
Fwd: Rev. Jim Carter - Annual Report 2015

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Roger --please use this as i put 2014 on the first letter and it is 2015. So, I changed it and put June 27, 2015.
Thanks and blessings to you. Jim

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Rev. Roger Collins
Stated Clerk, Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Dear Rev. Collins and Brothers of Presbytery,

Greetings to you in our gracious Lord. I pray all is going well in your respective ministries and our Lord is granting you all strength as you run the race with endurance. This month marks four years that I've served as the Senior Pastor of New Presbyterian Church in Pompano Beach and Wilton Manors, Florida. Time does go by fast and I so appreciate your prayers. This has been a very exciting year and one of great transition for our congregation. As many of you remember, our congregation was gifted a church campus and voted to move all ministry operations to this campus location of Wilton Manors, which is a sub-community of Fort Lauderdale. We then moved all our staff and ministry programs to this campus in April of 2014 except for our Sunday morning worship service which continues to meet at Pompano High School in Pompano Beach, Florida.

We then started a massive renovation and remodeling of the the entire church campus in April 2014 which continues as I write this Annual Report. The renovation includes the whole campus which is comprised of our sanctuary, educational wing, administrative offices, youth section, fellowship hall, nursery, chapel, and kitchen. This has been quite an experience as we've worked to complete this entire project for God's glory without any debt. Our Lord has greatly blessed us in the process. Our elders and deacons are working overtime to serve the congregation in this process and I'm so thankful for the heart of our people. The goal is to have our first worship service in the newly renovated sanctuary in January 2016. (seating capacity will be about 550-600) At that time we will have all of our ministry in one centralized location instead of our current Sunday morning service at the high school and our Sunday evening service in our fellowship hall. We will be finished with setting up and breaking down chairs in the gymnasium and all that goes with the initial challenges of a a church plant.

The past six months have also seen our congregation welcome in over 20 new members to our church. What is encouraging is many of them are young adults, which is always exciting as we build for the future. I'm meeting with three of these young men monthly who are seeking God's will for their future as they consider a call to full-time vocational ministry. What a blessing, privilege and honor it is to provide them mentorship and guidance during this precious time in their

theological and vocational development. Please pray for me as it appears all three men will be entering theological training in the near future. We have also started a missions program in Chile and it is so exciting to see how God is using our church to help develop another congregation in Chile.

My family is doing well. Terri is busy helping and leading a women's study and is deeply involved in supporting me and the church as a wonderful and encouraging wife. What a blessing she is to me and so many. Our daughter (Sarah) just graduated from Covenant College and starts graduate school in August. Our son (David) just completed his Freshman year at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio. Both Sarah and David have loved their college experience and have grown in the Lord. Both loved playing college tennis and all that goes along with balancing academics and athletics at the collegiate level while seeking the Lord for His direction for their future. I am also in the process of finishing up my D-MIN Dissertation on Leadership and Change: Focusing on churches that are entering a new season and overcoming crisis situations or undergoing great transition. This has been a very rewarding time of study and I would ask that you pray for me as I complete my dissertation over the next couple of months.

I would ask you to please pray for the following items. Please pray that our Lord will grant me spiritual, mental, and physical strength as I shepherd our congregation into its new church location. Please pray that I would boldly preach the love of Christ and His forgiveness. Please pray for our new location and that we would connect with the community in a way that encourages the promotion of the Gospel and draws the local community into our church. Please pray for Broward county and the evangelical churches in the region as a number of them have endured difficult trials and pray for their healing and movement forward in the midst of challenges. Please pray for our congregation in the midst of transition to strike a healthy balance of evangelism and discipleship. Please pray for a strong finish to our renovation and remodeling program and that God would bless us as he has to this point to spend over one million dollars in renovations without any debt. Finally, please pray for our leaders as we begin to study moving into a denomination over the next year. We currently use the PCA BCO as our standard and By-Laws are all accepted by the PCA as a like minded congregation. I would ask you to pray for this as we begin to study the future. I have honored your desires and continued to keep solid relations with South Florida Presbytery and the Stated Clerk. All of that is going very well and God has blessed that relationship as I serve as a PCA minister laboring outside the bounds representing Mississippi Valley Presbytery. What a true blessing and I cannot thank you brothers enough for your gracious love and spirit to allow this process to unfold.

I send my prayers and heartfelt appreciation. It is my desire to travel to a Presbytery meeting within the next year. My prayers are with you and let us all continue to push forward in service to the King.

In Christ our Lord,

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