



ANNUAL MEMBERS' REPORT



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WARRANT

Annual Members' Meeting Sunday, June 14, 2020 @ 7:00 PM Via Zoom Video Conference

The following items of business will be transacted:

1. Minutes of the March 10, 2020 Members Meeting - Vote to Approve
2. Recitation of SSBC Membership Covenant
3. New Officers, Committee Members - Vote to Approve
4. Candidates for Elder - Testimonies
5. Candidates for Elder - Vote to Approve
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Annual Budget Fiscal 2021 - Vote to Approve
8. Receive Reports of the Committees of the Church
9. Receive Reports of the Pastoral Staff
10. Comments for the Good of the Church

Minutes from the 3rd Quarterly Business Meeting March 10, 2020

Moderator Daniel Bass convened the Quarterly Business Meeting of March 10, 2020 at 7:35 pm. He opened the meeting in prayer.

Warrant Items:

1. Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Meeting

Daniel asked if there were any comments on the December Business Meeting Minutes as found in the Addendum. Hearing none, he requested a motion be made to accept the Minutes as presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

2. Receive New Members

Pastor Cody Busby presented the following list of names to be considered for church membership: Blair and Rachel Bennett, David and Queila Guimaraes, Harry Mann, Jr., Ken Morgan, Tracy McGarry, Kaileb and Lydia O'Neil, and Ann Stewart. These names were recommended for membership by the Elders.

Daniel opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote, and the motion made by the Elders passed.

3. Recitation of SSBC Membership Covenant

Cody led us in a recitation of the SSBC Membership Covenant.

4. Missions Committee - 2020 Budget for Approval

Associate Pastor Steve Grissom directed our attention to Page 9 in the Addendum for the Proposed Missions Budget. He presented a slideshow similar to what was shown at the December Quarterly Business Meeting, with some small changes. He noted there had been numerous retirements among supported missionaries coming into this year and one retiring in April, an impact of about \$72,000 coming off the budget.

Steve highlighted the New Support section on Page 9, namely Steven Castello (Forest Hills), Ezekiel Wainaina (Kenya), and Dave Comeau (Watertown) as newly supported individuals. He also outlined new support projects, including helping Grace Harbor church plant with building improvements, establishing the Bella Field Funds (administered by S & C), assisting with Ezekiel Wainaina's surgery, and partnering with Simeon Trust.

Steve pointed out that the Prior Year Carryover Supplementing Budget came to a "robust" \$33,781 as a result of generous giving in the month of December. That number plus the total from Faith Promises brings the 2020 Missions Budget to \$352,900.

Steve opened the floor for questions. Hearing none, Daniel called for a vote to accept the Budget as presented. The motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Gardner directed us to Page 11 in the Addendum, where a Financial Summary for 2020 Fiscal Year period May 2019 - January 2020 could be found. Ed explained that he would briefly cover each of the five bullets on this page while referencing the specifics on Page 12. First, on Row 1, Page 12, he pointed out the General Fund year to date Giving was \$722,739 versus the prior year of \$818,467, a difference of \$95,728. Though December was a good month of giving, it did not make up for the slower months earlier in the year. On Row 7, Ed highlighted that the year to date Operating Expenses (without debt service) was about \$56,000 under budget. He said it was not actually 92.9%

of the Budget (Row 10) and it was also higher than it was in Row 7. The significant change there being in January we had an increase in payroll, so the number spiked. In Row 13, he noted the monthly payments toward the Mortgage Debt Service totaled \$46,000 less than the previous year, because of the Capital Campaign and the refinance of the loan. The monthly payments are now on a fixed P&I, which is a much more conventional loan, bringing them down to \$3,174 per month. In January, Ed shared, we applied \$200,000 on Capital Campaign funds to the principal only, allowing the balance of the mortgage to dip to \$292,000. On Rows 15-17, he noted the summary of Giving versus Spending, yielding a year to date deficit of almost \$28,000. He advised that preliminary reports from February show it was a good month of giving which should make up for some of January's deficit.

On Page 14, Ed pointed out a high-level presentation about the various ministries, specifically in the greyed area at the bottom of the page and showing more detail on the following six pages. On Page 14, the third row up from the bottom, Ed noted that 31% of the budget was left to spend this year, meaning we are spending 6% below budget.

Ed opened the floor for questions.

Question: Eldon Abbott had a question about the Environmental Contingency Reserve. He wondered if Ed could give an update on how the bugs were doing out there in the ground.

Answer: Kent Forkner said that after the last report they were making good progress and that there was just one hole left and they were hoping to finalize the project sometime this year. They were able to reduce the mortgage contingency from about \$90,000 to \$60,000 because of this work. Kent clarified that these bugs were sent down into holes in the ground to eat the oil left from the gas station that was on the property.

Question: Ruthann Stiles asked about the ensuing results of two different changes that had occurred this year. First, what was the effect of the loss of giving members who went to the Scituate church plant? Second, with the reduction of mortgage debt, how have we seen funds freed up to do more ministry work?

Answer: Ed answered that in regards to the church plant, at the time they estimated about \$100,000 worth of giving that would be leaving with the plant. On Page 12, he said he was confident that plays into the Row 1, \$95,000 deficit of Giving year to date over last year. The offset to that is that the debt service is down significantly over last year, he said. As far as where the money is going, Ed said he is the wrong one to ask, but that there is money available that would not have been available without the Capital Campaign.

Daniel asked if there were any further questions about the Treasurer's Report. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to be made to accept the Report as written in the Addendum. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

6. Receive Reports of the Committees of the Church

Daniel asked if there were any questions about the Reports of the Committees as presented in the packet. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to be made to receive the Reports of the Committees as written. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

7. Receive Reports of the Pastoral Staff

a) Youth Pastor - Mike McGarry

Cody presented the Youth Pastor Report on Mike's behalf, as he was home with sick kids. He said Mike wanted to share a couple highlights from his report. They recently held a student leadership retreat in January that was fantastic and was paying off in some really

great ways. Also, he just finished teaching a series on Anxiety, which prompted a lot of good discussion among both students and parents.

b) Director of Children's Ministry - Ann Cox

Ann formally welcomed Bethany Sousa as the new Nursery Director, saying she has been doing a great job and recently expressed how warmly she had been welcomed into the position. Ann shared Bethany has a lot of great ideas and a lot of enthusiasm and she is excited to work with her. She reminded us there were still openings to sign up to help in the nursery and with Sunday School and also with the upcoming Easter services.

Ann informed us that she and Bethany were working very hard to keep the Children's Wing clean and germ-free. She reminded us that if our children had any symptoms of illness it would be best to keep them home.

Ann shared that GPS had been going well studying the Names of God, and that there were still volunteer openings in the months of April, May and June. She requested prayer for Sunday School teachers and for the fifth graders who will be moving up in the fall.

She shared that VBS, a Concrete and Cranes theme, will be held July 13-17 this year. She encouraged anyone with construction or painting experience to use this opportunity to serve. She also planned to host a Touch-A-Truck event in June to hopefully register more kids from the community. Finally, Ann reminded us that the Gospel Class would be starting March 20 and there were still spaces to sign up.

c) Associate Pastor - Steve Grissom

Steve opened with a personal prayer request for his oldest daughter Sierra who was looking at colleges and needing to make a decision soon.

Steve shared he is always looking for ways to impact the community in outreach, highlighting the Forgotten Initiative and events around Hingham as the weather starts to improve. The video they had made in February will start to circulate on social media. Steve mentioned that Growth Groups were going well and that a new group in the Abington/Whitman area had just kicked off with about twenty people in attendance. Future meetings for this group will be held at Dan and Nicole Feeney's home in Whitman.

Steve pointed out that the Connections ministry had a need for people to work the Welcome Desk and serve as ushers and greeters. Email Steve if you are interested in serving. He and Steven Lyle, he said, had been enjoying teaching a Sunday School class on the book Caring for One Another by Ed Welch. Steve closed with an encouragement from 1 John.

d) Senior Pastor - Cody Busby

Cody began by informing us that his recent microphone issues would soon be fixed after meeting with a sound engineer who determined what the problem had been. He commended the A/V team for their work on the issue over the past several weeks.

Cody then shared his excitement about a new ministry involving the translation of our services into Portuguese. Coming out of conversations with our Brazilian members, they determined that this translation service would be the best way to reach out to Portuguese-speaking members of the community. This service would benefit those looking for ministries for their children, good structure and the Gospel, and would also encourage incorporation into the body. The church found an app called *Interactio*, which requires a live translator. The two or three translators would take turns on Sundays, sitting in Cody's office, translating the sermon live onto this platform. This will enable Brazilian attenders to download the

app and listen to the sermon translated during the service on headphones. Cody thanked Josh Murray and these translators for their work in getting this ministry started.

Cody then spoke about concerns surrounding the Coronavirus, adding that the following day a church-wide email would be sent out detailing the following changes. First, starting the next Sunday, in-service greeting time would be suspended. Second, he announced the suspension of the passing of offering plates. Instead, stations would be set up for tithes, offerings and prayer requests in the foyer. He encouraged the use of online giving through the website. Third, communion practices will look more like they do on Maundy Thursday, meaning gloved Elders will hand you the elements at stations, instead of reaching into a community bowl. Further precautions would include enhanced efforts in cleaning and increased frequency of those efforts, particularly in the Children's Wing. The rest of the facility, Cody announced, would be cleaned twice a week, Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons by volunteers with a focus on surface areas. Members should contact Matt Melvin to volunteer.

Cody mentioned that the Women's Retreat was still on. He reiterated that if anyone has symptoms or concerns about their health, they should stay home. They planned to put the sermons online so that everyone had access and could feel safe. Cody advised that if there came a time where we could no longer meet, they would adjust to that as well. He encouraged us to keep praying, use wisdom and care for the people around us. Cody asked if there were any questions or comments.

Question: Linda McGray questioned whether prayer request cards might be available to fill out as people come into the sanctuary.

Answer: Cody responded that was a possibility, but there was a concern that we wouldn't receive all of them that we could. Also, if they put the offering receptacles out before the service starts, they would have to be manned. He added they were still trying to figure out all the details, and thanked Linda for her suggestion.

Question: Mark Hambly asked whether the members of the Cambodian class would be interested in the translation service Cody has spoken about.

Answer: Cody replied that they had reached out to them and they were going to pass at this time. He explained that the major need is translators.

Comment: Ruthanne Stiles commented that in working with college students, she was amazed at how anxious they were this week in thinking about the virus. She shared that it was a door of opportunity to share our lives and our faith and to explain to them where our hope and security comes from.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Daniel asked that a motion be made to receive the Reports of the Pastoral Staff. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

8. Comments for the Good of the Church

Daniel opened the floor for Comments for the Good of the Church.

Comment: Linda McGray shared that she had been participating in an exercise/yoga class and wondered if something similar could be offered at the church to help with the aforementioned feelings of anxiety.

Comment: Conrad Spaulding expressed his gratitude to all the godly teachers, elders, pastors and deacons that we have at the church. He and his wife, he said, are very thankful to be a part of this congregation.

Hearing no further comments, Daniel entertained a motion to dismiss after a word of prayer. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Gerry Bennett closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer McLoud, Clerk



Membership Covenant

Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized upon profession of faith in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we solemnly and joyfully confirm our covenant together as members of this congregation:

We will live together under the supreme authority of the Bible and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will meet together regularly on the Lord's Day to worship him and hear his Word, as well as at other times for prayer, study and mutual encouragement.

We will work together by the Holy Spirit's power to promote a faithful gospel ministry in this church, sustaining its doctrines, ordinances, leadership and mission. We will cheerfully give of our talents, spiritual gifts and finances to the work of this church, the relief of the poor among us, and the spread of the gospel on the South Shore and to the ends of the earth.

By God's grace we will walk together in love. We will care for each other, bear one another's burdens, and pray for each other. We will strive to keep the unity of the Spirit by pursuing reconciliation and forgiveness, resisting opportunities for gossip and division, and welcoming one another's loving correction.

We will press on together toward maturity in holiness and godliness, resisting sin and worldly lusts, and growing in Christ-like character through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

We will strive to maintain times of personal Bible reading and prayer. We will bring up children under our care in the nurture and training of the Lord, and we will honor marriage as a sacred covenant between a man and a woman.

With God's help we will pray for the salvation of our family and friends, live uprightly and humbly before them, love them and proclaim the gospel of Jesus to them as God gives us opportunity.

Should we depart from this congregation, we will seek membership in another gospel church.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit enable us to keep these promises. Amen.

PROPOSED Officers and Committees 2020-2021

Officers¹

Moderator:	Daniel Bass	Missions Treasurer ³ :	Andy Paff
Treasurer:	Ed Gardner	Clerk:	Kay Paff
Assistant Treasurer:	Colleen Day	Auditor:	Bill Patzer

Finance Committee¹

Treasurer:	Ed Gardner, Chair	Missions Treasurer ³ :	Andy Paff
Assistant Treasurer:	Colleen Day	At Large:	Joe Busk Joe Golemme Dave O'Brien

Term Ends 2021

Term Ends 2022

Term Ends 2023

Board of Elders	Dave Kleberg Vincent Lifrieri Mike Polefka Jim Van Arsdale	Eldon Abbott Shawn Evans Kent Forkner Tim Reed ²	Tim Ells Bill Haeck Alan Hsu Marc Hambley
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Emeritus: Gerry Bennett, Herb Hess, John Norton, John Sargent, Sr.

Diaconate	Andy Bargende, Chair Patty Bargende Ann Berley Bill Gill John Mesheau Gypsy Stern	Colby Bailey ² Marcia Crawford Adrian Hanley David Hussey	Randy Aamot Rob Fidler Judy LeNormand Joe McDonough Marguerite Patzer
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Fellowship Committee	Rodger Day, Chair Debbie Kleberg Bob Stockbridge, Chair Judy Stockbridge	Joe Pinkham Ken Morgan Jr. Andy Kadlick Beverly Kadlick	David Guimaraes Beth MacDougall Denise Maloney Naomi Stella
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Missions Committee ³	Elizabeth Bedenbaugh Ed LeNormand, Chair Iris Manning Sarah Aamot	Howard Chang Jean Demmet Steve Richie Suzanne Weston	Cindy Van Arsdale Tara Bishop Cindy Lyle Manoel Neto
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Stewardship Committee	Paul Gowey Nancy Melvin Bob Visser Matt Melvin, Chair	Dan Light Mike Putignano Sean Smyth	Jerry Kelley Elliott Lyons
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Personnel	<i>Elder Liaisons</i> TBD by Elders		Linda Childs
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Nomination Committee	<i>Members-at-Large</i> Becky Chamberlain Sally Ells Ruthann Stiles	<i>Elder Liaisons</i> TBD by Elders	
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¹One Year Term, ²Two Year Term, ³Missions Treasurer is member of the Missions Committee

Candidates for Election June 2020

Officers—one-year term:

Moderator: **Daniel Bass**

Clerk: **Kay Paff**

Auditor: **Bill Patzer**

Treasurer—also Finance Committee: **Ed Gardner**

Assistant Treasurer—also Finance Committee: **Colleen Day**

Mission's Treasurer—also Finance Committee: **Andy Paff**

Finance Committee at large: **Joe Busk, Joe Golemme, Dave O'Brien**

Committees:

Diaconate—Three Year Term:

Randy Aamot

Rob Fidler

Judy LeNormand

Joe McDonough

Marguerite Patzer

Diaconate—Two Year Term:

Colby Bailey

Fellowship—Three Year Term:

David Guimaraes

Beth MacDougall

Denise Maloney

Naomi Stella

Missions—Three Year Term:

Cindy Van Arsdale

Tara Bishop

Cindy Lyle

Manoel Neto

Missions—Chair:

Ed LeNormand

Stewardship—Three Year Term:

Jerry Kelley

Elliott Lyons

Personnel—Three Year Term:

Linda Childs

Nominating—One Year Term:

Becky Chamberlain

Sally Ells

Ruthann Stiles

Elder Nominees

Board of Elders:

Elder testimonies can be found in video on our YouTube channel. You can find the link on our website.

Two Year Term, ending 2022:

Tim Reed



Tim Reed has attended SSBC for about 30 years. He has served as an elder as well as a member of the Missions Committee. Tim lives in Hanover with his wife, Sue. They have three adult children: Chelsea, Scott, and Grace. Tim is a Washingtonian by birth but grew up as a missionary kid in Southeast Asia and Nyack, NY. He currently works for Boston Public Schools in the technology department. He looks forward to this new chance to serve the church and welcomes opportunities to say hello or answer any questions you have.

Three Year Term, ending 2023:

Tim Ells



Tim Ells is a candidate to rejoin the Elder board. Tim has served as an Elder at South Shore Baptist Church on six previous terms. Tim met and married his wife Janet during the time he was working with the youth ministry at SSBC. He and Janet are now parents of three adult children and are proud grandparents. Tim and Janet have been teaching the 5th grade Sunday School class for about 20 years now!

Bill Haeck



Bill Haeck has been attending SSBC since 2000. He is married to Rebecca and has two children. His son Will is a sophomore at the University of Michigan and his daughter Holly will be a sophomore at Hull High School. The Haecks have been involved in a variety of ministries in the church including the Marriage and Parenting Ministry (MaP), Heart to Heart, and leading several small groups. Bill has served two terms as an elder and has participated in SSBC initiatives such as the most recent capital campaign and numerous staff search committees.

Marc Hambley



Marc Hambley has been attending SSBC since 2003 and he was baptized here in 2004. Since that time he has contributed to SSBC as part of the Couples Ministry (now Marriage and Parenting), serves on the Worship team playing guitar, and most recently served as Chair of the Deacons Committee. Mark is married to Pam and has two young adult children. They live in Hingham.

Alan Hsu



Alan has attended SSBC since 2009 with his wife Vanessa. They have three young girls, and they live in Hingham. Alan has co-lead a Growth Group for several years and recently served on the Missions Committee. He is eager to know church members on a deeper level to serve and love the church in this unique position.

Membership Report

May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020

Total Church Membership as of May 1, 2019:	537
Resigned/Transferred:	20
Members Dropped:	32
Deaths:	
The following church members were “promoted to Heaven”:	5
Paul Wentworth 6/07/2019	
Marilyn Parker 6/27/2019	
Fred Durling 7/26/2019	
Rodney “Bud” Becker 1/02/2020	
Martha Nyman 4/24/2020	
 Baptisms:	 8
New Members in 2019-20:	20
Emily Bryant*	
Will Bryant*	
Lili Bryant*	
Jay Cataudella	
Jessica Cataudella	
Sheena Grissom	
Emelyn Miller*	
Brandon Wiernicki	
Jennifer Wiernicki	
Blair Bennett*	
Rachel Bennett*	
David Guimaraes	
Queila Guimaraes	
Harry Mann Jr.*	
Ken Morgan Sr.*	
Mike McGarry	
Tracy McGarry	
Kaileb O’Neil	
Lydia O’Neil	
Ann Stewart	
 Reinstated:	 1
Harry Chao	
 Total Church Membership as of April 30, 2020:	 501

Report of the Senior Pastor - Cody Busby

YEAR IN REVIEW

- Let's talk about life BQ (Before Quarantine) from June 2019 to March 2020. Here are some of the highlights for me in no specific order: hiring Mike McGarry as our new youth pastor and welcoming his family into SSBC; winning "Best of Parade" in the 4th of July parade; Vacation Bible School was awesome; "Who's Your One" was an important emphasis for us; Christmas in the Square was a great Hingham connection; Men's Retreat was a home run; new Sermon Study Guides were great; we started live Portuguese translation; book of Daniel!...and much, much more.

LAST QUARTER

- I want to be very specific about what quarantine has been for SSBC. Gathering has changed, programming has changed, but worship, ministry, and care have continued uninterrupted. Pastor Mike made a great point the other day. He said SSBC isn't "reopening" because we never closed. We are "regathering."
- On the last Sunday we gathered before quarantine I met Will Frampton. He had been visiting SSBC for a few weeks. He explained that he is a videographer, and offered to shoot a couple of informational videos for the church if needed. A couple of days later we asked him if he would be up for shooting the sermon. He has said "yes" for the past 11 weeks. We record the sermon video on Thursday evenings. I have so enjoyed working with Will and am grateful for this brother and his family.
- I'm so proud of the work our staff has done. Everyone has gone above and beyond to carry out their responsibilities, adjust to new normal, create new ministry, and care for those who are hurting.
- I was stunned and emotional at how we finished the fiscal year. Thank you SSBC for your generosity and obedience to the Lord!

NEXT QUARTER

- For the next quarter, we will be gradually regathering in compliance with the Governor's requirements. My hope is that our senior adults and those with compromised immune systems will be especially slow to regather with us in person. For this reason we are providing a live-stream of our services. I don't want anyone to feel guilty for choosing to worship from home. I want you to feel as included as possible.
- Regathering is a sensitive issue around our community. The majority of houses of worship are adamantly opposed to regathering. Although I may disagree with their conclusions, I understand they are making decisions based on their knowledge of their people and their context. Since this is such a sensitive matter we have gone above and beyond to communicate our plans with the town of Hingham, and to ask for their input. The town has been a great support.
- Here is where I need your help. Emotions run high on this issue. We will have requirements in place that you may disagree with. Please read this sentence carefully: **the SSBC campus is not the place to defy the requirements for regathering.** We will wear masks over our noses and mouths at all times in the building. During Phase 1 we will only sit with those in our immediate households. We will not hug or shake hands. We will not exceed our seating capacity. I'm not thrilled about any of it nor are the elders. But the elders, staff, and I agree this is what we will do. I know I can trust you to take these precautions seriously. Remember, this is only Phase 1. It gets better and better as we move forward.

- Please be aware of how fluid our plans are for the future. We are literally approaching each Sunday one week at a time. It's possible our Sunday schedule changes multiple times before we are out of the phases of regathering. We will communicate in every way we can. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

PERSONAL

God has been so good to our family.

- Emma finished her freshman year of college at home. It was a real challenge, but you wouldn't know that by looking at her grades.
- Angel is a graduate of Hingham High School! We are so proud of her. She has worked incredibly hard. It was sad to lose her senior year of track along with other activities. We are excited about the road ahead...TBD!
- Avery is a creative force of nature. She is finishing her semester well and rapidly improving her skate-boarding skills.
- Mercy is also finishing her semester online. She has taken up lacrosse and hopes to be playing soon.
- Melissa is the best of us and cares for our family with excellence. She has created some new initiatives for her ministry in Uganda, "Mercy for Mamas." The stories from her work would blow you away.
- I am on track to complete my DMin degree by December. Quarantine has proven productive for dissertation writing.

Report of the Associate Pastor - Steve Grissom

I'm so looking forward to when we regather as a church family! By the time of the annual meeting, that will be a reality. In this strange season of quarantine, God has been teaching me several things, and one of those things is contentment. Contentment doesn't come easy but in being content we reflect Christ and rejoice in God's purposes for us. Megan Hill who has written extensively on contentment recently wrote this, "Biblical thanksgiving is not merely false cheer slapped on the surface of otherwise bad circumstances. Biblical thanksgiving is our acknowledgment that God is accomplishing his eternal purposes, even when we cannot clearly see what he is doing." So, I'm learning to see the good that has come out of this pandemic. It brings joy in the chaos and confusion. God uses this time to sift out the pride in our hearts and to teach us to wait upon Him in obeying Him and enjoying him in every season of life. I'm reminded of Paul's words in Philippians. He spurs us on to trust God in all circumstances in saying, "I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me. Still, you did well by partnering with me in my hardship. (Philippians 4:11-14)"

So, in this strange uncertain season, let me recount some wins for our church. First, and foremost, the biggest win - Zoom prayer meetings. In March I started leading this prayer gathering online and there has been great participation. It has been a fantastic time for encouraging, sharing, and of course praying. We have prayed together as a larger group and in our breakout groups. Through this time of prayer, we have gone through a book called *Prayer: How Praying Together Shapes the Church* by John Onwuchekwa. It's a small book but a powerful one as it refocuses us to pray in accordance with God's Word. It reminds us why we pray and the power in praying. Recently, we have been studying the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6 in depth. Part of the prayer teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Jesus commands us to pray for our bread daily so that we're reminded every last gift is from God. We are to pray for provision, protection, and pardon. Ultimately, we are saying to God, "we need your help, we trust in your promises, and we want Jesus to rule in our lives." Speaking of Zoom, some of the Growth Groups have been using this technology to meet. While our meeting times may not have been consistent, our fellowship time through these calls has been a source of encouragement despite our distance. If you don't have a Growth Group that you are a part of, I'd love to plug you into a group so that you can grow together with others in our church family.

Outreach

In the area of outreach, many have been thinking outside the box as it relates to reaching their neighbors and friends. I want to thank you for all of your generous donations to Well-spring in Hull. We have taken several trips to drop off the donations that keep coming in as we assist Well-spring in their efforts. Their food pantry service and other services have made a major impact in Hull and the surrounding community. You have played a significant part in reaching out to the residents! Also, in May, our church was able to provide lunch for 13 firefighters in Hingham. These firefighters were blown away at this gesture. I'm thankful to *Louise Villani* for helping coordinate this effort as we delivered Jersey Mike's to these front-line responders! After delivering the sandwiches, I was able to pray for the crew. I was humbled at this opportunity and thankful for our church's willingness to serve our town in this way. Another opportunity for outreach is taking place at Linden Ponds. While Linden Ponds has been affected deeply by COVID-19, it hasn't slowed our dear brothers and sisters who live and minister there. *Larry Kanter* and *Ted Sandy* are leading a Bible study on the book of Lamentations through Zoom. What a time to meditate and study this verse, "I say, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him." *Mary Becker* had the idea of putting hope in the hands of residents there. So, we ordered 50 copies of a booklet called *Worry - Pursuing a Better*

Path to Peace by David Powlison. These booklets and a letter were mailed to residents to let them know that others are thinking of them and that there is hope in Jesus Christ!

Personal

On a personal level, I am thankful for extended time with my family. Over the past few months, we have gone on numerous hikes, built a firepit, and gone kayaking. As we get outside, we soak in the sun and rejoice in God's creation. Sheena and I are not looking forward to the fall when Sierra will go off to college. In case I haven't announced this yet, she has decided to go to Grove City College in Pennsylvania. It's a great school and they are getting a superb student.

- Pray for us as we make some school decisions for the fall.
- Pray for us to love Jesus and have fun.

Report of the Youth Pastor - Mike McGarry

Youth Ministry Update

We had a strong launch in September with Youth Group and then Camp Cod. It was an excellent way to begin my ministry here at SSBC. I can honestly say that my passion for youth ministry had only increased since arriving, and I am honored to be serving your students and families as we seek to integrate teenagers into the fabric of the SSBC family. During this season of quarantine due to COVID-19 we have continued meeting on Sunday nights through Zoom and have added a Wednesday night Bible Study and a Thursday night Parents Fellowship meeting. Over the course of the 2019-20 school year, we have studied the Early Church in Acts 1-5, the Ten Commandments, a series on Anxiety and mental health, and a series on Christianity and the world religions called "Can we Coexist?" (which can be found on the SSBC Youth YouTube channel).

My emphasis this year has been, and continues to be, focused on developing leaders in the ministry. The Youth Leadership Team (YLT) has been composed of Deb Hogan, Becka Bielawa, Ginny Murray, Janet Murray, Deanna Beebe, Mary Remington, Lydia O'Neil, Scott McCloud, Josh Alexakos, Josh Murray, Noah Beebe, Kaileb O'Neil. In the coming year, we will need to recruit more leaders since a few leaders are either moving or transitioning out of the ministry. Additionally, we held our first "Student Ministry Bootcamp" in January for students to be empowered and equipped for leadership in the ministry. Unfortunately, our plan to deploy this team into action was thwarted by the quarantine. But we look forward to rebuilding momentum on this effort in the fall.

I have now been at SSBC long enough to have a reasonable lay of the land, and I am taking this quarantine season as an opportunity to evaluate and consider what the ministry could look like moving forward. The YLT and I are not simply waiting it out until we can continue "business as usual." There will be changes, but we don't know exactly what those will be, but they will be communicated to parents ahead of time to gain your counsel regarding a timeline to implement those changes.

Personal Update

Tracy and I would like to thank you for your welcome of our family as we have settled into the SSBC family and our new home in Abington. We continue to ask for your prayers for Matthew and Hannah as they establish friendships. Our major stressor continues to be school-decisions for the kids.

I would also appreciate your prayers as I complete writing the manuscript for my second book, which is specifically written to equip volunteer youth workers. This book came directly out of my work to prepare resources for our SSBC youth workers, and New Growth Press agreed this would be a helpful resource to publish.

Prayer Requests

- For parents to shepherd their children's hearts and souls to the throne of grace during this COVID-19 season.
- For our high school graduates (21 of them!) as they process this strange ending to their high school careers and are unsure whether or not colleges will be opening in September.
- For all students as they navigate the stress and anxiety of remote-learning and grieve the loss of multiple celebrations and plans for the end of the school year and for the summer (prom, sports seasons, summer camps, etc.).

- For our Youth Leadership Team to remain encouraged as they serve our students during quarantine. We will need additional youth leaders to implement some changes in the fall, pray for the Lord's provision and leading.
- For our Student Ministry Crew, that they would respond to the invitation to be student ministers to their peers at church, school, and in the community.

Report of the Director of Worship

Reflections From Recent Days

Given that the last reporting season was in March it is interesting to review the March report and note reflections of the past quarter but also announcements for things that would happen in the next quarter. NOTHING of what was mentioned happened. Well, perhaps something did. In the conclusion of my report I wrote these words:

“Upcoming - As we anticipate the Easter season, may we all be willing to take time to still ourselves and reflect on Christ’s sacrifice on behalf of sinners so that we might more fully grasp and take hold of the celebration of the resurrection...”

By God’s grace, in seasons of change which may include significant trials, God has caused me to go deeper in my understanding and need of the gospel. He has shown me the exquisite beauty and mystery of the Incarnation, of the Messiah who came to my mess. In this current season, the name Emmanuel has held more significance than ever. He has shown me the example of God-glorifying living revealed in the Bible. Our typical cries on Palm Sunday of “God save us!” were more poignant this year. A people assumed a Messiah who would save them from one thing, oppression that they could see and feel. That Messiah was coming to save us from something and to something far better. He was establishing a Kingdom that would never end. The Savior who was crucified, dead, and buried reveals one who would pour out all in love to save a wretched sinner from the wrath of Holy God to the glory of the Father. He did so while exemplifying the path of suffering which leads from cross to crown. In his resurrection, he reveals life and victory in him. And, as he sits at the right hand of the throne of God interceding, he increases in me a longing for His return and to be in my eternal home.

I don’t know about you, but my celebration of the resurrection this year on Easter Sunday was full of celebration like I’ve never experienced. It was also filled with a longing like I had never experienced. I longed to be with my brothers and sisters in Christ and I longed for the final resurrection. This is good and it is fitting. As believers, we live in that tension day in and day out whether we are aware of it or not. In general, my Lord’s Day and Holy Week celebrations are likely different than yours. I am in the position of writing, creating, planning, and implementing the worship services. I live and breathe them and worship through them in many ways and many times before you as a congregation does. The ultimate for me is not being on a stage performing the final worship service for you. I never seek to perform. If it were not impractical, I’d stand right next to you. The ultimate for me is serving you the meal of the service and simply facilitating the fellowship and the feast of the entire gathering. I often stop singing on a Sunday morning not because I have a tickle in my throat but because I am so overcome by what God has done and because I want to hear the sound of the saints exalting Jesus. I have not had that ultimate for many weeks in terms of hearing your sound. However, I have engaged in the services just like you so in many ways it has enabled me to “stand right next to you.” By the way, by Easter Sunday I decided I was standing for every song and scripture reading!

Children’s Choir

Although our Children’s Choir did not conclude a complete season we enjoyed wonderful rehearsals through the beginning of March and the students did an excellent job in learning songs that coincided with the theme of the names of God as well as their scripture memory program. Throughout September 2019 - March 2020 the Children’s Choir exhibited incredible cooperation and dedication. Special thanks go to parents for prioritizing the planting of God’s Word through song in the hearts of the children. Thank you for facilitating their home rehearsals and for getting them to church early on Sundays they sang in the service. I’m thankful as well for the leaders that served this year. Our adult leaders were Sue Kanter, Kayla White-Suplee, Peter Wheat, Chris Boel, David Lindsay, and Lauren Lindsay. Each of

these leaders brought something unique to the setting. The students that assisted this year were such a great support. Katie Shoemaker, Oliver Bishop, and Madi Stella all assisted with care, humility, and in a proactive fashion.

Worship Choir

I have heard it again and again through the years that choir is a community group and a family. Of course, we rehearse music for worship services but we also sing songs for our worship together as a choir family. We study lyrics and scriptures. We pray for one another's burdens and celebrate the victories and answered prayers. We laugh a lot and tease one another much as a family that feels safe and at home with one another. Although we did not walk through the Easter season together nor did we complete our year the same way, the time we spent is treasured and memorable. Oddly enough, this was the first year we did not have excessive absences in the start of the winter due to illness. Each week was a productive and mostly full rehearsal. As always, Connie Wagner stepped in to direct as needed on Sunday mornings. She did this while also serving First Baptist Church Scituate as they were without a worship leader. Connie is a remarkable gift on the musical end of things but she brings with that humility and a love first for the Lord and his glory. Pam Warner continued this season to serve in organizing the music for the choir. She is a wonderful assistant to me and all of us. I also must offer gratitude to my husband Chris who often had to step in to conduct when Connie's timeframe meant she could not be here at SSBC. I look forward with hope to a choir season in the future.

Audiovisual Team

Our AV Team is always at work doing things to help the sound of the gospel to go forth. Each one serves in a unique way and we could not do without them. The humility and desire to do well and serve well is truly a blessing.

Praise Team

It has been lonely without this team over the past several weeks. I had plotted out my typical 3 month schedule that covered March - May. Little did I know that rotating schedule would not be needed. The Praise Team typically rehearses Monday nights for the upcoming Sunday. Every single Monday night I wonder where my partners are! I have missed the collaboration and although I always believe I am thankful for them I certainly have felt that even more this quarter. Several of the members of the team have journeyed through many iterations of how and when we worship together. Their flexibility, creativity, humility (yes, I know I've used that word a lot), and dedication is not typical. I know this. I talk to others around the country and even world. God has gifted our church with wonderful servants in this area. I look forward to future collaborations together.

Pandemic Worship Services

When I flew to Pittsburgh for a much-needed break on March 11th, which was the morning after our last Members Meeting, I had no idea I would arrive to the announcement of a Global Pandemic. All changed at that point. Before arriving back a week later through a last-minute car rental, plans were underway in my head for how I would serve the worship of the church when we could not meet. Having had the opportunity to engage in worship from home on Sunday the 15th I felt compelled to create something for our church that would help us maintain the discipline and joy of weekly worship and perhaps also equip in the elements of worship that we engage with but do not always explicitly title. When I spent a year in seminary between 2016 and 2017 one of my classes required me to study worship liturgy and to write and turn in complete worship services word for word. That education served me well that first week of home worship and has since. The discipline of studying for and writing out a guide has been a rich gift to me. When you must make sure that what happens can be accessed in written format it takes extra care than being in the presence of people where you can speak and adjust in the moment. Thank you to those who have taken the time to

offer words of encouragement or to let me know that you have been using the guides and tuning in.

Special Thanks

Special thanks goes to Cindy Lyle and Kevin Keohane. Cindy was so helpful in the initial stages with formatting and other pieces of making the information in the Home Worship Guide accessible to the congregation. As time went on, Kevin Keohane served at my right side doing editing, videoing, and overall cheerleading. The work he has done is too much to name. Not only has Kevin done this administrative and technical work but he has done it with the heart of a pastor and as one who is above all concerned with the care of the flock and the glory of God.

Prayer Requests

As for all of us, the days ahead are uncertain. This has always been the case of course. As we continue to navigate the waters of worship in different ways I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom, discernment, and peace. The world feels more hostile than ever and divisions seem more prominent. As leaders make decisions it is often on very short notice and without complete information or appropriate supports. No doubt I will disappoint and be disappointed.

Pray for Chris and I both as our work and what we have dedicated our lives to is very human contact work and work that is challenging from a distance. Choirs, musical theater, and teaching of various sorts does not translate well in virtual or distant manners as it has traditionally been done.

The most important prayer of all is that our eyes would be fixed on Jesus, that we would bear witness to Him in all we say and do, and that we would rest and trust in Him to the glory of his name.

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Report of the Director of Children's Ministry

Psalm 67:1-3 “May God be gracious to us and bless us; may He make His face shine upon us so that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among the nations. Let the peoples praise You, God; let all the peoples praise You.”

I miss all of you, and look forward to the day when we can worship together.

Nursery

Our nursery is really such a blessing. So many caring people come every week to serve and love the little ones of our church. Becky Mills left the nursery in great shape; it really was a well-oiled machine. Sue and Becky had a great system that made for happy kids and happy volunteers. When I first came in I had some small tweaks in mind; updating our music and have it playing so that our little ones can practice worship together, updating some of the walls and bringing in more color in the Nursery wing. As we first started hearing of the coronavirus, we realized we needed to look at our cleaning policies and updated those so that we were meeting the same guidelines as preschools in Massachusetts. Then as we shifted into this new at-home format, I started weekly videos and at-home craft lessons for parents to do with their little ones. I never thought this job would come with me making YouTube videos, that's for sure. As we go into this fall, I am still excited about those original ideas of music and color, but I am also excited about updating our lessons and adding in crafts and stories for our two-year-old class. I am also looking forward to being able to organize the nursery help for VBS this year. I can't wait until we can be together again!

Bethany Sousa
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GPS/Children's Church

Working from home these last few months has given me the opportunity to consider some changes to our GPS program. Through a lot of prayer and thoughtfulness, I have decided to change the name of GPS to Children's Church. My desire is to have Children's Church be designed to look a bit more like big church. The children will still be dismissed before the sermon. They will still have worship, teaching, and a time to respond in a small group. We will have students doing announcements, offering, prayer and Scripture reading. Since we have been on quarantine, I have been writing lessons for worship at home to go along with the sermons each week. I will continue to connect children's lessons with the sermon series. This will allow families to have discussions around the same passages and themes. I am also hoping to have a year round schedule of volunteers serving one week per month. We will continue to have our families together for worship on the 5th Sundays. Please reach out to me with questions, concerns, ideas, or if you would like to get on a rotating schedule. I don't anticipate having any children's programs until the end of summer or early fall, but we know that could change any minute.

Sunday School

I have especially missed our Sunday school classes these last few months. I know the teachers and children have, too. We still want to recognize our 5th graders before they head off to youth group. We also want to be sure to award our Bible memorization medals. I am hoping we can have one final meeting so students and teachers can have some closure together. We will see how the restrictions are as the summer goes on. Thank you to all the teachers for your hard work and dedication this year.

VBS

As of right now, VBS will be moved to August 10-14. My plan is to keep VBS as close to normal as possible with some modifications. We are monitoring the situation and waiting to hear what the restrictions will be. We are ready to make any changes necessary to keep kids and volunteers safe.

Fall Gospel Class

This 5-week class provides parents with opportunities to talk about the Gospel with their children, and begin to understand if their child is ready to make this commitment of faith. Each class will consist of teaching time, hands-on experience, and a time for family discussion and prayer.

The class is based on Lifeway's, *The Gospel, God's Plan for Me*. The dates will be determined as restrictions are lifted.

Prayer/Praise:

I am thankful for the time in the Word and opportunities to pray specifically for each of the families of children's ministry. I am also thankful for Terry's job at U Haul and for God's protection over him as he has continued to work. It did make for long, lonely days of quarantine for me though. Overall, God was very present, and I am thankful for all the ways He showed His goodness to me. Please join me in praying for wisdom in planning for VBS and for other fall activities.

Blessed to serve alongside you,

Ann Cox
Director of Children's Ministries

Report of the Facility Manager

This was a productive year for big projects and frustrating for smaller items.

Our fall cleanup work party was canceled because there was snow on the ground. Thankfully Mike McGilvray and crew came later and picked up the heavy stuff. The spring cleanup and mulching parties were also canceled due to Covid-19, and we are still unsure how to make that up.

On the plus side, the roof on the original portion of the building was replaced and the exterior was painted. Most of the mechanicals of the A/C system at 20 Free Street were updated. Large trees that threatened 20 Free Street and the main power supply to the church were removed. Both parsonages had updated appliances. The fire suppression system in the church underwent a substantial update and maintenance.

As with everything else, Covid-19 had a large impact on how and what we do. At the very start of the pandemic, Mike Polefka purchased equipment that greatly simplified our sanitizing process! For those that don't know Mike, he is an Elder here now but worked as a missionary on a hospital ship, and when in port he was involved with the sanitizing. We are very blessed to have his expertise and willing heart to serve! Without his help and guidance it would have been much harder to bring the church back into the building.

As we are in this Annual Meeting process the pandemic is still upon us so it will be interesting and exciting to see what the coming year brings!

In Him,

Matt Melvin
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Report of the Elders

The Board of Elders provides spiritual direction, shepherding of the body and oversight of the life and ministries of South Shore Baptist Church. We are elected by church members and serve staggered terms of three years. There are currently 12 lay elders. Pastor Cody is a teaching elder of the church.

This fourth quarter of our fiscal year 2020 ended April 30. The board of elders conducted six “business” meetings in-person and by Zoom during this 90-day period and met each month for a time dedicated to prayer. It was a busy period.

We offered comments on the plan that Pastor Cody and the staff drafted to shift from meeting each Sunday for corporate worship to video recording our weekly worship. We are grateful for everyone who has added so much to weekly worship. The elders have supported our church response to the Covid-19 pandemic and feel comfortable that virtual worship has been the safest way that we can each praise and honor our Lord.

The Nominating Committee has spent many hours recruiting new ministry members and chairs. It is humbling to see so many members willing to consider service to the church through membership on a committee or with a ministry. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work.

We are thrilled at the translation of the sermon into Portuguese and grateful for those who make this happen. We look forward to many years of this ministry and many lives impacted. Regrettably, like several other aspects of church life, translation has been halted until the church is meeting again. But as this is written, we are planning to hold our first post-isolation service on May 31. Hallelujah!

At our April 21 meeting, the elders received a report of the application that was made under the CARES Act Payroll Protection Program. This program, administered by the Small Business Administration, is largely designed to fund payroll expenses for small businesses and non-profits for a limited time. The loan proceeds are forgiven by the SBA under certain circumstances. We discussed this matter extensively and its implications for our church. In conclusion, we felt it was appropriate to pursue this extraordinary source of funding given the economic impact of the pandemic.

We would like to thank all those who responded to the giving appeal made as we closed the fiscal year in April. Many members prayed, many gave generously and many did both. As you will learn in detail at the Annual Members’ Meeting, the monthly operating deficit that we experienced in early 2020 was almost entirely funded with giving. We praise God for his provision and thank you for your interest in the financial health of our church.

A reminder to all members: Elder board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and are open to members. If you unable to attend these meetings or would like to learn more about the work of the board of elders, you can access the meeting minutes on the church website. Please contact the church office for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Van Arsdale, On Behalf of the Board of Elders

Report of the Deacons

The Deacons' committee includes Patty Bargende, Paul Casey, Beth Casey, Adrian Hanley, Ann Berley, David Hussey, Ed Bergdoll, John Mesheau, Kellie Dernier, Linda Childs, Marcia Crawford, Roberta Leavitt, Bill Gill, Gipsy Stern. Andy Bargende is the committee chair.

The Deacons are the “compassionate” ministry of the church. In Acts 6, the early church appointed deacons to care for the needs of widows. In this same spirit, SSBC has a Diaconate committee that seeks to care for the physical/monetary needs of our church family. The deacons administer a fund that is set up to help those in our church community. This fund comprises donations from church attendees and is not part of the general fund. The deacons meet once a month to consider requests for help that have been submitted to us. We also offer visitation and send cards to those in need of encouragement and pray regularly for the people and needs of the church.

Occasionally, meals are delivered to those who may need some help or who are recovering from an illness. If you would like to be added to our list of someone we could call on to make a meal, please contact us. (deacons@southshorebaptist.com)

The deacons also collect and deliver food to the Hingham Food Pantry. Collection Bins are in the lobby. It is a wonderful way for our church to reach out to the community. If you are seeking assistance, a visit, or prayer from the deacons, please contact a member of the committee, or email deacons@southshorebaptist.com or andrew.bargende@gmail.com

We are confidential and happy to help people. To give to the fund, please indicate this on your check or giving envelope. We are so thankful for your generous spirit. There are so many amazing stories of people that you have touched and helped by your giving. As deacons we are to model Jesus' discernment: to weigh needs, to make difficult choices, and to put to use the church's resources. We covet your prayers for wisdom as we consider the needs brought before us and that we would inspire faithful stewardship. May we also encourage with words that create hope and encourage with deeds that bring joy, our greatest joy is serving Jesus while serving others.

For the Deacons,
Andy Bargende

Report of the Missions Committee

The Missions Committee's task is to coordinate the efforts of this church to send the Gospel to our region and beyond, even to the ends of the earth. We support twenty-four missionaries and missionary couples on the field, we administer various initiatives and we encourage you, our congregation, to be actively involved in this Great Commission.

In the annual rhythm of the Committee, this last quarter of the year is our quieter period. We have accomplished one particular item of note, in revising our Missions Policy to better define how we handle designated giving. We have also continued meeting through the pandemic, through the medium of Zoom.

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 summer mission trip to Kenya has been cancelled. Also, with the financial fallout from the current pandemic, the Committee is being very cautious just now with new support or one-time gifts. We believe it prudent to conserve our resources until we understand how giving may be affected, so we can protect those we are already committed to supporting. Thank you for your continued, sacrificial giving through uncertain times.

It is with great grief that I report the tragic death of our supported missionary Stan. Please pray for his wife Tami and their adult children. We will, of course, continue to support Tami in her work.

With regards to providing an annual report, here are some highlights for the past year:

- In the summer of 2019 we sent a team for a medical missions trip to a slum in Nairobi, Kenya, as we have done many times before. We are seeing the fruit of returning faithfully over many years.
- Our annual Missions Conference was held October 26th and 27th with the theme of **GOD IS ON THE MOVE**. Our main speaker was JD Payne, Associate Professor of Christian Ministry at Samford University. Also joining us to share their experiences were supported missionaries Dave Burgoyne, Dane Helsing, S & L, Nancy Pitrowiski, and Mark and Lois Shaw. The food, fellowship and teaching were by all accounts fabulous.
- Undesignated giving to missions in 2019 totaled \$380,749, giving us a surplus over budget of a remarkable \$56,789. This was huge way to finish 2019!
- The total of the Faith Promise campaign is \$319,119. We are taking \$33,781 of our 2019 surplus to augment the 2020 budget, for a total budget of \$352,900, which was approved by the congregation at the March QBM.
- We have undertaken to support three new missionary couples: Ezekiel and Lucy Wainaina of Kenya; Steve and Amy Castello, church planters in Forest Hills; and, our own Dave and Stacey Comeau, church planters in the Greater Boston area.
- This year we had a significant number of our missionaries leave due to retirements and the like. They are: Tim & Linda Beachell, Kathryn Belyea, Dave Burgoyne, Rich & Becky Chamberlain, Malcolm & Mary Elliot-Hogg, Ralph & Judy Kee, John & Mary Jean Tempelhoff, and Jon Wilson.

All of our work over this past year is, of course, in support of our missionaries who are on the front lines of bringing the Gospel to the world where they are. *Pray for them!* I encourage you to choose at least one missionary or missionary couple to keep up with and pray for.

My term as Chairman is drawing to a close. It has been my pleasure to serve you, our congregation and our missionaries in this capacity for the last 20 or so months. I have enjoyed working with and getting to know the members of this committee, and I so appreciate their

hard work. And, it has been a particular privilege to help onboard Steve Grissom as our new missions pastor. He has been quick to learn and embrace our missions program, and I know I leave it in his very capable hands.

For the advancement of the great Kingdom of our glorious God and of His Christ among the nations,

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Report of the Marriage and Parenting (MaP) Ministry

We started off our year focusing on marriage with a repeat of Gary Thomas's Cherish. One of the goals of the MaP Ministry is to foster good marriages. This series encouraged us to truly cherish our spouse and showed us that this one word can help us find that sweet spot in our marriages.

We followed this by facilitating David Platt's Counter Culture. This study challenged us to faithfully follow Christ into the cultural battlefield of today's world. We had some great conversations on how this could look in our individual lives.

During our Winter/Spring semester Rindy and Gerry Bennet led us in a great series that Rindy authored and called Discipling the Next Generation. Unfortunately this was cut short due to the quarantine restrictions. But, we look forward to hearing more from their wisdom and experience in the future.

Our team consists of Rindy & Gerry Bennett, Sue & Tim Reed, Randy & Sarah Aamot, Tara & Jason Bishop, and ourselves. We are available to help in any way we can...or at least point you in the right direction! If you feel you would benefit from another couple coming along side and sharing life experiences and challenges together, let us know and we can set you up with our new mentoring program.

For His glory,
Jim & Debbie Kleberg

Report of the Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry of South Shore Baptist Church exists to support SSBC's mission "to glorify God by worshipping Him and by making disciples for Christ." We do this by nurturing women in their own personal relationships with Jesus Christ around the Word of God, encouraging women to serve Him in the church and beyond, and by providing women with opportunities to build friendships in Christ with one another.

Heart to Heart

"Heart to Heart (H2H) daytime finished *God of the Covenant: Genesis 12-50* by Jen Wilkin in February. We followed this up with a kick-off coffee to introduce our new study - *Steadfast Love: A Study of Psalm 107* by Lauren Chandler on February 28. The coffee was very well attended, and 15 more women signed up for H2H. We were all filled with enthusiasm in anticipation of this new study of Psalm 107. H2H only met three times before the Covid-19 lockdown began in mid-March. H2H leadership continued to meet weekly on Zoom for prayer and encouragement, as did some of the small groups. All the small group leaders kept in touch with the H2H women through either Zoom, email, and/or phone calls for continuation of the Bible study as well as prayer. We have recently concluded our spring H2H study.

Debbie Kleberg plans to lead a Zoom Summer Sisters study called *What Matters Most - A Study of Philippians* by Karen Ehman. We are planning to study *A Study of Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin in the fall, starting on September 17th. With all the uncertainty with the coronavirus, we are not sure if we will be meeting in person or on Zoom.

Thank you to our always amazing and devoted H2H small group leaders: Becky Chamberlain, Becky Knight, Joan Boudreau, Debbie Kleberg, Sue Reed, and Bethany Sousa. They have been warriors through these last few months staying connected to their H2H ladies. Also, thank you to Irene James-Daly, Sue Gardner, and Judy Lyons for their faithful dedication to the H2H Children's Program.

Please pray for our H2H Children's Program as we have several women who help with it who are in the high-risk group for Covid-19 and may not be able to be involved when H2H meets in person again. This will leave a huge gap in Heart to Heart.

In Him, Kay Paff"

Women's Ministry is so grateful for Kay Paff and Becky Knight who faithfully coordinate this ministry together. We are also giving thanks for Debbie Kleberg who will once again lead the Summer Sisters Bible Study!

Evening Heart to Heart

We are so thankful for Suzanne Weston who lead the Evening H2H Study this past fall! Suzanne needed to step down from this role, and we are diligently seeking another woman to lead/facilitate this study. Please pray with us that the Lord will raise up another leader for his glory and the good of his church!

Moms Together

We hope to start MT up again in the future. We are so thankful for Sue Gardner who has faithfully led this ministry.

Mug & Muffin

This was a new, fun event hosted by Amy Maroney in October! Women brought muffins, their favorite coffee mug, and enjoyed time with each other. Kelly McDonough gave her testimony

and Becky Chamberlain shared a devotional from Psalm 61. We hope this is something we can do again. Kelly did a wonderful job coordinating this event!

Rejoice!

Nearly 100 SSBC women and friends attended our Christmas Open House on December 14th. We sang Christmas Carols together led by Joe McDonough, munched on Christmas cookies, enjoyed each other's company, and heard a good word on the true meaning of Christmas from Deb Hogan; *Christmas is a Birthday!* All this took place in a most festively decorated Fellowship Hall. We are so very grateful to Joe and Deb and to all who made this event possible: Cindy Van Arsdale, Joanna Chang, Kim Bailey Smith, Laurie Marino, Melissa Busby, Amy Maroney, Michelle Richardi, Regina Evans, Colby Bailey, Nancy Joseph, Yeemay Miller, Sheena Grissom, some Grissom kids <3, Heather Cline, Terry Cox, and Becky Chamberlain. We are especially thankful for Kelly McDonough who artfully orchestrated this entire event!

A Titus 2 Coffee

On January 12th, the women of SSBC, approximately 100, were greatly encouraged and blessed by Daisy Sargent's story of God's faithfulness to her family of origin in leading them out of occupied Latvia during WWII and eventually bringing them to the South Shore. Surely, Daisy's story is a wonderful testimony to the truth of Isaiah 41:10! We are grateful to Daisy for sharing her story with us and to all this who helped on that day: Jennifer Boel, Cindy Lyle, Karen Pinkham, who coordinated this event, and others!

Discipleship Luncheons

"Women's Ministry is sponsoring a series of luncheons [by geographical location] to provide fellowship, help SSBC women to meet new women, get to know each other better, and explore the idea of being discipled or of discipling another woman. When you are invited, please try to take advantage of this opportunity to attend!" ~ Rindy Bennett (hostess and leader) We are so grateful to Rindy for these luncheons and look forward to when they can safely resume!

Made for Friendship Retreat

We were so saddened to cancel our annual retreat at Brookwoods in March right at the very beginning of Stay at Home for Covid-19. It was a necessary decision. 70 women had registered for this retreat. We would love to see 100 women at Brookwoods next spring, April 30th - May 2nd! Please save these dates for the SSBC Women's Retreat. ☺ We could not be more thankful for Cindy Van Arsdale, Cindy Lyle, and Karen Pinkham who have agreed to coordinate the retreat again! We are also so grateful for Vera Abbott, Melissa Busby, Becky Chamberlain, Regina Evans, Rebecca Haeck, Pam Hambley, Kendra Polefka, and Bethany Sousa who served on this year's retreat team and hope many of them will re-up for next year.

Game Night/Night Out

We had hoped to have one this May, but now we look forward to one at some point down the road! We appreciate Bethany Sousa and Kelly McDonough who coordinate these fun nights.

Looking ahead...

- Zoom Summer Sisters
- Zoom Summer Socials
- Online opportunities to be encouraged in our faith

Things to pray about for Women's Ministry:

- Wisdom & discernment for the WM Team in fleshing out our mission statement in the Covid-19 season.

- New ministry initiatives, opportunities, and events as they are prayed about and discussed by the Women's Ministry Team
- Women would continue to grow in their love for, knowledge of, desire to serve, and the grace of Jesus Christ and in their relationships with one another.
- A leader/facilitator for the Evening H2H Bible Study
- Childcare workers for H2H

The Women's Ministry Team is so grateful to Cindy Lyle and Karen Pinkham for ALL the support they give to the Women's Ministry of SSBC!

We have been so encouraged to hear the stories of women caring for other women in this season whether it has been through Zoom, emails, text messages, social media, phone calls, cards & notes, sewing face masks, providing meals, grocery shopping, running errands, and/or other ways we are not even aware. "Look how they love one another!" (Tertullian)

We, along with our entire church family, have so missed worshipping together on Sunday mornings. We look forward to that day when we will gather and *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.* (Psalm 29.2)

Serving Christ and his church for his glory,
 The Women's Ministry Team: Rindy Bennett, Becky Chamberlain, Pam Hambley, Kelly McDonough, and Cindy Van Arsdale

Report of the Truth in Love Ministry

In May 2019 the Elders approved a Sanctity of Human Life Ministry at South Shore Baptist Church called "Truth in Love."

Our mission is to uphold and proclaim the sanctity of human life on the South Shore and beyond. We hope to present the Biblical truth about life, to help those who are in crisis, and to remind those hurt by a past abortion of the grace available to them through Jesus. We ask that you pray with us that hearts will be changed so as to see the vulnerable as people, created in the image of God, and to protect them, even as the world relentlessly diminishes their right to life.

We undertook multiple initiatives during the year to enact our mission:

1. Ministry team
2. Sunday School classes
3. Guest speakers
4. Baby shower
5. Sanctity of Life Sunday

Some of our plans had to be postponed, but we hope to reschedule these in the near future:

- Liz Archambault, from The Forgotten Initiative, will help us understand the importance of foster care and how we can support foster families.
- We had also planned to speak to the Heart to Heart Ministry.
- We are working with Pastor Mike to introduce the ministry to High School students in our Youth Group.

1. Ministry team

Many people have been instrumental in getting this ministry to this point, and making this year's events possible.

- The Truth in Love leadership team: Bill Patzer, Larry Kanter, Jessica Cataudella, Mary Spaulding, Kay Paff, Josephine Hanley, and Vincent Lifrieri (Elder liaison)
- The Baby Shower Team: Maureen Conway, Marguerite Patzer, Caitlin Kaake, Kelly McDonough, and Josephine Hanley
- The following team prepared the initial vision for approval by Pastor Cody and the Elders: Mary Spaulding, Rose McCarthy, Rick Coughlin, Charlotte Keefer, Bill Patzer, and Josephine Hanley
- Sunday School curriculum team: Larry Kanter, Jessica Cataudella, Judy Croker, Bill Patzer, Kay Paff, and Josephine Hanley

2. Sunday School classes

We conducted "Life Support" Adult Sunday School Classes in both the fall and spring semesters

- Larry Kanter led us through a Scripture study highlighting how God values human life - born and preborn. He laid for us a solid foundation against which to evaluate our perspective on life and continually brought a Gospel focus to the ministry and teaching.
- Jessica Cataudella led dynamic, multimedia presentations equipping us to have effective and compassionate conversations with those in crisis or with those who

advocate for abortion. She helped us wrestle with, and be equipped to answer, some of the toughest questions in a God-honoring, life-affirming way.

- We learned about dehumanization of the unborn, abortion statistics, some factors that lead people to consider abortion, and the sometimes devastating impact of Post Abortion Syndrome.
- We surveyed the current policy landscape with respect to abortion

3. Guest speakers

We invited guest speakers, who are on the front lines defending and supporting life, to tell us about ways we can help

- Missy Porter, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Bethesda House
- Teresa Larkin, President and Executive Director of Learn Your Options
- Sara Loy, Executive Director of Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices

4. Baby shower

In December we had a wonderful opportunity when Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices asked us to host a baby shower for a Mom-to-be who was one of their clients.

What a beautiful response from so many of you, as you provided everything this young family needed to get started. It was delightful to meet the young couple and to show them the love of Jesus.

They were so thankful.

The little boy is now 5 months old and is a beautiful, healthy, happy child. Please pray for this family that they will know Jesus and draw close to Him.

5. Sanctity of Life Sunday

We were thrilled to see Sanctity of Life Sunday celebrated this year (Jan 19th) at SSBC.

Thank you to Pastor Cody, Pastor Steve, Pastor Mike, and the Elders for supporting this ministry. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us and with us, and to those who gave so generously to the baby shower. Thank you to Karen Pinkham and Cindy Lyle for all your support.

Please continue to pray that this ministry will be a light for life and we will be gentle and loving witnesses to the Gospel.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, or if you would like to be added to our email list for regular updates, please contact Josephine Hanley: johanley416@gmail.com

Report of the Prayer Team

The Prayer Team, as part of the Worship Ministry, is currently comprised of 22 members who provide prayer support during each worship service in the prayer room and *confidential* prayer for individuals after each of the services. Each team also prays over the yellow prayer cards which are filled out during service.

A prayer chain is maintained for prayer requests during the week. The prayer chain is coordinated by Colby Bailey through email. If you would like prayer, you may contact the church office at 781-749-2592, office@southshorebpatist.com, or Colby cbromans1513@gmail.com

There is a weekly Prayer Zoom call on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. This is lead by Pastor Steve Grissom. All are welcome to join! ☺ The Zoom link will be sent out in our church emails. Hoping to keep this going even after Covid-19 times. ☺ Stay tuned!

On June 30, 2019, the team met for a few hours to pray for our church and for our pastors. We hope to have another retreat in the fall of 2020 and/or early 2021.

The team recently had some members rotate off this ministry, and I would like to thank the following members for their long-time service on the Prayer Team: Daniel & Elizabeth Bass, Marlene O'Connor, and Kathryn Belyea.

We are always seeking new members to the prayer team. If you are interested in being a member of the prayer team, please contact Colby Bailey or Pastor Steve Grissom for more information. Prayer team participants need to be mature members of the church and be recommended by the Pastoral Staff, an Elder, or church.

*In Him,
Colby Bailey*

Prayer Team Members

Vera Abbott
Linda Childs
Sally Ells
Judy & Elliott Lyons
John & Cindy Norton
Charlotte Visser

Colby Bailey
Ruth Cobis
Sheena Grissom
Anne McCarthy
Nancy Pitrowiski
Jim & Suzanne Weston

Larry & Ann Berley
Maureen Conway
Wesley Gustafson
John Mesheau
Lisa Towle
Maura Ziegler

Ephesians 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep in praying for the Lord's people.*

Report of GraceWorks

GraceWorks is a local outreach program of SSBC. We provide opportunities for people to extend the love of Christ to our neighbors through practical acts of service. Although GraceWorks was originally designed to provide ways to serve outside the church, we have added an internal focus to meet some needs (ACCESS, rEcess) within the church.

This year had several highlights: new families for rEcess from the community, new special education professionals joining us to improve our program, the Christmas giving outreach to the foster care community with *The Forgotten Initiative* to name a few.

Several of our plans for spring were derailed and we hope to pick them up when we are able to fully function as a church.

We were planning to host with *The Forgotten Initiative* the “Empower to Connect” parenting webinar on May 1 and 2 at the church. Last year we had over 80 people attend, and it was very well received. Fortunately, the organizers were able to offer it on-line as an alternative.

We also planned to create a GraceWorks committee of “outreach-minded” folks to grow our local efforts to serve more people and causes. As a starting point, we plan to explore the goals of serving as a church and ideas for how to do this and engage many people. We know many of you serve others in various efforts and look forward to working with you to create a more vibrant outreach to the community.

Goals for next year are to expand outreach and tap into many more people who want to help shape this ministry and continue to grow and improve rEcess.

MANY THANKS to the wonderful volunteers who serve our ministries. Together, we are growing in our faith through seeing needs through God’s eyes and taking tangible steps to touch the lives of children, their families and each other.

Louise Pfund Villani
Director, GraceWorks

graceworks@southshorebaptist.com

Report of the Senior Fellowship

Senior Fellowship was able to only hold two events in October and December. We had a third luncheon planned for April, but then COVID-19 caused us to cancel all future events. Considering the age of our group we realize we can't plan any future events until we have a vaccine.

So let me just say thank you to all those who have helped us over the past few years... especially to Connie Wagner, (with Jennifer Boel who would often help with our program) Daena Smith, Judy Lyons, Jeane Kelly, Nancy Joseph, Dianne Hanley, Kathy Berry, Maureen Conway, Amy Maloney, and our callers Barbara Skinner, LaNeve Savola, Judy LeNormand, Mary Becker, Marie Watts, Maureen Canavan, and Jane Morrill.

Sincerely,
Jane Bradbury

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Connections Team (Greeters, Ushers)	Steve Grissom
GraceWorks	Louise Villani
Grief Share	Ann Berley
Growth Groups	Steve Grissom
Heart to Heart & Moms Together	Kay Paff
	Becky Knight
Outreach	Steve Grissom
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Men's Ministry	Steve Grissom
Prayer Team	Colby Bailey
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Treasurer:	Ed Gardner	Auditor:	Bill Patzer
Assistant Treasurer:	Colleen Day		

Finance Committee¹

Financial Secretary:	Joe Golemme	Missions Treasurer³:	Andy Paff
Treasurer:	Ed Gardner, Chair	At Large:	Joe Busk
Assistant Treasurer:	Colleen Day		Dave O'Brien

Term Ends 2020

Term Ends 2021

Term Ends 2022

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May 26, 2020

Audit Report

South Shore Baptist Church
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Dear Elders and Members,

I have reviewed the financial statements and cash balances of South Shore Baptist Church as of the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020, and communicated with the appropriate staff and Finance Committee members to review the financial statements.

Based on a sampling of representative transactions for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020, I reviewed the general ledger and checked backup information for the transactions. I verified that the bank account balances shown in the financial statements of the church match with the amounts shown in the church's bank statements as of April 30, 2020.

Based on the information provided, it is my opinion that the financial statements of the church fairly and accurately represent the financial position of the church, subject to the inherent limitations of the review that I performed.

Sincerely,

William Patzer, CFA
Internal Auditor