

Salisbury

Christian Church

2020 Annual Report

Dear Salisbury Christian Church Family,

I hope and pray that all of you are well. I think most of us agree that we were glad to see 2020 to be over and 2021 to begin! Who would have thought or even imagined the changes that we lived through in 2020? The COVID-19 Global Pandemic hit our area by March 2020 and things are not the same, even yet today. Add to the pandemic, natural disasters, protesting, both peaceful and violent in our towns and cities, and a Presidential election is about too much to handle in one year! But not for our Lord God Almighty! Please read and pray over Psalm 46, God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble! He will never leave us or forsake us!

The Church Building was not used from the middle of March until the middle of July, following the State of Illinois orders because of the COVID-19 virus. This did not stop the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ from being preached, taught, and shared from Salisbury. This situation shows us more how the Church is not the building in Salisbury, but the people who believe in Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Even though the building was closed, I am thankful for Nathaniel and Cara Kern for being able to broadcast the Sunday Worship Service LIVE from their home along with a Five-Minute Faith Focus study on Wednesday evenings. I am thankful for all others who have made calls to church family and friends who are shut in, sick, and in hospitals or nursing homes and are not allowed visitors during this time. Please keep these people in our thoughts and prayers.

We were able to open the Church building in mid-July to offer Sunday morning Worship Service at 10:30am and continue today while following the State of Illinois guidelines for meeting together. We also purchased the needed equipment to broadcast the service LIVE for our shut-ins, friends, and family members that are unable to attend the in-house services.

While the building was closed this past spring and summer, the interior of the sanctuary was painted, and banners were purchased and hung. Other projects accomplished included a new furnace and air conditioner installed in the fellowship hall, a new roof on the sanctuary, a new door and lock for the crawl space under the fellowship hall, and the light pole in the parking lot was straightened and repaired. Because of the Lord's blessings and your gracious giving, these projects were completed and paid for in full!

During this time, the church has also continued supporting our missions as we have committed to them. We have not cut back any mission nor the amount of support we have committed to send. Praise God and thank you all for your support and giving.

Moving into 2021 with the Lord leading us, we will bring back Sunday School, along with our normal schedules and activities as the State allows.

Remember: IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS! Let us "be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's Will for you in Christ Jesus!" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Thank you, each one, for all you do for the Church!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey A. Koels". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom left of the page.

2020 Treasurers Report

I am sure this is an understatement but 2020 was a very strange year for us all. However, I know that God continued to Bless us all in different ways.

Salisbury Christian Church continued to receive God's Blessings in the form of all of you.

We were able to replace the HVAC system in the fellowship hall and re-shingle the church sanctuary roof this year and pay for both out of our General Fund Account.

This is all thanks again to the amazing generosity of you, our congregation.

This year, tithing held relatively strong even though Covid-19 affected our congregation like everyone else throughout the state, nation and world.

Although tithing was strong, with the expenditures stated above, we will need to redeem one of our CD's when it comes due in January 2021 so we can keep a good balance in our General account. That way, if we have any unexpected expenses, we shouldn't need to redeem a CD when it isn't due for redemption/renewal, thereby avoiding penalties.

As always, I look forward to the privilege of serving Salisbury Christian Church in the capacity of Treasurer in the coming year.

May God continue to Bless you all in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Buckley, Treasurer

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BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2020

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2020	AS OF DEC 31, 2019 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
18 Mo. CD - 04/26/2020 (ending 705)	25,793.14	25,499.98
18 Mo. CD - 04/26/2020 (ending 999)	25,793.14	25,499.98
3 yr. CD - 01/12/2017 (ending 486) (deleted)	0.00	0.00
3 yr. CD - 01/12/2022 (ending 212)	17,991.10	17,551.91
3 yr. CD - 01/19/2020 (ending 285)	12,523.04	12,401.75
4 yr. CD - 01/12/2019 (ending 798) (deleted)	0.00	0.00
5 yr. CD - 01/12/2016 (deleted)	0.00	0.00
5 yr. CD - 01/12/2021 (ending 483)	12,947.50	12,792.50
5 yr. CD - 01/19/2022 (ending 501)	12,780.32	12,627.91
5 yr. CD - 01/21/2017 (ending 780) (deleted)	0.00	0.00
5 yr. CD - 01/22/2018 (ending 403) (deleted)	0.00	0.00
5 yr. CD - 01/22/2023 (ending 158)	23,253.93	22,853.45
5 yr. CD - 12/31/2017 (ending 155)	11,239.49	11,045.92
5 yr. CD - 12/31/2017 (ending 620)	11,239.49	11,045.92
5 yr. CD - 12/31/2017 (ending 652)	11,239.49	11,045.92
Building Account	501.49	501.01
General Fund	1,301.04	27,604.39
Benevolence	1,600.00	1,600.00
Vestibule Project	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund	2,901.04	29,204.39
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Youth Account	0.00	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$168,203.17	\$192,070.64
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$168,203.17	\$192,070.64
Fixed Assets		
Land	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$176,203.17	\$200,070.64
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity {4}	31,821.15	31,821.15
Unrestricted Net Assets	168,249.49	167,524.61
Net Income	-23,867.47	724.88
Total Equity	\$176,203.17	\$200,070.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$176,203.17	\$200,070.64

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PROFIT AND LOSS

January - December 2020

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2020	JAN - DEC 2019 (PY)
Income		
Benevolence Offerings	150.00	
Calendar Sales	200.00	200.00
Tithes/Offerings	37,330.63	51,112.14
Memorial / Gift	755.00	750.00
Total Tithes/Offerings	38,085.63	51,862.14
Total Income	\$38,435.63	\$52,062.14
GROSS PROFIT	\$38,435.63	\$52,062.14
Expenses		
Advertising and Promotion	949.55	
Bank Service Charges	15.00	15.00
Benevolence Fund	1,000.00	
Books and Teaching Materials	763.76	1,243.65
Calendars	190.00	190.00
Charitable Contributions	860.00	
Church Dinners		447.18
Insurance Expense		
General Liability Insurance	3,432.00	2,734.00
Worker's Compensation	225.00	232.00
Total Insurance Expense	3,657.00	2,966.00
Kitchen / Bathroom Supplies	142.00	262.52
Landscaping Expenses	1,703.98	1,464.04
Ministry Expenses		55.99
Card Ministry	20.96	
Funeral Flowers	392.81	
Women's Ministry	222.51	697.10
Total Ministry Expenses	636.28	753.09
Missions	7,971.00	11,886.00
Rapha House	1,991.00	2,219.00
Total Missions	9,962.00	14,105.00
Office Supplies	1,251.47	742.86
Payroll Expenses		
Minister	18,850.00	18,200.00
Total Payroll Expenses	18,850.00	18,200.00
Postage and Delivery	45.90	
Repairs and Maintenance	16,452.50	4,468.92
Taxes Paid		
Property Tax	516.68	513.16
Total Taxes Paid	516.68	513.16

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January - December 2020

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2020	JAN - DEC 2019 (PY)
Utilities		
Electricity	929.70	1,180.95
Garbage Service	294.00	294.00
Propane	2,875.72	3,910.36
Telephone Expense	467.50	473.89
Water	240.00	241.57
Total Utilities	4,806.92	6,100.77
Worship Service Expenses	2,935.94	1,063.38
Youth Ministry		1,340.41
Total Expenses	\$64,738.98	\$53,875.98
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -26,303.35	\$ -1,813.84
Other Income		
Interest Income	2,435.88	2,538.72
Total Other Income	\$2,435.88	\$2,538.72
NET OTHER INCOME	\$2,435.88	\$2,538.72
NET INCOME	\$ -23,867.47	\$724.88

My beloved family in Christ,

2020 will be remembered. It will be remembered in different ways and for different reasons by different people. But it will be remembered. It's hard to put into words just how challenging 2020 ended up being. We all became experts in social distancing, the alcohol content of hand sanitizer, and analyzing "the curve". We learned new terms like spike protein, novel virus, phase, mitigation, and essential worker. It certainly was a year of learning and of challenges. Unfortunately, the challenges we faced in 2020 didn't just stop at the change of the year. We continue to struggle through a global pandemic. We still feel the heat of a very contentious election season. We witnessed protests and violence and civil unrest. And, undoubtedly, we endured personal trials of all kinds.

As our neighbors, nation, and world struggled to deal with numerous miseries, our church encountered some obstacles, too. As you know, in March, we suspended all in-person gatherings and events. Leadership was confronted with the decision to either shut down completely or enter into uncharted territory to continue with the mission of somehow preaching the Gospel in spite of being physically apart. In just a few days, we were able to move our worship service online and offer a nightly devotional on Facebook Live. Our primary concern was to keep speaking the Word of God in any way possible. God showed us what Paul declared in 2 Timothy 2, "God's word is not chained." By July, gathering restrictions had eased enough that we could gather together again while still following IDPH guidelines.

While we responded well to reconfiguring our worship service and continued to give financially in the name of Christ, we admittedly fell short in some other areas of ministry. Namely, our attempts were lacking in connecting and communicating with church family members who were not in attendance in either our online or in-person gatherings. We hope that all of you know that what I stated many times on our devotional broadcasts still holds true: "We love you. We miss you." As for this moment, one of our desires is to move towards a complete reopening and resumption of all facets of ministry. Our greatest desire, though, is to reconnect with you, our fellow workers in Christ. As we begin to reach out and reconnect, we encourage you to be mindful of how crucial it is to be a gathering and worshiping family of believers. (Hebrews 10:25) If you have not been able or felt comfortable to join us in person, we pray that you would join us online through Facebook Live. We know and believe that watching online can never, nor should it ever, replace gathering together in person. We are grateful to God, however, for the opportunity this technology provides to broaden the reach of the Good News. However you choose, whether online for the time being or in person, we urge you to be committed in gathering with us regularly. It is far too easy in our socially distanced environment to become lackadaisical in our worship participation and miss out on the true blessing of Christian kinship.

It is my true hope that through this most difficult year that God has forever changed you. I pray that He has awakened in you a renewed fervor for worship, stirred you to exhibit Christ-like compassion, and driven you to trust Him more deeply. I desire that, as a church, we recognize the great need to connect with our community, preach the Gospel in any way we can, and live a life saturated in prayer. Jesus has called us to a great work in a fallen world. This fallen world has been shaken and is desperate for truth, wholeness, and healing. Jesus is the Truth. Jesus can make the world whole. Jesus has brought healing by His sacrifice. Jesus is exactly what the world needs and the world is exactly what Jesus came to save. (John 3:16) It's humbling to realize that it's the Church that Jesus commissions to that same saving mission. Let us join together in unity of heart, mind, and purpose to introduce Jesus to all our neighbors, friends, and family.

With you for Him,



Pastor Kern