



2010

First Presbyterian Church, Norfolk

Seeking Christ Sharing His Love

Looking back on ministry through FPC . . .

THE YEAR 2010 . . .

has been a historic one in FPC's history. Thank you for the love and sacrifice you have poured into the life of this church. You have proven to be a congregation that goes beyond what walls can contain. You have touched lives and are a minister of Christ. Thank you for helping us to seek Christ and to share His love!

By The Numbers for 2010*

INCOME	\$1,855,592	OUTREACH -	\$169,706
EXPENSES	\$1,852,433	ADDT'L OUTREACH EXPENSES - SURPLUS	\$333,214
	\$3,159		

*These are preliminary financial results for 2010 which have not yet been reviewed by FPC's CPA. Some small changes may be made as we finalize our yearly closing of FPC's financial reporting processes.

As 2010 drew to a close, we were facing a budget shortfall (our expenses exceeded our income) of \$58,200. This deficit was understandable since our services were cancelled because of snow on Sunday, December 26.

We prayed and trusted in God that He would supply the resources through His people that were needed to fulfill His purposes.

In early 2011, day after day, check after check, giving was increasing and the deficit was decreased. We were thrilled that the gap was starting to close.

As we calculated the final figures to close out the year, a miracle happened. Every dollar that was needed to cover expenses that we'd incurred during the year had come in.

It is hard to explain the feelings that we experienced at that moment. There was a literal jumping for joy and hollering praise for what God had done through all of you. The elation was not that our revenue and expenses balanced out, but the realization that so many lives had been transformed as a result of your giving.

BUILDING A LEGACY



Our new facilities have given us tremendous opportunities for growth and effectiveness in ministry.

We were able to welcome our local community to join us for weekend worship, and also a variety of events—concerts, banquets, special speakers—reaching hundreds of people with the love of Christ. These events included South Hampton Roads Leadership Prayer Luncheons, the Virginia Children's Chorus Concert, and the Youth Outreach Urban Resources and Services Banquet.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

We're truly seeing FPC in action with its capabilities and opportunities for local and global connection and outreach:

- We saw **20 baby baptisms, 6 grade school children baptisms, and 2 adult baptisms.** Additionally 12 months out of the year in the Preschool, we have **over 200 children infant through kindergarten** who learn in a Christ rich environment.
- A total of **330 people** connected through **Small Groups** for fellowship and community, prayer, study of the Word, and service.
- We **fed** more than **5,400** of our community's working poor and homeless through **FPC's Soup Kitchen** on Saturday mornings.
- Teamed-up with **Ghent Area Ministries (GAM)** to provide **122 bags of food** and **410 coats** for our local neighbors in need.
- Provided a total of **1,680 meals** and **560 beds** to the homeless through our **N.E.S.T.** ministry during Christmas week.
- A total of **28 members** from First went on **mission trips** around the world, including **Nicaragua, Kenya, and the Sudan.**
- Sponsored ***Egypt! Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*** VBS program where **160 children**, along with **75 servant leaders**, spent a fun-filled summer week creating cool Bible-times projects, having visits with Joseph, taking part in games, dancing to lively Bible songs, and sampling tasty snacks.

There's so much more to tell than space will allow. Wherever people are, we are striving to be there for them, helping them to be the church right where they are. What a blessing to see so many people and so many cultures worshiping and serving God together!



LIVE WORSHIP ONLINE



In 2010 Live Worship launched when our 9:30 am and 11:00 am services were streamed live via the internet each Sunday. This allowed those who were unable to join us on Sunday mornings to experience live worship with us. Based on e-mails we've received, we know that people around the globe are gathering with us. There are **missionaries in Kenya, Uganda and Sudan and our military folk around the world.** . . . the list goes on and on.

Our Live Worship allows us to invite people into the larger family of faith. Last year we estimate that we had **over a thousand unique individuals or groups** worshipping with us online.

Additionally, **since September 12, 2010 we've had more than 200+ first time visitors** attend one of our three services in person. For each visitor, we have added a handmade unique cross to the larger cross in the Common which celebrates each new visitor that worships with us. Like the Early Church, the Lord has blessed us with the gift of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. We pray, like the early church in the Book of Acts, that we will live in such a way that draws others into the Body of Christ.

BLESSED, TO BE A BLESSING

Did you know that FPC gave over a half a million dollars to missions in 2010?

9% (\$169,706) of FPC's operating budget was spent outside the church for missions and outreach. In addition, over \$333,214 was given outside of the operating budget to support missions and outreach. Combined that's over a half a million dollars that affected people locally and globally by helping those in need, equipping our partners on the mission field to reach the lost, and addressing the great challenges of our world; extreme poverty, disease, clean water, HIV/AIDS, etc.

New ministries were started by First Presbyterian Church in 2010 including:

- **Video Visitation Jail Ministry** gave families and friends of prisoners the opportunity to see face to face a loved one they may not have seen for quite some time.
- **Four English as a Second Language classes** were conducted and numerous participants were blessed to use the Bible and the Oxford Dictionary to learn English
- **Kenya Orphanage (Joy Children's Home)** was established in Nairobi, Kenya in partnership with Tree of Lives and Nazareth Hospital

"Growing In This Love" Capital Campaign 2010

Total Initial Loan	\$2,000,000
Total Pledged	\$ 803,000
Number Families Who Pledged	99

In October 2010, 99 families made new commitments to our **"Growing In This Love" Capital Campaign.** More information about this will be provided in the second quarter of 2011. Not by few, but by many, will we continue to grow in His love, for it is the love of Christ that urges us on.

FIRST LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

In the Fall of 2010, we began our Church Life Series **Anno Domini 247**, focusing on the life and experiences of the early Christians. We continue that series in 2011 by exploring the secret church movement that arose from the Roman ban on Christianity. "Revelation: The Persecuted Church" is our ten-week series in the book of Revelation, connecting the lives of the first persecuted Christians to ours today and to millions around the globe for whom it is still illegal to worship Christ.

Then, through Lent, we will go back to the earliest stories of the Christian church in the book of Acts. The first believers, before they were named Christians, were called "People of the Way." What does it mean to be people of the way today, and what can we learn from Paul, Peter, James, and the heroes of our faith?

Finally, we will conclude our **AD 247** series in "Creeds: Against the Heresies," as we embark on a journey through the ancient Creeds of the church, and how they were shaped in response to the first heresies.

Throughout our series, we hope that we will see AD 247 as a date marking an era, and as a commitment and challenge - to live "In the Year of Our Lord" 24/7, just as the first Christians did. If we can do so, we believe we will see Acts 2:47 fulfilled in our time, just as it was in the time of the apostles. "And day by day the Lord added to the number of those who were being saved."

2011 BUDGET

The creation of the 2011 budget was a process of prayer and analysis of our ministry priorities, the effectiveness of our organization, and the current economic climate. Out of this process, we've shaped our 2011 budget around four values and have seen an increase of 3%.

The values we've based our 2011 budget on are as follows: Biblical Community; Shaped into the Image of Christ; Called to Love the Least, the Last, and the Lost; and Enjoying the Worshipful Life.

	2011	2010
Biblical Community	\$415,873	\$428,552
Shaped into the Image of Christ	\$558,771	\$526,824
Called to Love the Least, the Last and the Lost	\$601,451	\$566,431
Enjoying the Worshipful Life	\$571,059	\$559,785
	\$2,147,154	\$2,081,592

The compelling vision God has given to First Presbyterian Church involves many opportunities for us to make a difference in the world. Please prayerfully consider how you might be involved in the life of your church this year, both with your tithes and offerings as an act of worship, and by serving with your time and talents.

Again, thank you for making 2010 such a successful year of ministry. You made a difference in the lives of thousands. . . locally and globally.

In Him,

Andrew Callan
Minister of Administration