

2022 Associate Pastor's Report

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As I reflect on this past year, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your support and most importantly, your flexibility. Yes, I know some of you aren't able to touch your toes but what I mean is the flexibility you graciously demonstrated over this past year as the people of PCF. As many of you know, the leadership at PCF honored Pastor Jeff with a sabbatical in the summer of 2022 and that meant flexibility was needed for everyone involved: Pastor Jeff, Pastor Scott, the Leadership team, Lisette, myself and you, the congregation. For me personally, my responsibilities changed and that required flexibility but I want to thank you specifically for the flexibility and patience you showed me. Although I learned a lot during Jeff's sabbatical, I know that it was difficult for you to not have the familiarity of your Senior Pastor. I'm so thankful for your support, patience, grace, kind words, gifts and most importantly your prayers. I thank God for you and specifically want to thank my wife and children for their sacrifice and understanding during this past summer when our normal way of doing life changed.

While Paul was in prison he wrote a letter to the church of Philippi and their leaders. In that he wrote "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..." Paul saw the other leaders and the church of Philippi as partners in the gospel. I echo Paul's sentiment and heart and I am so thankful to be partners with you all in the ministry.

I am grateful for the valuable experience I gained with preaching, teaching, counseling, leading meetings and working with our awesome team of leaders at PCF. I learned so much about ministry but I also gained a deeper understanding about myself and who God has made me to be.

Below you will see a detailed list of the responsibilities, highlights and projects from 2022. I'm very thankful for the special events and accomplishments, but I'm also aware that our focus is loving God and loving people. It would be quite a challenge to minister here without your support. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as an Associate Pastor.

Love y'all!
- Pastor Josh

Rooted Youth Ministry - Meets Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Special Events:

- **NERF/Alien Invasion** - The gym was turned into a battle zone filled with flying nerf darts, loud music, smoke machines and sweaty teenagers!
- **The Forever Weekend** - This year I joined together with Ben Schultz from Family Life Church (Warsaw, NY) and Kevin Ormsby Love Joy Church (Lancaster, NY) to form our very own youth conference. However, we wanted to escape the "conference" title so we settled on the name The Forever Weekend: One unforgettable weekend could change your life forever. Our plan is to give students the most memorable weekend possible while also keeping the cost low enough that any student can afford to attend. We relied on generous donations to accomplish this goal! Over 100 people in attendance in 2022 and we're hoping for a greater impact in 2023.
- **End of the year cookout** - Our end of the year cookout/celebration.
- **Camp Judah** - Senior Camp continues to be a time where students have fun but also have life changing encounters with the Lord and many of our students served during Junior Camp too!
Thank you to everyone who came and sacrificed their time and energy!
- **Sunday Vibes** - We took a Sunday afternoon to make pizza's and build relationships. It was a great day!

- **Back2TheGrind** - For 14 years we have held a party that celebrates the beginning of the school year and the beginning of Rooted Youth Ministry. This year we had a Glow Party where the Gym is littered with black lights and glow sticks!
- **Halloween/Cider & Candy Outreach** - This year we served cider and candy to the Arcade community on halloween night. We had a wonderful time serving others and fellowshiping together.
- **Feliz Navidad Christmas Party** - We had our annual Christmas party with a twist! Tacos, sombreros, piñata's and more!

Youth Volunteers: Henry Prutsman, Eric Herman, Dawson Gallagher, Makayla Gallagher, Austin Pierce, Elizabeth Pierce, Jeremy Campbell, Carrie Sentz, Ashley Ameis and Shawn Hutchinson.

Sunday Morning Worship Experience

- Imported worship lyrics & background pads
- Created slides and templates weekly for sermon notes on the screens.
- Created a run-down for announcements that corresponds with the slides created backgrounds & countdowns for each service.
- Created slides for announcements & advertisements
- Created custom countdowns
- Created pre-service & post-service playlists
- Maintained our livestream.

Tech

- Managed www.pcfarcade.org, Facebook & Instagram
- Updated news & events, uploaded sermon audio for website.

Videography & Graphic Design

- Recorded and edited videos. Designed graphics for the website and the new sign, logos, special events, and advertisements.
- Designed slides for digital sign by the road.

Sound & Tech

- Provided sound & tech when needed (Sunday service, funerals, weddings, etc)

Miscellaneous Pastoral Duties & Events

VBS - I had the pleasure of taking over the Bible Lessons this year at VBS in Pastor Jeff's absence.

Pastoral Work: Counseling, visitations, funerals, weddings and meetings (Trustees & Leadership), Chicken BBQ, the Baptism service & preaching.

Teaching & Worship

- Co-taught the Sunday morning Membership class with the Elders & Pastors.
- Took the majority of the preaching responsibilities during Pastor Jeff's sabbatical.
- Filled in as a worship leader for Pastor Scott sporadically through the year.
- Led worship weekly for Rooted Youth Ministry.
- Served on the worship team.

Elim Fellowship

Attended some local Elim Fellowship Meetings & the Elim Fellowship Oasis Conference in May.