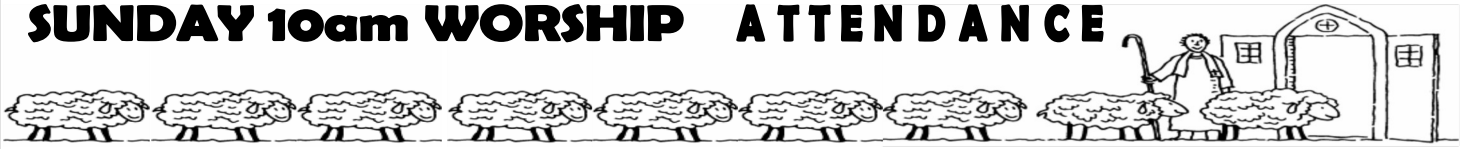
"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SERVE YOU!!

God loves you and so do we!!

Mary Davis (430-9779) Barbara Gonzalez (251-8064) Larry Hendry (479-6150)
Nancy Nottoli (215-2164) Terry Odom (510-8224) Alma Oline (415-4477)

SUNDAY 10am WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



January 19	79	February 2	66	February 16	79
January 26	63	February 9	68		

VBS…will be here soon!

June 1-5

YES, IT IS THAT TIME!!! WE ARE PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR'S VBS… SO PRAY ABOUT HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED.

PLEASE, Contact Terry Odom if interested: 510-8224

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 new Gmail address. Thanks!

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

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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.

March

3	Ruth Gey
11	Margaret Long
25	Glenn Hamilton
28	Norm Loy
28	Felicia Ragland
31	Madison Tomin