

January 9, 2024



Dear PCF Members:

Greetings! We pray God's richest blessings on your family in the New Year. As we head into 2024, we're sending this update to prepare you for our annual progress meeting on **Sunday, February 4th at Noon.** Please mark your calendars! We will have lunch in the gym immediately after the service and will provide child care during the meeting. This year's meeting will be in person only, not online.

Looking Back

The Lord has done great things in 2023, and our annual ministry reports will be available to view online at pcfarcade.org/annualmeeting starting the week of January 28th.

With grateful hearts we are also happy to report that we are ending 2023 financially strong and healthy! We want to thank the Lord for his faithfulness in providing for us again this year, and we also want to thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving! A more detailed financial report will be presented at the annual meeting.

Accounting wise, this was a year of transition. When Lisette was hired to fill Leslie's Administrative Assistant position, she agreed to temporarily take on Leslie's role as Treasurer for accounts payable. We asked Dee Hamilton, a professional accountant, to guide Lisette and make sure everything was being done properly. Though it's been extremely helpful for Lisette to be able to write checks and understand the finances as she works in the church office, we've found that there is more than enough work for her to do without also having to oversee the accounting. So, over the course of 2023 we've been prayerfully considering the best way of handling this important aspect of church administration moving forward. Payroll is the most difficult part, so this accounting task has been handed off to Computer Payroll Services in Arcade, and they have been doing a good job for us. Another change that was made in 2023 was making the transition to online accounting, which has made the process much easier to track. Henry Prutsman stepped forward to help us with this and he has agreed to continue serving in this way in 2024. When we get to the slate of officers, you will see both Lisette and Henry's names listed as Treasurers for accounts payable

Looking Ahead

We are due to take care of two things in 2024. One is the old pavilion. As has been discussed in the past, we plan to dismantle it this year. We can move forward without it and put up our tent as needed. In the future we can discuss potential options for replacement.

Another item we'd like to take care of in 2024 is replacing our aging church van. Our current van is a 2007 Chevy Express with 127,408 miles. On average, our van gets used for events twice a month. Repairs and problems have been increasing of late so we haven't felt confident about sending it on longer trips.

This is a picture of the type of van we would be looking at:



It's a Ford Transit 15 passenger van. Central Baptist has one and they're very happy with it. We have seen 2021 models with from 20-80,000 miles going for anywhere between \$36,000 - \$48,000. For comparison, a 2024 model would cost \$59-63,000. This is a lot of money, so the question may come up of renting a van instead. To rent a van of this size would cost about \$100 a day. Theoretically, at our current rate of use it would take us 13 years to put out the same amount of money in rentals as it would to buy a used van (not allowing for inflation). This may sound like a viable option, but the inconvenience of having to pick up and drop off a rental vehicle at a rental location 45 minutes away each time we need it makes this impractical, likely adding two days of expense to each rental. This means that buying a used van would actually put us ahead of the game after only four or five years. We will be looking for you to approve an "up-to" amount so we can keep our eyes open for a good deal on a van of this type during the year. Also keep in mind that we could get around \$4,000-6,000 for our current van.

We would also like to take a quick vote to make one small change to the Church Constitution and By-Laws. In ARTICLE VIII, Section 6, C. 2 under the role of the elders, the Constitution currently says that one of their duties is:

To yearly elect from among themselves a president to act as Pastor, pro-tem, in the absence of the Pastor.

This idea made sense in PCF's early days, but we haven't done it in decades. With other Associate Pastors on staff the need for an elder to fill the role of pastor is highly unlikely. We feel this item could be deleted.

Slate of Officers

All voting will be done in person at the meeting this year, there will be no turning in votes ahead of time. Here is a list of the affirmations and votes on this year's ballot:

Annual Affirmation of Pastors:

- Jeff Hokenson
- Scott Laird
- Joshua Wypij

Annual Affirmation of Elders:

- Tom Brittain
- Kathy Wypij
- Bob Schiefer
- Ben Heckathorn
- Henry Prutsman

A One Year Term for:

- Sharon Ameis — Recording Secretary
- Lisette Heckathorn and Henry Prutsman — Treasurers for accounts payable
- Sue Schiefer, Anne Isaacs and Brenda Heckathorn — Treasurers for accounts receivable
- Dawson and Makayla Gallagher — Sunday School Superintendents (even though we don't currently have a kids Sunday School program, we decided to leave this position in place for the time being.)

A Two Year Term for Deacons:

- Brandon Pyc
- Marcella Reidy
- Tracey Smith
- Marlene Schlining
- Sheila Vosburg
- John Atzrott

A Three Year Term for Trustee:

- Floyd Brauen

Once again, the important dates to remember are:

January 28th — department reports available to view online

February 4th — annual progress meeting at Noon

As valued members of our church family it is your privilege and responsibility to attend the annual meeting — it is essential that we have a majority of the membership present in person. If you have any questions leading up to the meeting, please feel free to talk to any of us. We look forward to all that God is going to do in the year ahead!

Loving God and Loving people,

Pastors: *Jeff Scott* and *Josh*

Elders: *Kathy, Tom, Bob, Ben* and *Henry*

Trustees: *Floyd, Mike* and *Lee*