

SAINT CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Annual Report 2011

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AGENDA

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church
Sunday, February 5, 2012

Call to Order and Opening Prayer	Donald R. Frampton, Moderator
Declaration of Quorum and Statement of Business	Walter Becker, Clerk of the Session
Distribution of Church Annual Report	
Presentation of 2012 Church Budget	Harrison Frampton, Chair, Finance
Election of Nominating Committee	Donald R. Frampton
<i>Walter Becker, Chair</i> <i>Renee Peck</i> <i>Wendi Adams</i> <i>Jeanie Clinton, PW</i> <i>Jack Hinrichs, Senior Adult</i> <i>Claire Franklin, Youth</i> <i>Sarah Edgecombe, 20/30</i> <i>Don Frampton, ex officio</i>	
Changes in Pastors' Terms of Call	Richard Seelman, Chair, Personnel
Adjournment and Prayer	Kelly W. Hostetler, Vice Moderator

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: John Galbraith

Vice-Chair: Larry Hamric

Bible Adventures

The Children's Sunday School Classes (Kindergarten -3rd Grade) continued with the Workshop Rotation Method. Throughout the year the students learned significant stories in the Old and New Testaments through rotations in art, storytelling, drama, recreation, and cooking. Since the children study the same story for 3 to 4 weeks, they receive a complete understanding of its significance and internalize its meaning in their lives.

Challenger Class

The Challenger Class (4th & 5th Grades), continues to have a strong presence. In October, eleven students attended a weekend retreat to Ticfaw State Park where the theme was "Building Christian Character." This year we focused on how to study the Bible and what it means to be a Presbyterian. They also participated in community service by raising funds and shopping for White Gift students, and raising money for Second Harvest Food Bank through Souper Bowl of Caring. In the spring, twelve 4th Graders received Bibles from the church.

Pre-schoolers

Pre-school aged children, starting at age 3, continued to attend their own Sunday School class and were offered childcare during worship. A combination of paid sitters, church members and youth helpers provided childcare for pre-schoolers, toddlers and infants during services.

Vacation Bible School

VBS was held the last week in May with the theme, "Shake it Up Café." There were 85 participants and 36 youth counselors. Favorites included a climbing wall and snowball stand. Special thanks to Caty Flower and Staci Sundmaker for serving as volunteer directors.

LIGHT house

The Wednesday afternoon program for children in Grades K – 5 continued this year. We met from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for Bible study, choirs and dinner. Students are divided into two groups, K – 1st Grade and 2nd – 5th Grade. Last year the students prepared a Christmas performance and went on field trips including visiting the Audubon Park labyrinth. Due to the renovations, in the fall LIGHThouse continued without the dinner portion. Participation was limited to 2nd – 5th Grade students. Jessica Bachmann and Beth Hassinger were incredible leaders of these groups.

Nursery School

The Nursery School continued to offer weekday programs for 100 children under the leadership of Director, Keflyn Fransen. Summer and other camps were organized throughout the year.

Adult Sunday School

2011 featured a rich collection of adult education opportunities. In the spring the core, Bible Exploration Class (BEC) finished a study of Mark then moved into a ten-week study of the book of Romans. In May, all Adult Education classes united in enjoying Selley Series speaker, Dr. David Petersen, on Sunday, May 1st. In the fall, BEC launched a very active study of Revelation and in December joined the "Worship as Evangelism" class. In addition to the BEC classe and "Worship as Evangelism" class, opportunities were also offered in "Theology for Presbyterians" as well as a study of "Christianity and Science". The Lupberger Lecture Series in the fall featured Dr. Bill Brown over the weekend of November 5-6.

40/50 Group

The 40/50 group enjoyed two organized activities in the fall. In October the group attended Ogden After Hours for a reception, dinner and live music. December saw the 2nd Annual Progressive Dinner party which was attended by 45 people. Thank you Shannon and Eric Holtzman, Jeannie and Robbie Stickney and Sara and Bob Warren for opening their homes.

Summer Sundays

During the summer months, the church offers one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. This year's topic was "Mountains and Seas." The children were invited each week during the service to learn about stories that related to mountains and water.

Respectfully submitted,
John Galbraith, 2011 Chair

COMMUNITY MINISTRY COMMITTEE (CMC)

Chair: Pat Rosamond

Vice-Chair: Megan Guy

Introduction

In 2011 SCAPC and the Community Ministry Committee helped many families, adults and children in need. Jesus asked us to be His disciples and we are fulfilling this by supporting 17 agencies with our money and our talents. As a church and a committee, we have helped the hungry and homeless, those who needed medical treatment and brought the gospel of Christ to campuses. Our money has helped those who desperately want a good education and others to finish their education, while building houses for those in need of shelter and helping others being sheltered. Disadvantaged children have learned to read and others taught a trade so they no longer have to live on the streets. These are all vital contributions that our city needed and that this congregation funded in 2011 with a budget of \$164, 669.

Supported Ministries

Carrollton United

CMC Coordinators: Mary DeWitt Dukes & Dave White

Carrollton United is a collaborative of community organizations working toward improving the physical, emotional, mental, financial and spiritual health of Carrollton residents in the area defined by I-10 to the river and Broadway to the Jefferson Parish line. Its primary objective is to improve the health outcomes of every Carrollton resident by creating a healthy community.

Connect Missions

CMC Coordinator: Kelly Hostetler

Connect Missions is a cross-cultural missions ministry focused on university students, with a strong commitment to supporting the church, as it brings people into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Over 180 students on five university campuses worked with and benefited from the ministry this year. SCAPC activities in support of Connect Missions in 2011 included: providing financial support, providing building space for college and leadership training activities, providing building space for a fundraising event and providing SCAPC volunteers for the affiliated homeless ministry.

Covenant Presbyterian Urban Ministries Institute

CMC Coordinators: Lindsay Hamm & Kelly Hostetler

This year, Covenant Presbyterian Urban Ministries Institute (CPUMI) took steps to turn over its board, re-evaluate the success of its mission, and assess its goals in light of its financial situation. The board let go two part-time employees (with generous severance) and essentially stopped the ministries current functions in late 2011. The board then did some visioning and returned to the original mission of CPUMI, that of training individuals to do ministry in the inner city. Currently, the board envisions a Young Adult Volunteer through the PC(USA) to receive training in Central City, utilizing many CPUMI contacts and resources, to help the community and the individual in discerning God's leading. At this time, SCAPC continues to support CPUMI, as we have been connected to ministry in Central City for over 20 years through Berean Presbyterian Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church. We expect to continue to partner with CPUMI, and support this period of re-visioning.

Crescent City Café

CMC Coordinator: Leon Hinson

In 2011, the Crescent City Café served 931 meals and provided more than 350 opportunities for young adults to volunteer for our community and connect with the issue of homelessness. The Café sought partnerships with other community organizations, including volunteers from Grow Dat, a farm that employs high school age youth, which provided produce to the Café. In December, the Café won the National GOOD+Brookside Foods Giving Back Challenge and a \$5,000 prize. The Café is pursuing ways to expand in 2012.

General Equivalency Diploma

CMC Coordinator: Ann Van Horn

General Equivalency Diploma (GED) provides class four days a week for adults seeking their high school equivalency certificate. The program enrolled 16 students in 2011; four students graduated in the school calendar year. Our church provides the program with physical facilities, financial support and one SCAPC volunteer tutor. Church support for GED in 2011 included providing salaries for two instructors and providing school supplies.

J.W. Johnson School

CMC Coordinator: Frieda McGregor

In our commitment to building communities, James Weldon Johnson is a RSD school located near the neighborhood of our RHINO-built Ferry Place. SCAPC members volunteer with the community garden, field trips, tutoring, and renovations of school facilities. Additionally, we have assisted the school in obtaining the services of a PC-USA Young Adult Volunteer, who helps coordinate activities for the school and the community garden.

Ministry of Hope at First Presbyterian Church

CMC Coordinator: Dale Curry

During 2011 the Ministry of Hope served 60 to 100 homeless people weekly. This joint mission of seven Presbyterian churches in greater New Orleans prepared lunches, served coffee and doughnuts, and offered clothing, vouchers for sleeping at the Salvation Army, toiletries and bus tokens. Also available was information about housing and jobs. SCAPC provides major funding and the talents of our dedicated weekly volunteers.

New Orleans Mission

CMC Coordinator: Bob Cannon & Mary Dawn Pugh

Founded in 1989, the New Orleans Mission is one of the principal providers for homeless individuals in the city. It provides free shelter, food, clothing, job training, adult education, substance rehabilitation and abuse rehabilitation for those in need. In 2011 the mission made available more than 45,000 showers and emergency shelter beds for up to 150 men and women per night. It served more than 100,000 meals, distributed clothing and groceries, sponsored a free health clinic each week and provided rehabilitation for 50 men. SCAPC's support in 2011 included funding to partially offset operating costs of facilities, and helping prepare and serve lunch each Thursday at noon.

Raintree Services

CMC Coordinator: Kathy Randall

Raintree is a social service agency giving hope to abandoned, abused or neglected children through group housing, single family foster care, and developmental disabilities case management. SCAPC provides funding and participation on the Board of Directors. In 2011 we sponsored tutoring for summer enrichment and grade level maintenance for teenagers, gave gift cards for foster family food supplements through the White Gift offering, adopted individual children to provide clothing and personal needs, and replaced a dishwasher in the kitchen of Raintree House. Four interactive visits were made on-site including a Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Reconcile New Orleans

CMC Coordinator: Walter Harris, Jr.

Reconcile New Orleans (RNO) transforms the lives of young adults and the community through the ministry of reconciliation. It accomplishes this by encouraging personal growth; providing workforce development training; promoting entrepreneurship; and working with businesses, nonprofits, and people of faith to support the transformation. Reconcile experienced tremendous growth this past year. It enrolled 157 students in its various programs and graduated 98, by far, the largest number ever. Reconcile also began the \$6 million expansion and renovation of its historic five-story facility. When finished in November 2012, the new facility will enable RNO to provide a range of new and improved services to its students, their families, and their Central City neighbors, and it will also provide new revenue generating platforms to support program growth. RNO's dynamic executive director recently announced her resignation from the position. RNO hopes to quickly fill the position with someone equally as caring and talented. SCAPC activities in 2011 included providing funds to assist in adding two new program staff positions, enabling RNO to provide more extensive and focused support to its students and graduates, and attending various Reconcile functions

Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans

CMC Coordinators: Patrick Egan & Avery Strada

Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans (RHINO) provides meaningful service opportunities for out-of-town volunteers. We work principally with Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Orleans to help build homes for displaced and first-time owners. RHINO has built 24 homes, most of them in the West Carrollton (Pension Town) and Hollygrove areas, and has worked on others in the upper ninth ward. Since 2005 more than 4,000 volunteers from across the nation have come—many of them several times—to serve this unique SCAPC ministry to the community. SCAPC activities in 2011 included providing leadership for RHINO, hosting volunteers for dinner Thursday evenings, serving as city tour guides, joining on-site volunteers for special work days, preparing snacks for the workers and a new component, Camp RHINO, for teens has been planned for summer 2012.

Sojourner Truth Academy

CMC Coordinator: Sybil Favrot

Sojourner Truth Academy (STA) has sought to empower and equip students to become scholar-leaders using college preparation and social justice activism to strengthen and rebuild their communities. The year has been spent trying to give added support and guidance to our new Principal as the school's problems were faced.

St. Thomas Clinic

CMC Coordinator: Charlie King

The clinic not only is expanding into new facilities, more than doubling its size, it has also established a relationship with Café Reconcile. This new connection will allow for cross training of youth within the community. Both the facility expansion, as well as the Reconcile connection will produce greater benefits for the community.

Start The Adventure In Reading

CMC Coordinator: Mary Lou O'Keefe

Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR) is a children's literacy program that provides free one-on-one after school tutoring in reading and language skills to at-risk public elementary school students and literacy support to family members. STAIR is led by a strong all-volunteer Board of Directors and Advisory Council, staffed by qualified literacy administrators, and endowed with a volunteer force of more than 350 trained community individuals. SCAPC members serve as tutors, site directors, Board members, Advisory Council members, and donors.

Uptown Shepherd's Center

CMC Coordinator: Ann Van Horn

The Uptown Shepherd's Center (USC) operates a senior day center serving a group of about 130 multi-ethnic seniors each week. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life for its members and maximize independence by learning new skills and sharing with others. Activities include: exercise, Spanish, Tai Chi, poetry, sewing/quilting/knitting, music, Bible study, board games, drama class and citywide performance, speaker forums on health and medical care, LSU nursing student monthly blood pressure checks and Loyola SMILE student volunteer led activities. SCAPC activities in 2011 included serving on the Board and Board meeting attendance, volunteer hours from three SCAPC members and providing funds to sustain the center.

Victories in Service, Inc.

CMC Coordinator: John Martin

Victories in Service had an incredibly eventful year in 2011. Most significant was the move into Langston Hughes Charter School which allowed the program to serve 100 plus K-4th Graders. This is in addition to 30-50 K-4 Grade students at Samuel Green Charter School. The program is after school and features academics, character development, and sports (baseball and track).

White Gift

CMC Coordinator: Sarah Edgecombe

SCAPC's White Gift program gives members the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts to children served by our many partner agencies. In 2011, SCAPC members gave gifts to over 150 children and donated gift cards to 30 additional families.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Rosamond, 2011 Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Chair: Beth Edwards

Vice-Chair: Jim Hobden

Overview

The Congregational Care Committee provides care and support for members of the congregation experiencing emotional, physical or spiritual difficulties, assisting the clergy when possible.

Ministries

Pantry Ministry

The Congregational Care Committee sponsored two meal drives, providing containers/ recipes for members to use in preparing the meals, and collecting them to store in the church freezers. The meals are delivered by Congregational Care members to those who have endured a hospital stay, long-term illness, new baby, unexpected crisis, transition or death. In the spring, 31 meals were collected and used in deliveries; in the fall, 37 meals were collected and are currently being drawn upon for care opportunities.

Correspondence

Roney Morton continued to write notes to our members for all occasions. Ann Van Horn and April Weiser sent birthday cards to SCAPC senior adult members. In 2012, all Congregational Care Committee members are participating in sending birthday cards to seniors.

Baptismal Cloth Samplers

The Baptismal Cloth sampler project is headed by Judith Halverson, with help from Jennie Steele, Carol Pointer, Michele Murphy, Betty Founds, Allison Flanagan and Wendi Adams. The committee hand-stitches a sampler cloth for every child baptized at SCAPC under 5 years of age. The sampler cloth is inscribed with the child's name and date of baptism. The pastors acknowledge the project when presenting the cloth to the family, during the worship service.

Blood Drive

The blood drive was not held this year due to space limitations from the church renovation and the illness of Gail Lemarie, who chaired the project for countless years. The goal is for the blood drive return in 2012.

Presbyterian Campus Fellowship

Our ministry to college students continues under the leadership of Kelly Hostetler. Candy Ulmer Cranch coordinated weekly Sunday meals for 10-12 students, following the worship service on Sunday nights.

Caring for the Home Bound

Committee members assisted the pastors in regular visits to SCAPC members in the hospital and nursing homes. Committee members also delivered meals, made phone calls, sent notes and helped deliver holiday gift baskets. These Easter and Christmas treats were delivered to Lambeth House and Poydras Home residents with a short visit and expression of care.

Flowers

Mayson Buffington continues to deliver flower arrangements after worship services to Poydras Home and Lambeth House.

Online Daily Devotional

This project, which started in response to the Long Range Plan recommendations, provides a daily devotional, scripture and prayer to the email inbox of everyone who registers online. In July, 2011, when the project began, approximately 70 people signed up. In December 2011, approximately 210 people subscribed. While many are SCAPC members, there are a significant number of people registered who are from other churches and cities around the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Edwards, Chair 2011

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Chair: Kate Hoffman
Vice-Chair: Bob Weaver

Special Events

March

Because of church calendar conflicts the Holy Smokes BBQ Cook-Off was postponed. The 40/50 Group sponsored the BBQ in the fall instead.

April

Thanks to Michelle Baker for bringing back the annual Tennis Tournament! Much fun was had by all at the Audubon Tennis Courts.

May

Thanks to Beth Kohnke and her team for hosting the annual Jazz Brunch in Fellowship Hall serenaded by Peggy Crain and Russell Steele with his wonderful jazz band. Broadway Night was enjoyed by all thanks to Steven Blackmon and, again, the wonderful Peggy Crain.

September

The bi-annual September Arts Spectacle (SAS) art show was postponed this year due to the renovation construction.

November

Thanks to Price Lanier for a wonderful job on the annual Golf Tournament at the Audubon Golf Course!

December

The annual White Gift Sunday Brunch Christmas Sing-Along w/Santa was canceled due to construction.

Supper Clubs

Supper Clubs continue to be a popular activity at SCAPC with 88 participants in 8 groups during the fall.

WNO Speaker Series

The Speaker Series was canceled for the 2011 spring due to low attendance during 2010. No speakers were scheduled for the fall since construction was anticipated to start in September through October 2011.

Miscellaneous

Congregational Life was happy to host a reception honoring Steven Blackmon's 25 years of service at SCAPC. We also hosted a farewell reception for RHINO coordinator Kate Snider, and helped Worship & Music at the annual Heritage Day reception in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks!

As always, many thanks to our sextons, Terry Patterson, Donald Jefferson and Tyronne Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Hoffman, 2011 Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Tom Allen

Vice-Chair: Harrison Frampton

Overview

The church was able to generate an operating surplus again in 2011. Total receipts were 98% of budgeted revenues, reflecting record pledge receipts of \$213,000 in the month of December, but slightly lower-than-expected non-pledge collections. Total operating expenses were kept at 97% of budget through prudent expense management, with the result being a \$35,000 surplus for the year. Actual benevolence spending (excluding RHINO) was 15% of total revenues, which was slightly below our budgeted goal of 16% of total revenues.

The church continued to maintain a strong balance sheet with a healthy cash position. An independent review of the financial activities of the church in 2010 was performed by Postlethwaite & Netterville, and no material discrepancies were found.

RHINO Funds

The RHINO program had another successful year as it moved closer to maintaining self-sufficiency. During 2011, RHINO received over \$111,000 to continue its projects with the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity. By the end of the year, RHINO had received nearly \$1.8 million in contributions since its inception in the Fall of 2005 and had donated \$600,000 to Habitat for Humanity during the same period.

Visionary Fund

As has been customary, the Visionary Fund provided significant support for the operations of the church in 2011. Approximately \$240,000 was drawn from the Visionary Fund to support benevolences, Christian Education, missions, property maintenance, library, scholarships, pastoral housing and employee benefits. Total donations to the Visionary Fund in 2011 were \$23,000. In spite of withdrawing nearly \$400,000 in 2010 for property maintenance and a lackluster performance by the stock market in 2011, the overall Visionary Fund investment portfolio value had decreased by only 7% by the end of 2011 due to the Finance Committee's balanced portfolio strategy.

Forward Together! Capital Campaign and Renovation

Chaired by Louellen Berger and Michael Bell, the Forward Together! Capital Campaign exceeded its goal by receiving pledges for over \$4.25 million toward our ongoing renovation. By the end of 2011, we had received over \$1.875 million in payments on these pledges and had spent nearly \$450,000 on the renovation project. In order to complete the renovation in the Fall of 2012, the church established a line of credit with Capital One Bank to cover cash needs in the event total pledge receipts lag behind the total cost of the renovation.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Thomas Allen, 2011 Chair

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OPERATING ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	2010 ACTUAL	2011 ACTUAL	2011 BUDGET	2011 VARIANCE	2012 BUDGET
RECEIPTS					
Pledge Payments	\$1,242,533	\$1,241,655	\$1,258,000	(\$16,345)	\$1,284,000
Prior Year Pledge Payments	22,540	18,536	20,000	(1,464)	20,000
Members without Pledges	38,409	37,952	41,629	(3,677)	38,000
Visitor and Loose Plate Collections	67,247	65,474	65,000	474	65,000
Subtotal--Donation Revenues	\$1,370,730	\$1,363,616	\$1,384,629	(\$21,013)	\$1,407,000
Visionary Fund Operating Draw	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	160,000
Visionary Fund Pastoral Housing Draw	29,493	29,766	29,766	0	31,843
Visionary Fund Employee Benefits Draw	36,507	32,972	33,444	(472)	40,627
Wedding Revenues (Net)	15,901	13,976	12,000	1,976	12,000
Other Budgeted Misc. Revenue (Net)	4,081			0	
Campus Ministry Revenue	10,948	9,403	10,443	(1,040)	10,443
Interest Income (Net of Fees)	(3,143)	(1,035)	0	(1,035)	0
Total Receipts	\$1,614,516	\$1,598,699	\$1,620,282	(\$21,583)	\$1,661,913
DISBURSEMENTS					
Benevolences:					
Presbytery Tax	(12,831)	(24,452)	(24,452)	(0)	(28,840)
Greater Church	(58,390)	(35,670)	(35,670)	0	(35,403)
Seminary Support	(7,300)	(2,300)	(2,300)	0	(2,300)
Local Projects-Community Ministry	(166,929)	(160,567)	(164,669)	4,102	(167,061)
Missions	(6,975)	(7,491)	(7,500)	9	(9,414)
Total Benevolences	(252,425)	(230,480)	(234,591)	4,111	(243,018)
Adult Christian Ed	(2,486)	(1,955)	(5,800)	3,845	(2,800)
Children's Christian Ed	(14,548)	(13,198)	(16,755)	3,557	(14,086)
Youth & Young Adults Christian Ed	(10,919)	(18,193)	(20,617)	2,424	(23,850)
Speaker Series	(2,000)	(1,641)	(2,000)	359	(2,000)
Congregational Care (incl Campus Ministry)	(13,363)	(8,558)	(13,495)	4,937	(13,495)
Congregational Life	(20,450)	(15,182)	(22,384)	7,202	(13,480)
Property	(269,986)	(251,620)	(268,824)	17,204	(271,526)
Membership	(1,186)	(378)	(2,000)	1,622	(2,000)
Music	(65,519)	(68,225)	(68,225)	0	(67,622)
Personnel	(861,610)	(891,129)	(895,000)	3,871	(936,000)
Member Involvement	(2,720)	(3,165)	(2,750)	(415)	(7,150)
Stewardship	(656)	(366)	(800)	434	(800)
Worship	(3,475)	(3,106)	(4,200)	1,094	(3,700)
Office	(68,274)	(56,910)	(62,341)	5,431	(60,386)
Visionary Fund	(227)	0	(500)	500	0
Total Expenses	(\$1,589,843)	(\$1,564,107)	(\$1,620,282)	\$56,175	(\$1,661,913)
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$24,673	\$34,592	\$0	\$34,592	\$0

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**OPERATING ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
ASSETS					
Cash & Equivalents	\$853,741	\$670,557	\$440,957	\$431,495	\$1,539,797
Deposits in Transit and Acc Receivable	\$81,963	\$73,422	\$99,208	\$100,933	\$152,839
Due from Visionary Fund	\$121,006	\$146,948	\$312,464	\$351,699	\$563,402
Other Assets	\$15,397	\$12,382	\$16,482	\$12,382	\$13,991
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,072,107	\$903,309	\$869,110	\$896,508	\$2,270,029
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$4,317	\$6,861	\$1,317	\$10,261	\$13,677
Accrued Liabilities	\$10,336	\$11,877	\$15,192	\$15,428	\$18,962
Deferred prepaid pledges received	\$213,450	\$235,573	\$214,105	\$229,369	\$191,276
Other Deposits received	\$3,812	\$2,500	\$4,600	\$8,500	\$8,500
Temporary Gifts & Memorials	\$200,555	\$25,774	\$18,323	\$16,796	\$3,915
Total Current Liabilities	\$432,470	\$282,585	\$253,537	\$280,353	\$236,329
Gifts & Memorials					
Unrestricted Gifts & Memorials	\$10,314	\$12,374	\$9,212	\$10,073	\$12,610
Restricted Gifts & Memorials	\$62,413	\$71,053	\$72,574	\$65,069	\$59,461
RHINO Fund	\$232,903	\$212,965	\$153,934	\$155,316	\$132,439
Total Gifts & Memorials	\$305,630	\$296,392	\$235,720	\$230,458	\$204,509
Other Liabilities					
Renovation Fund	\$0		\$5,000	\$61,792	\$1,620,045
Reserve for Major Maintenance (PPRSM)	\$14,869	\$3,279	\$25,000	\$11,000	\$15,000
Bank Loans Payable	\$0				
Total Other Liabilities	\$14,869	\$3,279	\$30,000	\$72,792	\$1,635,045
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$752,970	\$582,255	\$519,257	\$583,603	\$2,075,883
CAPITAL					
Prior Year Surplus	\$319,137	\$321,053	\$349,854	\$312,905	\$194,146
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$1,072,107	\$903,309	\$869,110	\$896,508	\$2,270,029

UNBUDGETED FUNDS SUMMARY

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Sources of Unbudgeted Funds					
Funds from Gifts & Memorials	720,013	265,359	262,887	254,994	227,532
Funds from Property Maintenance Reserve	401,737	47,535	3,279	43,730	
Funds from Prior Year Surplus	81,500	485	58,192	61,622	150,852
Funds from Capital Campaign Pledges					251,021
Funds from Nursery School				18,388	1,800
Funds from Visionary Fund				378,161	
Total Sources of Unbudgeted Funds	\$1,203,250	\$313,379	\$324,358	\$756,894	\$631,204
Uses of Unbudgeted Funds					
Gifts & Memorials Expenses	(31,524)	(33,245)	(73,450)	(92,799)	(79,295)
RHINO expenses	(\$688,489)	(\$232,113)	(\$189,437)	(162,195)	(150,036)
Renovation Expenses	(\$435,459)		(37,682)	(40,622)	(368,763)
Audit/Review Expenses	(\$12,500)		(\$8,000)		
Other Capital Expenditures	(\$35,278)	(48,021)	(\$15,790)	(461,278)	(33,109)
Total Uses of Unbudgeted Funds	(\$1,203,250)	(\$313,379)	(\$324,359)	(\$756,894)	(\$631,204)

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RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans)	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Beginning RHINO Fund	\$495,357	\$232,903	\$212,965	\$153,934	\$155,316
RHINO Receipts--Undivided	\$426,036				
RHINO Receipts--Current Year Fees		\$41,894	\$87,291	\$84,187	\$91,588
RHINO Receipts--Donations		\$170,281	\$43,116	\$79,390	\$19,521
Total RHINO Receipts--Current Year	\$426,036	\$212,175	\$130,406	\$163,577	\$111,109
RHINO Expenses--Undivided	(\$175,989)				
RHINO Expenses--Lodging		(\$40,689)	(\$122,268)	(\$110,344)	(\$97,277)
RHINO Expenses--Projects	(\$512,500)	(\$87,500)			
RHINO Expenses--Staff		(\$103,924)	(\$53,209)	(\$44,800)	(\$39,581)
RHINO Expenses--Food, Supplies			(\$13,960)	(\$7,052)	(\$13,179)
Total RHINO Expenses--Current Year	(\$688,489)	(\$232,114)	(\$189,437)	(\$162,195)	(\$150,036)
Net Surplus (Deficit)--Current Year	(\$262,454)	(\$19,938)	(\$59,031)	\$1,382	(\$38,927)
RHINO Receipts--Future Year Bookings					\$16,050
Ending RHINO Fund	\$232,903	\$212,965	\$153,934	\$155,316	\$132,439

FORWARD TOGETHER! Capital Campaign and Renovation	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Beginning Renovation Fund Balance	\$0	\$5,000	\$61,792
Receipts			
Pledge payments received	\$5,000	\$56,792	\$1,813,470
Drawn from Prior Year Surplus	\$37,682	\$40,622	\$117,743
Other income/transaction fees			(\$4,196)
NET RECEIPTS	\$42,682	\$97,414	\$1,927,016
Expenses			
Contractual Hard Costs (Construction Contract)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual Soft Costs:			
Architectural Fees	\$21,907	\$31,096	\$227,665
Consultant Fees (Engineering, Acoustical, etc.)	\$15,775		\$49,357
Other Consultants, Miscellaneous		\$26	\$5,378
Total Contractual Soft Costs	\$37,682	\$31,122	\$282,400
Other Soft Costs (Windows, Furniture, Legal, etc.)		\$9,500	\$75,089
Additional Project Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$11,275
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,682	\$40,622	\$368,763
Net Project Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,000	\$56,792	\$1,558,253
Loan Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Loan Repayments	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ending Renovation Fund Balance	\$5,000	\$61,792	\$1,620,045

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VISIONARY FUND	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>					
Cash--Money Market Fund	228,300	504,235	250,065	109,337	109,348
Investments at Market Value	4,626,623	3,563,931	4,640,871	4,946,101	4,816,093
Due From (To) Church Operating Acct	(121,006)	(146,948)	(312,464)	(351,699)	(563,402)
Net Fund Assets	<u>\$4,733,916</u>	<u>\$3,921,217</u>	<u>\$4,578,472</u>	<u>\$4,703,740</u>	<u>\$4,362,039</u>
<u>NET FUNDS</u>					
Unrestricted Fund	\$466,130	\$568,814	\$697,655	\$757,641	\$702,821
Benevolences Fund	\$861,120	\$642,290	\$742,981	\$793,859	\$736,240
Missions Fund	\$125,311	\$93,464	\$108,011	\$116,523	\$108,066
Seminary Support Fund	\$47,533	\$35,453	\$40,971	\$43,776	\$40,599
Counseling Fund	\$12,031	\$8,974	\$10,370	\$11,080	\$10,276
Favrot Fund	\$229,328	\$171,045	\$197,787	\$211,331	\$195,993
Christian Education Fund	\$67,679	\$51,710	\$59,964	\$68,267	\$63,410
Flowers Fund	\$18,329	\$13,670	\$15,798	\$16,880	\$15,655
Music Fund	\$46,382	\$34,594	\$39,978	\$42,716	\$39,615
Speakers Fund	\$46,428	\$34,628	\$40,018	\$42,758	\$39,655
Property Fund	\$196,540	\$146,789	\$169,635	\$189,240	\$175,505
Meier Campus Ministry Fund	\$59,540	\$44,408	\$51,320	\$54,834	\$50,854
Maddox Property Maintenance Fund	\$1,124,615	\$838,798	\$969,347	\$1,016,134	\$942,383
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$127,819	\$89,347	\$108,178	\$112,934	\$109,771
Trustees' Discretionary Fund	\$36,634	\$29,100	\$35,181	\$38,153	\$37,084
Reddoch Scholarship Fund	\$29,135	\$21,078	\$25,036	\$27,945	\$26,676
Turfitt Scholarship Fund	\$130,191	\$103,454	\$125,319	\$134,355	\$125,246
Phifer Library Fund	\$33,144	\$24,599	\$27,562	\$29,602	\$27,588
Employee Benefits Fund	\$209,671	\$139,220	\$112,367	\$70,366	\$23,402
Pastoral Housing Fund	\$843,799	\$641,723	\$742,694	\$796,068	\$744,842
Lupberger Theological Fund	\$11,776	\$17,298	\$29,615	\$42,733	\$49,840
Peirce-Geiser Fund	\$10,780	\$11,899	\$36,338	\$44,903	\$56,044
Evans Property Maintenance Fund		\$158,865	\$192,348	\$41,641	\$40,475
Total All Funds	<u>\$4,733,916</u>	<u>\$3,921,217</u>	<u>\$4,578,472</u>	<u>\$4,703,740</u>	<u>\$4,362,039</u>
<u>EARNINGS--YEAR TO DATE</u>					
Beginning Asset Balances	\$4,602,681	\$4,733,917	\$3,921,218	\$4,578,473	\$4,703,740
Realized Investment Income	120,500	167,028	162,757	135,387	83,979
Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	88,659	(462,894)	(349,465)	86,932	199,429
Contributions Received	74,160	494,662	62,428	285,057	23,030
Draw for Church Operations	(139,000)	(160,000)	(148,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)
Draw for Employee Benefits & Pension	(29,822)	(34,453)	(46,463)	(49,351)	(46,290)
Draw for Pastoral Housing	(34,302)	(35,914)	(28,315)	(29,493)	(29,766)
Other Distributions Made	(2,092)	(20,237)	(5,165)	(436,200)	(8,676)
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	53,133	(760,891)	1,009,478	282,935	(413,406)
Ending Asset Balances	<u>\$4,733,917</u>	<u>\$3,921,218</u>	<u>\$4,578,473</u>	<u>\$4,703,740</u>	<u>\$4,362,039</u>

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

(formerly Leadership Development Committee)

Chair: Lynn Hoffman

Vice-Chair: Aimée! Bell

Nominating Committee

The Member Involvement Committee prepared a slate of candidates for the 2011 Nominating Committee to select the new elder class of 2014, which was then elected by the congregation. The Nominating Committee was composed of one member from each elder class (2011, 2012 and 2013), one Presbyterian Women's representative, one 20/30 group representative and one youth representative. The chair was Lynn Hoffman and the members were: Mike O'Keefe, Walter Becker, Hallie Boh, Bonnie Shoemaker, Jenny Bruggers and Hallie Brown. The Nominating Committee developed a slate of seventeen elder nominees. The slate was elected by a unanimous vote at a congregational meeting held on May 15, 2011.

Class of 2014 Elder Training

The Chair of Member Involvement assisted the pastors with the class of 2014 elder training. The chair taught Church History – from Resurrection to the Present, the First 2000 Years. The new elders were examined by the session on Monday, November 21, 2011, and gave their faith journeys. The session confirmed all members of the Class of 2014. All new elders were ordained and installed on December 4, 2011.

Session Retreat

The chair worked with the 2012 Member Involvement Chair and the pastors to organize and plan the Annual Elder Retreat for the classes of 2012, 2013 and 2014. The retreat will be held on January 27 & 28, 2012, at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Robert, LA. The 2012 chair prepared registration forms for the session members to fill out regarding who will attend the meeting Friday night, as well as committee members (not on the session) who will attend on Saturday, to set goals for the 2012 year.

Presbytery Meeting Commissioners

The Member Involvement Committee coordinated getting session members to volunteer as commissioners for the three regular and called meetings of the Presbytery of South Louisiana.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Hoffman, 2011 chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Margaret Ann Lindsey

Vice-Chair: Gwen Wertz

2011 was a record year with regard to our church receiving 100 new members – more than in any other year! A growing and participating membership is important for the life of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. The transfusion of new energy, talents and interests will enhance the outreach of the church in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Membership Committee is responsible for welcoming visitors, determining their interests and recruiting a navigator for new members. If not for the Friendship Pad and suggestions by members, the committee would be limited in its efforts. Visitors receive personal letters from the pastors and from members of the committee. Someone on the committee calls visitors who provide a phone number.

New members choose SCAPC because of the quality of preaching, the marvelous music program, the opportunities for Christian outreach and the friendliness of the congregation. After joining, they attend an orientation at which chairs of Session committees explain the responsibilities of their committees. New members are encouraged to attend a “Presbyterian 101” class taught by one of our pastors. Many church members have generously opened their homes for “New Member Brunches.” The entire congregation has an opportunity to meet new members at an annual reception.

Those on the Membership Committee have enthusiastically given their time and talents during 2011; WE ARE A TEAM. Our work, however, would be in vain were it not for the support of our pastors, our staff, the Session and members of the congregation. We are grateful for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Ann Lindsey, 2011 Chair

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Richard Seelman

Vice-Chair: Robert Hassinger

Kelly Hostetler's Upcoming Sabbatical

The Personnel Committee granted approval for Kelly to take a sabbatical during the summer of 2012. This sabbatical leave was part of Kelly's original terms of call when she came to SCAPC. The Committee has been working with Don to make sure Kelly's normal job duties are fully covered during her sabbatical.

New Personnel

SCAPC welcomed Avery Strada as the new RHINO Project Manager during 2011. Avery quickly transitioned into her position, and RHINO and SCAPC have benefitted from her arrival.

Staff Interviews

During November and December, members of the Personnel Committee met with all staff members on an individual basis to discuss their job duties and level of satisfaction with their work at the church, as well as to hear any work-related problems or concerns they might have. The Personnel Committee was pleased to find that there was a very high overall level of job satisfaction among the staff, and the Committee members repeatedly heard about the collegial atmosphere that makes SCAPC a desirable place to work. The Committee let the staff members know how much their work and contributions to the church are appreciated.

Staff Salaries and Benefits

In November, the Personnel Committee worked with Wayne Willcox, Don Frampton and Kelly Hostetler to review proposed staff salaries and benefits for 2012. Once the Personnel Committee's 2012 budget was received from the Finance Committee, staff and pastor salaries and benefits were set for 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Seelman, 2011 Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Chair: Bob Smith

Vice Chair: John Morton IV

Overview

The following accomplishments are the result of hard work and input from committee members.

Sanctuary

- Re-coating of side aisle roofs
- Treatment of bell tower mortar
- New landscaping in front
- New paraments closet built in carillon control room
- Ongoing repair of roof and wall leaks
- New folding chairs and storage racks

Education Building

- Repair of Freight Elevator electrical disconnect
- New audio/visual system in Youth Room
- New doorway in Challenger Classroom
- New coffee bar in Youth Room
- New dishwasher and garbage disposal in Third Floor kitchen
- New cedar fence installed and painted on Eleonore Street side of playground
- On-site storage of all furniture during renovation
- Commencement of demolition for major renovation

Land Building

- Repair clean-out in front yard
- Repair and replace hand rail on Benjamin Street entrance
- Fallen brick wall replaced by new cedar fence; neighbor's pool and decking repaired
- New chain link fence installed in back of patio area
- New landscaping in yard; removal of water oak tree; patio chairs repainted
- Temporary porch gate and balcony canvases installed for Nursery School
- Fire alarm system upgrade
- New air conditioning system for apartment
- On-site storage of furniture during renovation

The Committee wishes to thank the Hard Hats for its assistance as well as the monumental guidance of Wayne Willcox.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Smith, 2011 Property Chair

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Julie Nice
Vice-Chair: Dawn Talbot

As SCAPC has consistently demonstrated its dedication to mission in all its activities, as well as the successful capital campaign in the spring, “The Spirit of Giving” seemed an appropriate theme for the annual stewardship campaign in 2011.

Early in the year, Hallie Boh designed an attractive bookmark that was handed to new members as they joined the church by a member of the Stewardship Committee. The bookmark summarized our four aspirations as members of SCAPC: to hear the Word by attending church services, to listen to the Word in private study and contemplation, to live the Word through volunteer service, and to reflect the Word in the world, through supporting our church with stewardship and welcoming new members. Many new members in 2011 responded by making a pledge.

The success of the spring capital campaign gave us additional enthusiasm for the annual stewardship campaign in October, which culminated in Stewardship Sunday on October 23. Notable this year were presentations by several recipients of SCAPC Community Ministry grants which personalized the impact of our church’s gifts to support many organizations that perform important services in our city. A highlight of the stewardship season was Steven Blackmon’s choral parody of the song, “Mr. Sandman,” with words encouraging the congregation to “Send in your pledge!”

A follow-up phone call drive by 16 volunteer callers served as a gentle reminder for those who had not submitted a formal pledge by early November. Special thanks to Sorrell Lanier for hosting three phoning evenings at Lanier Engineers, and providing soft drinks for all who participated.

As of January 6, 2012, just over \$1.175 million in pledges were received, with the hope that another \$110,000 in pledges will arrive in early 2012. We were glad to receive 36 new pledges in 2011, and increased pledges from 115 households.

I am grateful for the continued support, advice, and help received all year from committee members, Dawn Talbot and Hallie Boh. Additional thanks go to the volunteer phone callers. I also commend Kyle Focht for his design skills in creating this year’s logo, as well as producing all printed materials and mailings for the campaign. Thanks to Steven Blackmon for adding smiles to an otherwise-serious stewardship season with his new pledge song. Wayne Willcox’ sage advice was most welcome, and both Don and Kelly provided much-needed encouragement throughout the year.

With my thanks to all members of the congregation who have shared their gifts of time, money, energy, skill, and love with the church, allow me to close by quoting Paul from 2 Corinthians 9:11: “You will be enriched in every way for great generosity.”

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Nice, 2011 Chair

WORLD MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Michelle Baker

Vice-Chair: Askala Harris

Overview

Charged by the new Long-Range Plan to enhance awareness of and opportunities for global missions, we continued our support of numerous on-going projects, partnerships and missionaries, welcomed two sponsored visitors from Cuba and from the Ukraine, and added two new projects, Living Waters for the World and Child Sponsorship through World Vision, which have generated excitement within the congregation.

Offerings/Disaster response collections

In response to several natural disasters, the WM Committee requested approval of Session to collect several offerings, with proceeds going to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: \$1,500 for the hunger crisis in Somalia, \$3,500 for Tuscaloosa after the devastating tornados, and \$7,000 for aid to Japan after the tsunami. We also collected the annual One Great Hour of Sharing and Christmas Joy offerings sponsored by the PC (USA).

Missionary support

We continued our financial support of Dennis and Maribel Smith, who just pulled up life-long roots in Guatemala and moved to Argentina; Jo-Ella Holman, the new liaison to the Caribbean region, including Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, the Cayman Islands, and the Dominican Republic; and Robert Gamble, the Director of This Child Here, which helps children living on the street by providing food, shelter, psychological support and health care when needed. We were unable to financially support one other missionary pair in 2011 as in the past, but will resume in 2012 the support of Les and Cindy Morgan, who have been working in Bangladesh since 1989. We soon hope to add to the list Inge and Larry Sthresley, who have worked as mission co-workers in the Congo and in Cameroon since 1987, since another missionary couple whom we have supported in the past retired this year.

Special visits

In October, Robert Gamble visited and preached to the congregation about his important mission work in the Ukraine and helped encourage members to sponsor a child through World Vision with our Hope Sunday event (see below). In November, we arranged a visit by Joel Dopico, pastor of Dora Valentin Presbyterian Church in Varadero, Cuba, and Executive Secretary of the Presbytery of Matanzas (one of three presbyteries in Cuba) while he was visiting in the United States. It was inspiring for all who spent time with these special men who are working hard to spread God's word in their part of the world.

Cuba Partnership

In May, a group of SCAPC members traveled to visit our friends and partner church in Cuba. They reported that it was a very enriching trip.

New projects

Child Sponsorship through World Vision

Askala Harris volunteered to lead this one-day event called Hope Sunday which has as its goal to encourage SCAPC members to sponsor a child through the ministry of World Vision International. With publicity and advertising leading up to September 25, Askala and her team staffed the Hope Sunday, essentially a sponsor sign-up day, in which 65 individuals, couples and/or families signed up to sponsor a child (in a few cases, more than one) in need from countries throughout the world. From organization through sponsor sign-up day, this project involved many church members of all ages, including several who were new members of the church.

Living Waters for the World

In January we invited the congregation to a presentation by Jerry Goode from Living Waters for the World, a ministry that trains and equips mission teams to install water purification systems in needy communities. While the group was in Cuba for the mission trip, they saw a Living Waters system in place and took a water sample at another site. Three Mission Committee members, Laura St. Clair, Wes Alden and Ann Van Horn, volunteered to be trained at Clean Water U in Mississippi and then to travel to Cuba to install a new system in May, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Baker, 2011 Chair

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair: Randy Evans
Vice-Chair: Nell Lanier

OVERVIEW OF GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Worship and Music Committee is responsible for providing support to the pastors and minister of music for services of worship.

Communion

Committee duties included preparation of the elements for communion (by committee member Mayson Buffington) and recruitment of elders to distribute the elements. We alternated between the “in pew” style (four times) and the “down front” style (six times). We received kind words about both, and felt it was important to try to maintain a bit of a balance. As communion is such a vital part of Christian worship, special emphasis this year has been placed on better coordination and presentation of communion.

Baptisms

The committee was responsible for obtaining Session approval for baptisms and, at times, assigning an elder sponsor for the family. This year, seventeen baptisms were approved.

Flowers

Committee member Jennie Steele did a wonderful job of coordinating a schedule for floral donations given in honor or memory of loved ones. Special floral arrangements were provided for Palm Sunday, Easter, Heritage Sunday, and Christmas Services. Poinsettias and memorial wreaths decorated the Sanctuary during Advent.

Ushers and Acolytes

Geoff Snodgrass did a great job of coordinating the ushers, expanding the number of usher teams from four to five, and recruiting new ushers. Ann Maier and Michele Murphy acted as acolyte coordinators.

Sanctuary Banners

Two sets of special sanctuary banners were created this year. Donna Davis designed and created Palm Sunday banners, with the assistance of committee members. The banners simulated the waving of palm branches overhead. Second, new Advent Banners were designed and created by award winning artist, Patti Adams. The banners tell the Christmas story in original artwork which incorporates many architectural details from our own beautiful church.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services

A midday worship service was held on Ash Wednesday, with about forty in attendance. The Palm Sunday Service included newly made palm banners, a children’s procession with palms and a special choral service with orchestra under the direction of Steven Blackmon. A Maundy Thursday evening service was held in the sanctuary, with communion. The very powerful Good Friday Service continued to grow in attendance. As usual, the Easter Sunday Services saw every seat filled as the children placed flowers on the cross at the 10:30am Easter service.

Selley Speaker Series

This was held on May 1 with speaker, Dave Peterson.

Summer Sundays

A single, unified service was held at 9:30 a.m., during the summer months.

Heritage Sunday

A special service to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church was held and included kilts, bagpipes and drums. Dave Grissett graciously coordinated this effort. Also during this time, all fifty-year members were honored with a presentation during the service, followed by a reception where music was provided.

Christmas Services

The choir and orchestra, directed by Steven Blackmon, presented the annual "Celebration of Carols" the Sunday before Christmas. As always, two Christmas Eve services were held: a family service at 5 p.m. featuring a youth tableau, a story by Kelly, and a very brief meditation. The 7:00 pm service also had strong attendance and followed the traditional lessons and carols format, with communion served down front.

Other Special Services

Other special worship services included Youth Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, and the Installation and Ordination of elders.

HOT TOPICS

Third Service on Sunday evenings

Although the possibility of a Sunday Evening Service has been discussed by our committee for several years, we began focused research and consideration of such a service after the Long Range Planning Task Force made this recommendation.

Based upon that research we are currently considering the creation of a Sunday Evening Service which would provide an additional opportunity for SCAPC members to attend worship regularly, as well as attract new members. We currently envision the service to be traditional worship, minister led, in the chapel, with music, an offering taken, communion served occasionally, with casual attire, and lasting 45 minutes.

We further created a congregational information sheet on a possible Sunday Evening Service and a congregational survey form. We agreed that we would meet with and obtain feedback from SCAPC groups and committees in January and February of 2012, conduct a survey of the entire congregation in March of 2012, and submit our recommendations to the Session in April of 2012.

Lenten Services

We agreed that the very low attendance at the mid week Lenten Services did not warrant a continuation of these services in 2011, although we agreed to revisit the possibility in several years. We will maintain the Ash Wednesday Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Evans, 2011 Chair

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COMMITTEE

Chair: Kelley McWhirter

Vice-Chair: Matt Hinson

Overview

2011 was the first year for the newly formed Y&YA Committee. Since the groups that fall under the committee's scope already had a full schedule for 2011, little event planning was needed. Our committee was formed and met just before summer. At the meeting, the committee divided into two sub groups, one for the 20/30's and the other for Youth. Discussion involved what our focus would be in the fall, as well as in years to come.

20/30's Group

The main goal this year was to continue our fellowship through numerous activities and find more ways for our group to be of service, possibly implementing more Christian Education for our group.

Education- Lenten Sunday School Series

This spring a 20/30's Sunday School class was held during Lent. The group averaged 8-10 attendees each week. The focus of each class was directed by members of the 20/30's Leadership Team and built off of a video series that consisted of a 10-15 minute message. This class was a positive learning experience for the 20/30's to help in the planning and implementation of similar programs.

Events

Super Bowl Party (Sunday, February 6)

There was no "Repeat Dat" party, but the 2nd Annual Super Bowl Party was a huge success with 20/30's members gathering at the Land Building to enjoy food and football.

Hornets vs Bulls Game (Saturday, February 12)

Annual event at a Hornets game in a box suite, courtesy of Mike Pugh.

Mardi Gras Parade Party (Sunday, March 6)

Hosted by Matt and Kelly Hostetler. Members of the 20/30's group gathered for food, drinks and day parades held near Magazine Street.

Oyster Roast (Saturday, March 19)

Aided as usual by Don Frampton, members of the 20/30's group gathered outside the Land Building for a South Carolina tradition of roasting oysters.

Faith Forward (Tuesday, April 5)

A continuation of our Faith Forward Events, in which members of the local group, Communitas, spoke about the intentional community they have formed.

Crawfish Boil (Saturday, April 16)

This annual event was chaired by Mike Pugh and Bobby Segal.

20/30's Golf Tournament (Sunday, May 15)

Annual outing at Audubon Park Golf Course for 20/30's to tee it up.

Corks & Canvas (Friday, June 24)

A first for the 20/30's where wine and painting are enjoyed by all.

Zephyrs Games (Friday, July 29)

Annual event where the group gathers for baseball and hotdogs.

BBQ Kickoff Event (Saturday, September 10)

20/30's enjoyed the kickoff of the fall schedule of church events and a BBQ.

RHINO Workday (Saturday, October 22)

We spent the morning working with Habitat for Humanity, followed by lunch.

Strike Out Hunger Bowling Night (Tuesday, November 15)

Rock N' Bowl outing this year included a food drive theme as participants brought canned goods to help those in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Christmas Brunch & White Elephant Gift Exchange (Sunday, December 4)

This year's party was hosted by Claudia Shuba and Brad Stillwagon. A collection was taken to benefit the White Christmas Gift Project.

Youth/Young Adults Leader, Andy Fox led the committee by helping with the recruitment of committee members. He also guided the 20/30's leadership team at two scheduling meetings, along with attending and marketing all events during the year.

Youth Ministry

2011 brought a renewed emphasis on growing a strong and vibrant youth ministry. This was accomplished through various Sunday night programs, Youth Sunday, mission trips, service projects, retreats, summer trips, Confirmation, as well as a strong focus on training youth leaders.

Participation in youth ministry has grown consistently in 2011 with the addition of new programming during the fall months including as a kick-off weekend called "SummerFest." We continue to invest heavily in spiritual formation and spiritual disciplines with the hope that we will reap lasting commitments in the faith lives of SCAPC's students.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelley McWhirter, 2011 chair

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