

THE ANDERSON TESTAMENT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2021

REVEREND KEVIN BAUSMAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:



What a blessing to be able to be back for in person worship!

We have all been through a great deal this past year— especially not being able to hug or see family and friends, as well as not being able to do normal routines such as grocery shopping, eating out, going to sporting events, and other activities: let alone not being able to go to in person worship services for several months. Through it all, however, God has been faithful to us!

Praise His Name!

Since late November we have been live streaming our worship services, which have been a blessing not only to members living here in Anderson, but also to members who have moved away and to many folks who are not members of our church.

We plan to continue to live stream the services even after we are back for in-person worship. In an earlier newsletter column, I shared with you about the McHenry family who are friends of mine and who gave a \$500 memorial gift toward the equipment needed to do the live streaming. In March, we received another gift, but this time

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from our Presbytery. It was a technology grant of \$1,750 toward the cost of the equipment as well! Jason Knapp, who had served on the council of Presbytery, told us about this grant, and we applied for it. **Thank you, Jason, for letting us know!** We praise God for these gifts and the gracious spirit behind them!



Our Presbytery has been of great help throughout the pandemic, in not only giving us the technology grant but also in giving us guidance, especially pertaining to churches reopening for in - person worship. We recently received an email from Rev. Alan Thames, our Executive Presbyter, with such guidance and updates that come from an important resource in our denomination about Covid-19. That resource is Lisa Zerr Allgood, the Executive Presbyter in Cincinnati Presbytery, who studied immunocytochemistry at UMDN/Rutgers Medical School and has worked for both Proctor & Gamble and Merck. If you would like to read this extremely helpful document, please contact Julie and she will send a copy to you. I am grateful to God for the help our presbytery and denomination have been for us and all the other churches in our presbytery and denomination.



As we begin in person worship, may our hearts be filled with gratitude to God for what He has done, and may we never forget His help and blessings! May God bless our Easter celebration of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

**Mary Jane and I and our family wish all of you a Blessed Easter!
God be with you all!**

Pastor Kevin G. Bausman

PASTOR KEVIN BAUSMAN

As we prepare to celebrate the bodily resurrection Jesus on Easter, think about how the Christian church has grown since then—going from Jerusalem outward throughout the area of the Mediterranean Sea and the Middle East to around the world. As it has grown, the Christian church's makeup has also changed over the years. Recently the seminary I attended released information on the makeup of the Christian Church today. This is what they discovered in their research:

DATA: IF THERE WERE ONLY 100 CHRISTIANS

January 29th, 2020, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

1. If 100 Christians represented all of global Christianity, 67 would live in Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Oceania, while 33 would live in Europe or Northern America. Most would be found in urban areas (65) as opposed to rural (35).
2. Linguistically, 16 would speak Spanish as their mother tongue, 10 English, 9 Portuguese, 5 Russian and 3 Mandarin Chinese.
3. Most (64) would be between the ages of 15 and 64, while 26 would be under 15.
4. Eleven Christians would be illiterate, and 35 would have little to no access to secondary education. Roughly half of Christians would have access to the internet. Fourteen would have no access to safe water, and five would have malaria.
5. Most Christians, (79) would live in countries with moderate to high corruption; 3 would live in countries with low development.

A typical Christian today is a non-white woman living in the global South, with lower-than-average levels of societal safety and proper health care. This represents a vastly different typical Christian than that of 100 years ago, who was likely a white, affluent European.

We praise God for how Jesus has been guiding His Church around the world! I wonder what it will be like 50 or 100 years from now? Have a Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Kevin G. Bausman

FINANCE REPORT 2021

February Revenues **\$14,324**

February Expenses **\$31,039**

February Deficit **(\$16,714)**

Year to date Revenues **\$147,496**

Year to date Expenses **\$219,213**

Year to date Deficit **(\$71,717)**

February was much better than January.

Our receipts were slightly above normal. Expenses were around normal which reduced the monthly deficit.

We had 2 pay periods and 4 Sundays in February.

In general, our revenues for the month were above budget by 3% and our expenses were about 22% less than the budget.

Our pledge and non-pledged offerings were considerably higher than last month. We had some repair work done on the office roof which added some expense to the month.

On a YTD basis, we are 9 months into our fiscal year. **We have received 89% of our budgeted revenues and spent 66% of our budgeted expenses.**

Our total assets as of the end of February were \$1,168,407 which is (\$7,191) less than the previous month. Our total assets were higher by \$76,843 compared to the same period a year ago, even though we sold some of our assets to take advantage of the gains in the market place.

Please remember to mail your tithing and any other special offerings that you would like to give to the church office.

Thank you in advance, Blessings to all,

Dick Wohlberg, Finance Chair

THANK YOU FROM WHITEWATER VALLEY



To My Sisters and Brothers at 1st Pres:

Please accept this humble expression of appreciation for the **recent gift** from your congregation of the per capita offering.

Per capita makes possible a wide range of missions and ministries throughout our denomination. On behalf of all of them, please allow me to **thank you** for your gracious generosity.

Blessings, Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter

NEW ADDRESS FOR LEE FLECK

**Lee Fleck has moved to Seabeck, Washington,
to be nearer to his son David.**



**His new address is
P.O. Box 359
Seabeck, WA 98380**

DROP HIM A LINE

WE WILL MISS YOU, LEE!

COMMUNION

Join us as we gather around *The Lord's Table* for Holy Communion on **Sunday, April 11th.**

Please bring canned or boxed food on this Sunday. The food is dispersed to the needy in our community through Operation Love.

We will continue collecting granola bars for AHS students too!

The third Sunday of the month is designated giving for the Christian Center. Please bring your donations of paper products, coffee, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, and deodorant on **Sunday, April 18th.** Items for both of these projects will be collected and delivered to Operation Love and the Christian Center by the Deacons.

THANK YOU, YOUR DONATIONS HAVE AN IMPACT!

One Great Hour of Sharing

“YOU SHALL BE CALLED REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH ” *Isaiah 58*

By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, you are supporting ministries working in direct response to the ways God has called us to share in Isaiah 58. You are helping to provide access to sustainable food systems, aid and shelter for those who are impacted by disaster, and resources for communities



working to loose the bonds of oppression & injustice. This special offering will be collected **April 4th, Easter Sunday.** Pray for what your gift might be. You can send a donation anytime to the church office and financial secretary Ken Wilkinson will make sure it is sent to OGHS.

Three ways to give: **Through your congregation, Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10, [Presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](https://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)**

**QUILT/SEW/CRAFT DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH**



The crafty ladies of First Pres are ready to again begin meeting on the first Saturday of the month to work on any projects they wish!

*This April, due to Easter Sunday, they'll be meeting on the second **Saturday, April 10th.***

It's from 10-3 in Fellowship Hall, bring a lunch, enjoy and learn!

MEMORIALS 2021



IN MEMORY

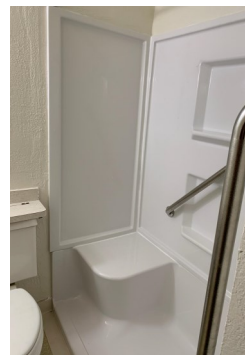
BARBARA GEPHARDT & LAURALE' JOHNSON

Patsy Woschitz

THANK YOU FROM BETTY SCHILDMEIER

Your Deacons voted to give the Harter House a donation to upgrade a unit with a Walk-In Shower. Maintenance foreman Michael Schildmeier's mom, Betty, will be moving in there on April 1st.

She was so, so grateful! She could not have moved there otherwise!



Growing in Christ

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Staff

- Senior Pastor—Kevin Bausman
- Music Coordinator—Kirby Gilliam
- Pianist/Organist—Stephen Fleck
- Office Administrator - Julie Benagh
- Director of Hand bells—Barb Bowman
- Financial Secretary - Ken Wilkinson
- Family Ministry Leaders—Jesus Llamas & Kirby Gilliam
- Maint. Engineer—Mike Schildmeier
- Asst. Maint Eng.—Jim Marvell



- 4/1 **Alyce Taylor & Audrey Warner**
4/2 **Diane Kelley**
4/3 **Kathryn Etchison, Peter Riley**
4/6 **Robert Hackler, Jeanne Judd**
4/7 **Daniel Davisson**
4/14 **Gary Zeller**
4/17 **Tyler Ohlheiser**
4/20 **Steve Ohlheiser**
4/21 **Miriam Brewer**
4/24 **Maddie Bischoff, Barbara
Bowman, April Groves**
4/25 **Mike Schildmeier**
4/28 **Cathy Stewart**

Anniversaries

Bill & Laura Beeler,
April 16th, 33 yrs
Steve & Julie Benagh,
April 23rd, 33 yrs
Jesse & Madison Bischoff, April 28th, 5 yrs

