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The monthly newsletter of Indian River Presbyterian Church

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Two Worship Services

9:30 am - Contemporary

11:00 am - Traditional

Our Vision

IRPC envisions a movement of the Gospel transforming lives, communities, and the world.

Our Mission

Love God

Love Others

Make Disciples

Church Office:

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9:00 am -12:00 pm

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Monday – Thursday

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(after hours)

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From the Pastor's Pen 

THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR OF SERVING HERE THIS YEAR

Dear IRPC Family,

The Pastor Search Team has done a great job! Tim is a great guy! Tim and Kendra are a great couple! They will make a great addition to the IRPC family! IT'S ALL GREAT!!!

The fact that you have called a new long-term pastor means that our time here is almost done. That is appropriate. I was called to serve in transition. We were called to be here for a short time.

Every time I leave a transitional role (and this is # 7), I do so with mixed feelings. I come to love and appreciate every church family. But I come to prepare the way to come next. I come to go. It is almost time to go.

THANK YOU for the honor of serving here this past year. I have enjoyed getting to know and working with the Staff, the Session, the Pastor Search Team, the other various church teams, and all the individuals who call this church home.

I will be with you through August 16th. Alex will speak on August 23rd and Al on August 30th. Then, beginning September 6th, your new pastor will be with you!

Some have asked: What's next for the Giles'? The short answer is: we don't know! Quite often, transitional roles arise quickly and at the last minute. We expect that will happen again. In the meantime, we will visit with family – including a new grandchild scheduled to appear soon. Please pray for us that the Lord will soon open to us the next door of ministry and that we will have what the next place needs.

Thanks again for the privilege of being with you this year. This has been a great church to serve and a great place to live!

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Pastor Joel's Message (continued from page one)



I will watch from a distance with great excitement as the Lord's will unfolds for IRPC. I am grateful for your rich history; I am excited about your rich destiny!

God Bless! Joel

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

Joel Giles

Transitional Pastor

MINI MONEY MOMENT

by Pastor Joel

One thing I like to do before I leave a transitional role is talk and write a bit about money. I don't mind addressing the topic of money, but we don't want to overdo it either. I want to address it sufficiently but not constantly. I prefer to deliver it via a sprinkling, not a tsunami.

This is a good time to address the topic of money because you just called a Senior Pastor. We want you to enter a new era on a firm financial footing.

A church is rightly interested in the amount of giving that occurs. But first, we should address our attitude toward giving and our ability for giving. We will start from where financial stability and generosity begins.

Proverbs is a biblical treasure chest of golden nuggets of wisdom. Here are ten tips from Proverbs. If these sound like things your grandparents said, maybe they are. They are simply common-sense principles about how life works.

ONE: TRAIN WELL: *A skillful person will stand before kings. 22:29*

Develop a marketable skill and you will be in demand. There may be ups and downs because there are factors beyond your control, but control what you can by having skills that the market needs.

TWO: WORK HARD: *Diligence leads toward wealth. 10:4, 12:24, 13:4, 16:26*

There is usually an uncanny correlation between work and wealth. Don't wait for your ship to come in; find a boat and start rowing.

THREE: PLAY FAIR: *A fortune made by lying is a fleeting vapor, a deadly snare. 21:6*

There is a right way and a wrong way to make money. Treat people right. It's good business, and it's just plain good.

FOUR: PLAN AHEAD: *The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. 21:5*

Some opportunities will be a surprise, but don't just hope good things will happen. Plan your work, and then work your plan.

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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR TIM

Dear IRPC Family,

Hello from Winston Salem! We are just a few short weeks away from moving to Fort Pierce. Wow! Thank you for the opportunity to serve and lead IRPC. As Kendra and I look to this new season of mission and ministry, we do so humbled that God has called us, excited for what lies ahead, and a little overwhelmed with all that needs to happen before we move!

I will be in touch with Session and staff over the next few weeks so that we can have a smooth transition between Pastor Joel's departure mid-August and my arrival on September 6th. You have a great set of leaders at IRPC. I look forward to partnering with them and you as God sends us on mission together.

Please join us in praying that we will finish well here in Winston Salem, that we will notice the ministry opportunities God is putting in front of us over the next few weeks, and for God's favor to cover our move down to Fort Pierce. Let's also be praying for the Giles in their transition from IRPC. Praise the Lord for calling and working through Pastor Joel this past year!

*Blessings,
Tim Norton*



MINI MONEY MOMENT by Pastor Joel

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FIVE: GIVE FIRST: *Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your produce. 3:9*

Giving is NOT primarily a way for the church to pay their bills; It is primarily a way for the church members to pay their respects to the Lord who gave them the ability and opportunity to earn their pay.

SIX: BE GENEROUS: *A generous person will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. 11:25*
Most 21st century Americans have been blessed with more than we need. As your income increases, do not automatically increase your standard of LIVING; consider increasing your standard of GIVING.

SEVEN: SAVE SOME: *He who gathers money little by little makes it grow. 13:11*

There will be needs in the future. Stuff wears out. Emergencies arise. Christmas, anniversaries, and birthdays roll around every year without fail. Cut back on today's spending to save for tomorrow's needs.

EIGHT: AVOID DEBT: *The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. 22:7*

Borrowing is a commitment of future time and energy and dollars to someone else. Once you incur a debt, you are, to some degree, working for the lender. The less your debt, the greater your freedom.

NINE: TRUST GOD: *Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. 16:20*

God is in control. We must be responsible with matters within our control, but we must not worry over circumstances beyond our control.

TEN: BE CONTENT: *A faithful man will be richly blessed; one eager to get rich will not go unpunished. 28:20*

Stuff enriches life but should not define it. Use things and love people, not vice versa.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(As of July 27, 2020)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- **Those who requested their prayer request remain confidential.**
- **Persecuted Christians around the world.**
- **Those who are lost.**
- **The sick and homeless.**
- **Everyone in light of the Coronavirus.**
- **All military men and women including:**
Shannon Arena, Krys Baker, Jean Fede, Shawn M. Kendig, Jason Schneider, and Vincent Turer.
- **The Grove Church** – which is our IRPC Church Plant, Pastor David Hancock, his Family and Team.
- **IRPC & its Pastor-Elect Tim Norton & wife Kendra.**

MEMBERS:

Rollin & Joan Ankeny, Dick & Helen Boyd, Beverly Butt, Judy Carlin, John Clegg, C Crawford, Marion Daum, Bruce Dixon, Jr., Frank Dyer, Linda Firpo, Sharon George, Dick Goebel, Shirley Hendrick, Roy & Marilyn Hetzel, Dee Jacques, Bill & Carole Kerber, Hal Larned, Carol McGinnis, Roger Molag, Virginia Pascoe, Rosemary Rawe, Virginia Simmons, Connie & Harold Steel, Suzi Sutherland, Andrea Wallman, David Wallman, Bill Timberman, and June Wauters.

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Sean Baker, Theo Baumgardner, Steve & Karen Bennett, Bain Biggers, Ellis Brown & her family, Robert Busking, Athena Buck, Manon Carlin, Barbara Cole, Father of C Crawford, Micah Davino, Fred & MaryEllen Donghia, Roger Duvall, Dylan, Michael Erickson, Jamie Freaney, Betty Gardner, Larry Glenn, Mike Goodwin, Mark Hammond, Cruz Hancock, Sam Harrison, Chris Hill, Dale Hinze, Jenny Hutchings & Family, Robert Jacques II, Robert Jacques III, Charlie Jorgensen, Marilyn Klassen, Bob Kuh, Marlene Lacy, Bill & Sharon Landry, Carrie Lund, Laura, David Metcalf, Betty Miller, David Minnear, Donna Moniz, Loise Ogwin, Rica Patterson, Kim Pennell, Reid Pollard, Patricia Radloff, Tim Rice, Maury Ross, Jean B. Sheets, Bill Shrensel, Frank Sutton, Jamie Sweeney, Robert Szika, Paul Testa, Hal Tew, Carl Timberman, Alexa Titherington, the Vercillo Family, Kenny & Amy Wallman, Grandma Dee Waltz, Stephen Wauters, and Sarah West.



"They will be called Oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His beauty . . . they will renew the ruined cities."
Isaiah 61:3 -4 (NIV)

Dear IRPC,

I am so thankful to God that you have found a pastor. IRPC has been in my thoughts and prayers since Pastor Bryan's new call. Pastor Tim will do a great job and you are in great hands. I'm also thankful to God that He has continued to stay faithful to The Grove through this pandemic. Through all of this, we are continuing to see people come to faith and grow in faith. Our way forward through the pandemic is to focus on staying faithful to God's calling upon the church.

If you would like to stay updated on The Grove make sure to follow us on Facebook. There you can watch our livestreams, see new photos, and hear what else is going on.

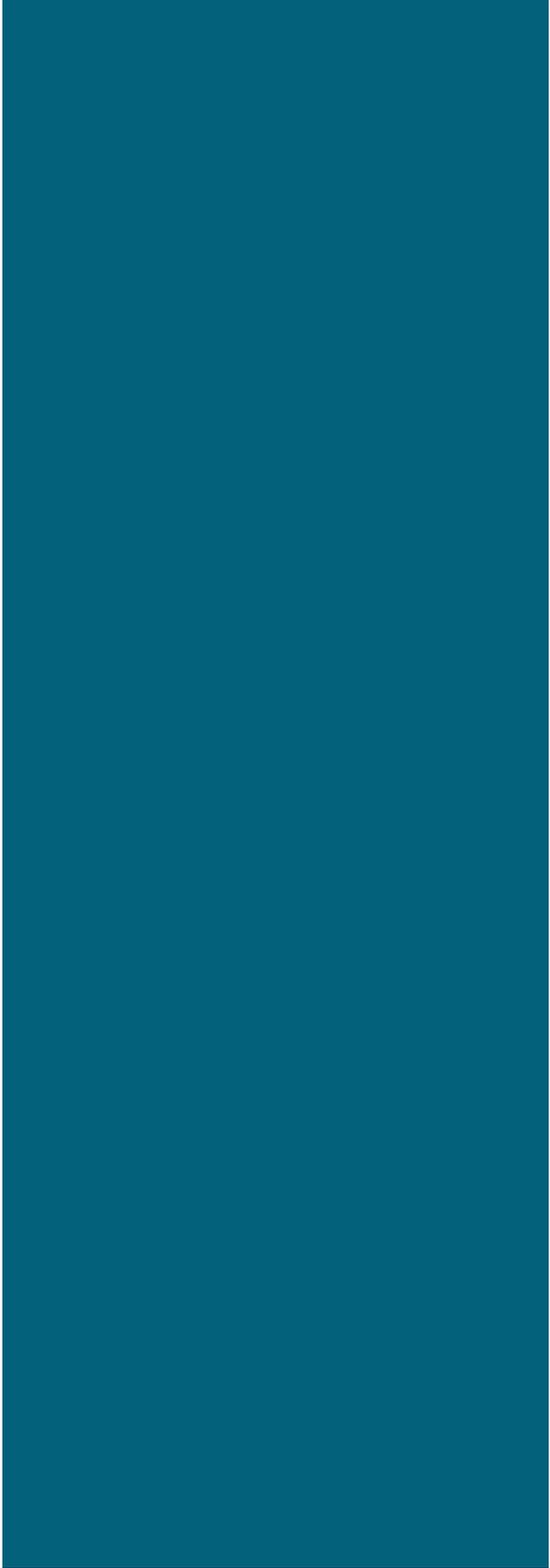
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INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE PRAYER TEAM ?

Would you like to be part of the IRPC's Prayer Team? If so, please contact Al Rivett at al@irpcfamly.org or call 772-464-4263 ext. 112.

Prayer Team members get an updated prayer request list each week. Each person is committed to fill the requests up to our Lord Jesus on a regular basis.



“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

(1 Peter 3:15 NIV)



Homebound and/or Assisted Living



WORSHIP WITH COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

In order to provide a safe (as possible) environment, IRPC will be adhering to the following required and recommended protocols for all worship services (and during office hours). The protocols listed below will be standard practice until further notice.

- ◆ Masks / face coverings will be required for admittance, this as required by St. Lucie County. PLEASE BRING A MASK WITH YOU. There is only a limited supply available for those who seek admittance without a mask.
- ◆ Temperatures will be taken at the door. Persons with a temperature of 100-degrees or more will not be admitted. The CDC guideline is 100.4-degrees. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. You can still watch the 9:30 am worship service via live stream at www.irpcfamly.org. A video of each week's sermon message will also be posted on the IRPC website.
- ◆ To insure adequate social distancing (6-feet apart per CDC guidelines), the first 110 persons at any one worship service will be admitted into the Sanctuary. This number may vary depending on the spacing of persons in attendance. Those seeking admittance after this capacity has been reached will be directed to Sample Hall where a live feed will be available for both worship services.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep IRPC safe as its members and guests seek to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR OPENING

Alicia Wallman has served in various ways as a volunteer and a staff member in children's ministry for over 20 years! She feels led to cycle out of her staff role. (She will continue to volunteer in the youth ministry where their son will be this year as a junior in high school.) *MANY THANKS, Alicia, for your good and faithful service through the years!*

We have begun looking for a successor. This is a part-time role (about 20 hours per week) and will involve some teaching, recruiting, scheduling, parental engagement, etc., for ministries to ages 0 through 5th grade. We are seeking candidates for the role both inside and outside the church family. If you know of someone who might be a good candidate, please contact Al Rivett at Al@irpcfamly.org.



Care Net would like to sincerely thank the IRPC Family for your generous participation in our **2020 Baby Bottle Campaign** amidst the global pandemic! Your support enables us to continue to save vulnerable lives on the Treasure Coast and allows us the continued opportunity to offer our clients abundant life through the life-changing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are so grateful. Thank you for partnering with us for LIFE!

Please mark your calendars for CareNet's **Survive & Thrive 2020 Fall Fundraiser Banquet** taking place on Thursday, September 24 and Friday, September 25 at the Mid-Florida Credit Union Event Center, (formerly known as PSL Civic Center). Seating begins at 6:30pm. (All CDC guidelines for safety and social distancing will be carefully observed.) Call (772) 828-3168 for more info or to host a table or visit www.carenetbanquet.com to RSVP or donate.



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Welcome to Women's Ministries . . . in September 2020

You all have been missed due to the coronavirus and the necessary self-quarantine policies. We so look forward to the fellowship of the women in the Circles, to new Circle members, to the continuing study of "Angels, Who They Are and How They Help...What the Bible Reveals," and to being involved in the various IRPC activities. "May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another." (Genesis 31:49). . . . Stay tuned!

Have a great summer and see you in September!

Attention Quilters & Crafters

Do you consider yourself handy with a needle? If so, the Quilters & Crafters group offers a standing invitation to anyone with talents in knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, designing crafts, and of course quilting to join them in Room 107 each Wednesday from 9 to 11am.

MISSION TEAM UPDATE

The Mission Team met on July 6, the first time since the church budget was approved in February. (Blame COVID-19 for the delay.) Due to the reduced income of IRPC, the budget for Missions has been cut significantly, from over \$70,000 in 2016 and 2017 to \$14,000 this year. This was a difficult decision for Session. Hopefully this trend can be reversed soon.

Because our funds are limited and many local people are suffering during the pandemic, the team opted to forgo helping international missions in the interim and to concentrate on local needs. We allocated \$4,000 each to Mustard Seed and GraceWay. Both of these organizations have provided meals and food supplies for numerous local families and individuals. We also are giving \$4,000 to The Grove, the IRPC church plant in Port St. Lucie, because they are experiencing reduced giving during the pandemic.

The recipients of the remaining funds will be determined at a future meeting when we possibly will have additional money.

Donations to the Mission fund are always welcome. Please consider tithing to IRPC as our Lord has provided to you and your family, and if feasible, please add an extra contribution to Missions (with a note that it is for Missions).

All IRPC members and friends are invited to join the Mission team at our future meetings. They will be announced in the bulletin and in the church family emails.

Prayerfully submitted,
Rebecca Ascoli, Chair
IRPC Mission Team



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www.irpcfamly.org
including weekly
sermon messages

GRACEWAY VILLAGE ADAPTS TO THE NEW NORMAL'S OLD NEEDS



The world is changing. New business models, different school schedules, and home-centered way-of-life diversions are becoming commonplace. GraceWay Village is no exception to COVID's demands as we incorporate alternative ways to serve those less fortunate.

For example, children and teenagers of families living in poverty continue to need new clothing -- and prepare for whenever school reopens. Our mission remains, but we have changed the methodology.

Bowing to COVID-mandated requirements, we had to close our children and teen boutique, *Hope's Closet*, for individual client shopping. However, GraceWay Village has remained available to the professional community working with those in need. When a need arises, they contact us, providing all the information needed for volunteers to put together a package of needed clothing. These items are then picked up for the professional to get to their client.

Now, GraceWay Village is taking the first steps to reopen. Our current clients and social workers can call for an appointment on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. They are required to follow routine COVID safety measures and wait at individual tables in our café. Then, one family at a time is escorted to the Hope's Closet building where they are partnered with a trained volunteer to shop in a designated area. We are continually evaluating these procedures and keeping an eye on local conditions before expanding our shopping availability.

What hasn't changed is the need to meet the ever-present concerns of these children. Donations of gently -worn items are urgently – and gratefully -- accepted. A collection box at our front door always is available, as well as the collection box at your church.

In our continuing response to the health emergency, GraceWay Village is maintaining its expanded commitment to serve the area's hungry. Hot meals are prepared and then distributed by volunteers five evenings a week at our Hartman Road campus, as well as at three off-site distribution sites. One of these distribution sites is at the Lawnwood Terrace Community in Fort Pierce. This site began in collaboration with the City of Fort Pierce to fight food insufficiency. This collaboration was funded through the month of July by the city. GraceWay Village will continue the distributions indefinitely, knowing that the needs are great.

Guests who come to GraceWay Village to pick up hot meals on Sunday nights also receive pantry items to help supplement their nutritional needs. Partnering with the Treasure Coast Food Bank as an official food pantry, this additional help is recognized as a high need for our community. The result of our labors: GraceWay Village has served more than 12,000 meals since March 10.

My colleagues and I remain committed to meet these once unimagined challenges. We do so comforted by knowing that we have your unyielding support and heartfelt prayers. Never hesitate to contact us with questions, needs, or offers of assistance. Partnering together to serve our neighbors in need is a great privilege that is not taken lightly.

Joining you as a servant for our Lord Jesus Christ,

Cathie Mouring
Executive Director



Deb Lentz delivers meals to one home's three eligible residents.