

2022
Providence Presbyterian
Annual Congregational Meeting

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Discussion Points

1. **Who Are We:** *A biblical orientation*
2. **Where Are We:** *A look back at 2021*
3. **What Are We Planning:** *A look forward to 2022*

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INDIVIDUALS: Who Are We?

- **FORGIVEN**, and therefore **RECONCILED**
- “And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now **reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death...” Col 1:21
- “For if while we were enemies we were **reconciled** to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are **reconciled**, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received **reconciliation**.” Rom 5:10-11

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CHURCH: Who Are We?

- Through Christ...**RECONCILED** with God’s people
- “For **he himself is our peace**, who has **made us both one** and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility..., that he might... **reconcile us both to God in one body** through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ...So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens with the saints** and **members of the household of God**... Eph 2:14,16,19

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CHURCH: Who Are We?

- Through Christ...**RECONCILED** with God's people
- "But as it is, God arranged the **members in the body**, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are **many parts**, yet **one body**. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ...Now **you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**" 1 Cor 12:18-21,27

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When the body's HURTING?

- Health issues?
- Brokenness....division amongst the members?
- Sometimes the head is not doing well
- Maybe a particular member is hurting
- YET...it is ONE body
 - The other members are to care for those in need
 - Must not remain divided – it's ONE body
 - The members NEED...and RELY UPON one another

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How Can We Tell? Symptoms!

- **PHYSICAL BODY:** *you feel down*
- **CHURCH:**
 - *Our **gathering** is down*
 - *Our **membership** is down*
 - *Our **giving** is down*

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What is the LORD Doing?

- *“**Sanctify them** in the truth; your word is truth.”*
- *“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **that he might sanctify her**, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **SO THAT** he might present the church to himself **in splendor, without spot or wrinkle** or any such thing, that she might be **holy and without blemish.**” Eph 5:25-27*

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What Do WE Need to Do?

1. PERSEVERE:

- *“Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’”
Luke 9:62*
- *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
Heb 10:23-25*

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What Do WE Need to Do?

2. ASSESS BASICS:

- *Worship*
 - *Discipleship*
 - *Shepherding*
 - *Service*
 - *Prayer*
- “...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” Eph 4:12-13*

3. ASSESS LEADERSHIP:

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.” Eph 4:12-13

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What is **Most Important?**

- **Physical structure** – bricks & wood?
- **Governing structure** – deacons & elders?
- **Programs** – weekly activities?
- **Dollars** – ongoing financial support?

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- ~~**Programs**~~ – weekly activities?
- ~~**Dollars**~~ – ongoing financial support?
- **PEOPLE**
 - Indwelt by the Holy Spirit
 - Being discipled / making disciples
 - Shepherded – spiritually nurtured, maturing
 - Worshipping the Lord

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2021: What Happened?

- **PRAYER:** continued bi-weekly prayer services
- **Discipleship groups:** weekly groups (online & in-person)
- **Deacons:** fully functioning
- **Mercy ministry** (at an increased level)
- **Outreach Activities**
- **Mission support:** provided support for three missionary families

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2021 Highlights

- **Reengaged the Ministry Teams**
 - Quarterly ministry team leader meetings
 - All teams meeting regularly
- **Stood up Mercy Ministry Team**
 - Steve Yount as team leader; pastor did training
 - Coming alongside a number of people
- **Providence Library:**
 - Shelving built & installed by Bill S.
 - Now a valuable resource for discipleship
 - All books catalogued, searchable, browsable online
 - Claire serving as librarian
 - New (& growing) children's & youth sections
 - 140 new books over past 8 months

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2021 Missions Support

- **Missionaries Supported:**
 - John & Elizabeth Sexton – international medical missionaries
 - Sandra Hart, Michelle De Leon & CECE – Philippines
 - Scott & Ruth Hill – Cherokee, NC
- **Local Ministries:**
 - Andrew Shank – Western Carolina Univ. RUF
 - Parenting & Pregnancy Center
- **Denominational:** MTW, MNA, RUF, etc.

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2021 Financial Overview

- **General Fund (1/1/21): \$ 60,757**
- **General Fund (12/31/21): \$ 37,507**
- **Mercy Fund (1/1/21): \$ 3,147**
- **Mercy Fund (12/31/21): \$ 5,020**
- **2021 Actual Income: \$ 122K**
- **2021 Actual Expenses: \$ 145K**

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Budget-Expense: 2021 vs. 2022

Category	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<u>Denominational</u>	\$6,921	\$6,921	\$5,700
<u>Education, Music, Ministry</u>	\$7,360	\$7,450	\$9,532
<u>Administrative, Conf., misc</u>	\$6,020	\$6,559	\$8,662
<u>Building & Grounds</u>	\$21,510	\$19,945	\$20,835
<u>Missions</u> (Local/Foreign)	\$10,860	\$10,455	\$13,430
<u>Staff Salary/Benefits</u>	\$93,000	\$93,000	\$96,700
TOTAL	\$145,671	\$144,330	154,859

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Missions Giving

- **Total Missions Allocations:***
 - 2018 Actual: **\$12,444** (11.3 % total income)
 - 2019 Actual: **\$13,184** (10.5% total income)
 - 2020 Actual: **\$16,328** (12.1% total income)
 - 2021 Actual: **\$13,881** (11.4% total income)
 - **2022 Budget: \$16,590**** (10.7% budget inc)

*Includes foreign, local, MTW, MNA, RUF, Ministerial Relief

**Assumes budget income \$154,859

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A Look Forward

Ministry at Providence in 2022

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2022: What Are We Planning?

- ***Discipleship opportunities***
 - *Wed. Evening: Family Worship Class*
 - *Changes to small discipleship groups*
 - *Book highlights from the Library*
 - *Assessing other discipleship forums*
- ***Ministry opportunities***
 - *Mercy ministry team outreach*
 - *Faith & Finances course support in Andrews*
- ***Garth*** – *Working toward transferring ordination to the PCA.*

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2022: What Are We Planning?

- **Missions** – Adding support for one family



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2022: What Are We Planning?

- **Infrastructure**
 - New signage (bottom of driveway, on 64)
 - Completely revamped website
 - Parking lot / driveway repair
 - Large Picnic Pavilion (next to playground)
 - Fully paid via anonymous gift
 - For purpose of ministry use, KNO, etc.
 - 36' x 24' w/ direct line from propane for grill
 - Two rows of four picnic tables (removable)
 - Seating for close to 50 people

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Thank You!!

- *Other Questions?*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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