

PENNINGTON PARK CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAR. 28 | 5 P.M.

IMPORTANT DATES

**MEETING
Q & A** March 21 after the first and second service in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**MEETING
TIME** March 28 from 5-6 p.m. at Pennington Park Church inside the Sanctuary. Masks are required.

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2021 CHURCH-WIDE PRIORITY

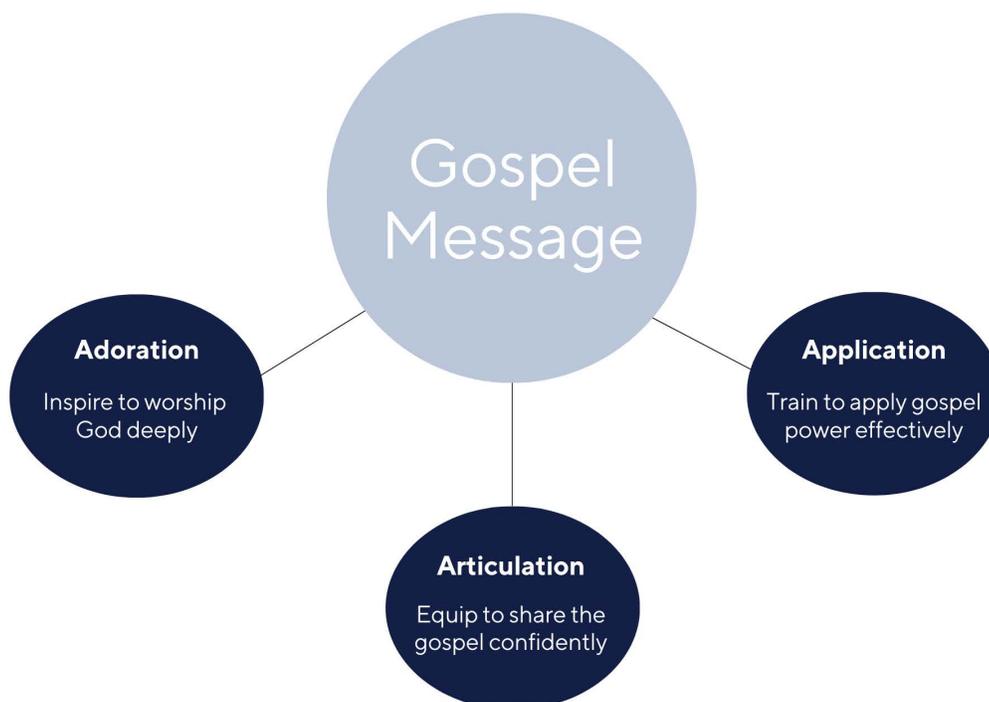
Church-wide priorities are considered the most important areas for growth. Related to our three-fold church-wide strategy (Belong, Grow, Multiply), our priorities guide our decisions as they relate to preaching, events, classes, outreach opportunities, and other areas of our church that need further development in this season.

The church-wide priority for 2021 is learning to be shaped by the gospel that results in deeper adoration, clearer articulation, and consistent application of the Good News of Jesus.

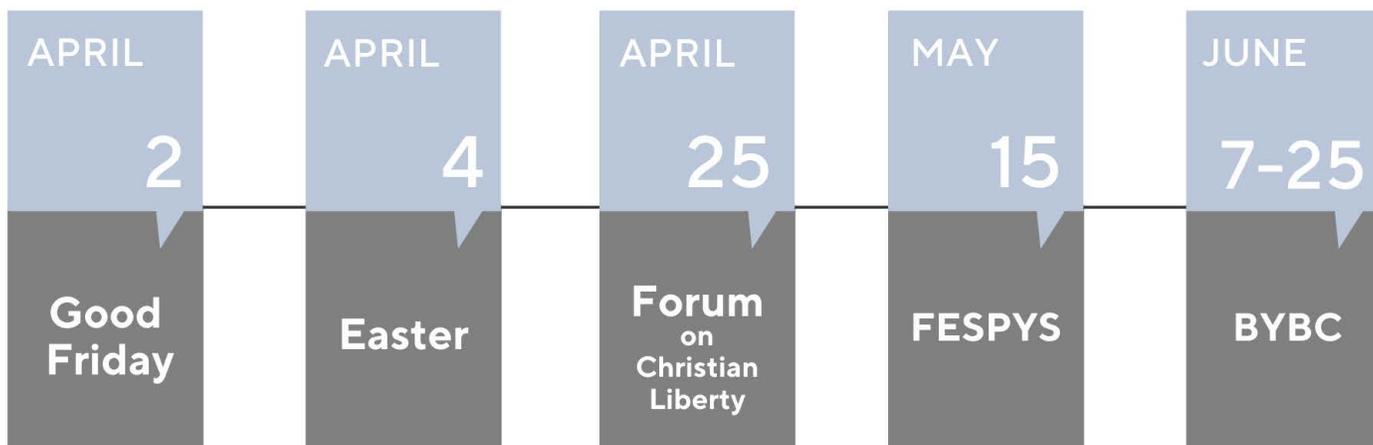
Shaped by the Gospel

2020 was a challenging year. We were stretched physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally, and spiritually living through a global pandemic in the midst of political and racial unrest. It was a year of being tempted to be shaped by other things outside of the gospel. Therefore, 2021 will focus on the centrality of the gospel and how it shapes us in the following three ways:

1. **Gospel Adoration:** Be inspired to worship God more deeply by immersing ourselves in the gospel so that it's not just something believed but adored.
2. **Gospel Articulation:** Be equipped to know how to explain the gospel in everyday conversations with unbelievers and believers.
3. **Gospel Application:** Be trained to know how to apply the gospel to the different areas of our lives.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Good Friday

Join us for Good Friday on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. as we remember and reflect upon the death of Jesus Christ. Child care will not be available.

Easter

Invite your family, friends or neighbors to one of our three services, 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 a.m., as we celebrate our risen Savior! Children's programming will be offered during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. for Nursery and Preschool.

Forum on Christian Liberty

Learn how to think with biblical wisdom and love about gray issues the Bible doesn't talk about a lot as we discuss and apply Christian Liberty on Sunday, Apr. 25 at 5 p.m. Child care will be provided for Nursery through 4th grade.

FESPYS

Celebrate the gifts God has given to those at Pennington Park Church by attending our volunteer appreciation night. This event will take place on Saturday, May 15 at 5 p.m. Invitations will be sent in the mail prior to the event with more details. This event is for volunteers only.

BYBC

Connect with your neighbors and the community by hosting a Backyard Bible Club. Clubs will run during the whole month of June and dig deep into the Gospel and why we need it for everyday living. A call out meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Apr. 15 with more information.

VOTING MOTION

I approve the following individuals to serve in the role as deacon at Pennington Park Church.

DEACON CANDIDATES

EVELYN GRISSOM



Paul and I have attended Pennington Park since 2017. We have been married 43 years and have four children and four grandchildren. It is a blessing to be involved in a small group, which has become our second family. I help out with communion and also help in the nursery twice a month. It is my desire to further use my gifts in the potential position of a deacon and I look forward to serving in this capacity.

KENT & ANGELA HATCHER

The Hatchers have been with Pennington Park since 2018. They have been involved in the counting team, serving in the nursery, and most recently helping with small group and leading the usher team. They are excited for the opportunity to serve and encourage the church body as well as build more relationships at Pennington Park.



DEACON CANDIDATES CONTINUED...

CALEB & AMY HARTMAN



We are excited about the opportunity to serve as deacons at Pennington Park. Amy has been attending PPC since the incubator and Caleb joined the Pennington Park church family when we were married almost four years ago. We currently serve on the K-2 kid's team and lead our small group and Amy is involved with Women's Ministry. We are excited by the opportunity of serving our church and continuing to get to know more of our church family!

TOM WADE

I have been attending the church for about 4 years. I have been involved in hospitality and greeting for most of that time. I am looking forward to being able to return to doing more as we leave the COVID-19 era



VOTING MOTION

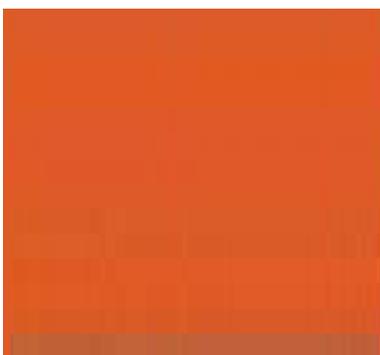
I approve the following member candidates to become Covenant Members at Pennington Park Church (verbal vote at the Member Meeting):

MEMBER CANDIDATES

**BRAD & NICHOLE
ADES**



**ASHLEIGH
ADES**



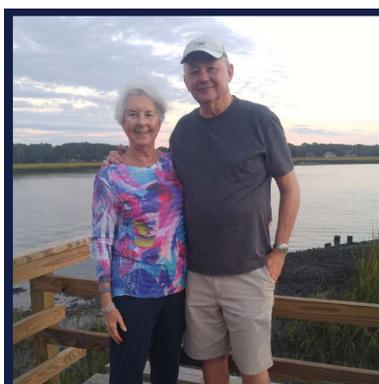
**JON & EMILY
DEHANN**



**TYLER & MOLLIE
FOLK**



**JERRY & SHARLA
HICKMAN**



**ERIC & HEATHER
KOENIG**



**ANDREW
NATOLI**



**BILL & LISA
SALES**



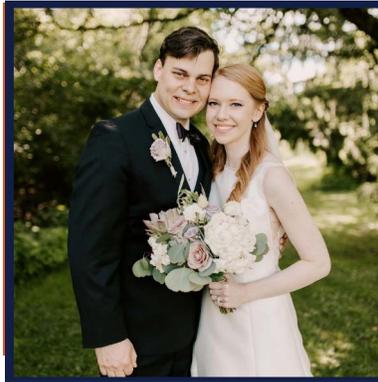
**TIM & VIRGINIA
SHEILDER**



**ANDREW &
REBECCA STEWARD**



**CHAD & LAUREN
WATKINS**



**SCOTT & KIM
WHITLOCK**



VOTING MOTION

I approve the following members to be removed from membership due to relocating out of state or attending a Bible preaching church.

MEMBERS

- Kim Aument
- Paula Basch-Austin

WHAT WE BELIEVE

PENNINGTON PARK CHURCH

I approve replacing the member confession with the what we believe statement as our church's official statement of faith, and for the bylaws to reflect this change.

In an effort to provide a doctrinal statement with more depth and clarity, the Elders at Pennington Park Church are putting forward a What We Believe statement to replace our Member Confession. We do not believe there is any major change or departure in this new document, but that it includes some key things that were missing (such as a doctrine of "sanctification") and adds a depth to our statement that was missing. Our hope is this new document can better be used for teaching and discipleship.

As a church and its people joined together in covenant membership, we affirm these beliefs together. We believe they represent the core elements of biblical teaching and orthodox faith. We ask members to affirm these beliefs and agree not to teach otherwise.

The Bible: We believe that the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God, written by men as sixty-six unified and yet diverse books, inerrant in the original manuscripts, sufficient for all that God requires us to believe and do, and the final authority for all matters of faith, practice, and life. It is completely true and trustworthy. We believe both the Old and New Testament tell one unified, wonderful story of God's plan of redemption to save a people to himself and dwell with them forever. Both testaments reveal God to humanity so he can be rightly known, worshiped, and followed. The Father speaks to us by his Spirit through the Word, which centers on the revelation of the person and work of Jesus.
(John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3, 19-21)

God: We believe there is one true God, that the living God is triune, eternally existing in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that these three are equal in nature, power, glory, attributes, and perfection; and that this God is the Creator and Ruler of all things, our gracious Redeeming God, and is the center of our worship.
(Genesis 1:1-2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Chronicles 16:23-25; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20; John 1:1-3)

God the Father: We believe in God the Father who sovereignly rules over all he created, continues to care for and sustain in providence all that exists, and hears and answers our prayers. God is Father in truth of those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He fully adopts believers into his family and cares for them as a perfect, loving, omniscient Father who knows what we need and what will glorify God.
(Genesis 1:1; Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:35; Matthew 6:9; John 17:2; Ephesians 1:3, 11; Romans 8:15-17)

God the Son: We believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in whom salvation is found; that the eternal Son was conceived by the Holy Spirit, took on human flesh, being born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, revealed God in flesh, redeemed sinful humans, and that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, the only mediator between God and man.
(Matthew 1:23-25; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:15)

God the Spirit: We believe in the Holy Spirit, a Divine Person, equal with the Father and Son and of the same substance and nature, who glorifies the Father and the Son, convicts the world of sin, regenerates hearts, indwells all believers, seals believers unto the day of redemption, gives gifts to men and women, and guides believers in obedience to the truth.
(John 16:8, 13-15; Romans 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:7-14; Ephesians 1:13-14; Titus 3:5)

Creation of Humanity: We believe that humans, male and female, were created in the image of God and without sin. As God's image-bearers, mankind is the crowning work of creation and every human life is sacred, valuable, and of great dignity and worth. Mankind was made to walk in fellowship with their Creator, reflecting and representing God by caring for and stewarding creation to his glory and for its good. We believe that God created humans distinct but complementary as male and female and ordained marriage to be a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman who unite in one flesh to reflect God's glory.
(Genesis 1:26-28; 2:23-24; Psalm 8:5-8; Matthew 19:4-6, Ephesians 5:22-33)

Sin: We believe that though Adam and Eve were created as innocent people, through Adam's sin humanity fell, becoming alienated from God, inherited a sinful nature, and experienced corruption that touches every aspect of our humanity (mental, physical, emotional, spiritual, relational). We believe all have sinned against God, stand condemned before him and under the judgment of physical and spiritual death, that in themselves they are incapable of turning to God and saving themselves, and so stand in desperate need of reconciliation and restoration to God by God. The fall of man also fractured God's good world, bringing brokenness, pain, sickness, death, strained relationships, tragedy, and suffering into every area of creation and humanity. However, we do not believe sin has the final word but that Jesus came to restore all that was lost, including both humanity and all of creation.
(Genesis 1:26-28; 3:1-19; Romans 3:23; 5:12-21; 6:23; 8:18-21; Ephesians 2:1-12; Colossians 1:19-20)

Redemption: We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, promised as the coming Messiah in the Old Testament, having lived a sinless life, sent out of love by the Father, offered Himself as a substitutionary atoning sacrifice; that his perfect blood shed for us is the only means of the forgiveness of sins; and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead. By his death and resurrection, Jesus defeated evil, sin, and death, and all who repent from their sin and believe in Him have eternal life.
(Isaiah 53:10; John 3:16; Romans 3:24-25; 5:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2:24; Hebrews 2:14; 9:22)

Resurrection and Ascension: We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead as the guarantee of our resurrection, and in His ascension into heaven where he is exalted as Lord and enthroned in power at the right hand of the Father, where he rules all things, and where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate.
(Acts 1:9-11; 2:29-36; Romans 1:3-5; 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 20; Hebrews 7:25; 8:1; 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2)

Salvation: We believe that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, that genuine faith involves turning from sin and to God, and that true faith in the gospel will be made evident by a life of repentance and godliness. We believe salvation is wholly the work of God and possible only through the substitutionary death of Christ for sinners; that through the Spirit's work of regeneration a person believes in Jesus, is united to him as our head and representative, declared righteous by God through Christ's righteousness, made a new creature

with new spiritual life, set free from the dominion of sin, set apart to God, and made His beloved child through the wonderful gift of adoption. We believe God loses none who are truly his own but that he preserves them in faith, sealing them by the Spirit, and keeping them until the culmination of salvation at the future glorification where all believers in Christ will forever abide in righteousness, purity, and wholeness.

(John 6:39-40; Romans 6:3-11; 8:1; 10:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 21:1-5)

Sanctification: We believe that all those justified in Christ are also baptized with and indwelt with the Holy Spirit at conversion as part of the New Covenant promise, and that the Spirit sets us apart from sin and to God as holy, leads us into confession and repentance from sin, empowers our obedience to God and joy in God, equips us to sacrificially serve others, renews our minds and hearts according to truth, and transforms (sanctifying) us into the image of Christ throughout our earthly lives as we follow Christ and seek to grow through means such as Bible-reading, prayer, confession, thanksgiving, and gathering with believers.

(2 Thess. 2:13; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 6:1-11; 8:28-29; Heb. 8:8-12; 10:10; Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 4:22-24; 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:11-20)

The Church: We believe in the universal Church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a body of professing believers in Jesus Christ, baptized by immersion on a credible testimony of faith, under elders, gathering in one locality, and associated for worship, instruction, observance of the Biblical ordinances, service, mission, and fellowship. We believe through the Holy Spirit, Jesus equips every believer with spiritual gifts to be used for the good of the Church and world. We believe that the mission of the church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and making disciples of all nations. We believe God calls his people to join themselves with other believers through membership in a local church, which includes regularly gathering together as believers on the Lord's Day.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2:42; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Peter 5:1-5)

The Ordinances: We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ gave the local church two ordinances to regularly observe together: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that water baptism by immersion (where physically possible) of a believer into the name of the triune God signifies one's union and identification with Jesus in his death, burial, and resurrection. We believe that the Lord's Supper, or Communion, is the partaking of the bread and the cup by believers in remembrance of the death of Christ on our behalf; that it is to be observed until He returns.

(Matthew 26:26-29; 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42; 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

Last Things: We believe in the future, personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth in glory and the establishment of His kingdom forever. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, eternal punishment of the wicked, and the eternal joy of the righteous. We believe in the glorification of believers in Christ, the eternal dwelling of God with his people in the new heavens and new earth, where all sin and its devastating effects will be wiped away from the restored creation, where God's people will experience in Him the fullness of joy, love, and righteousness they were created for by God.

(Isaiah 25:6-9; 65:17; Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11; 3:19-21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-55; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Titus 2:13; Revelation 20:7-15; 21:1-9)

For a more comprehensive version of this document, please see the
Confession Compared to What We Believe Statement

VOTING MOTION

The Elders of Pennington Park Church propose to approve the budget of \$1,465,000 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year (Apr. '21 - Mar. '22).

2021 - 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Annualized Actual for 2020-2021

\$1,340,000 (Budget = \$1,092,000)

TOTAL GIVING

\$112,000

ALLOCATED GLOBAL & LOCAL

\$276,000

OPERATIONS

\$654,000

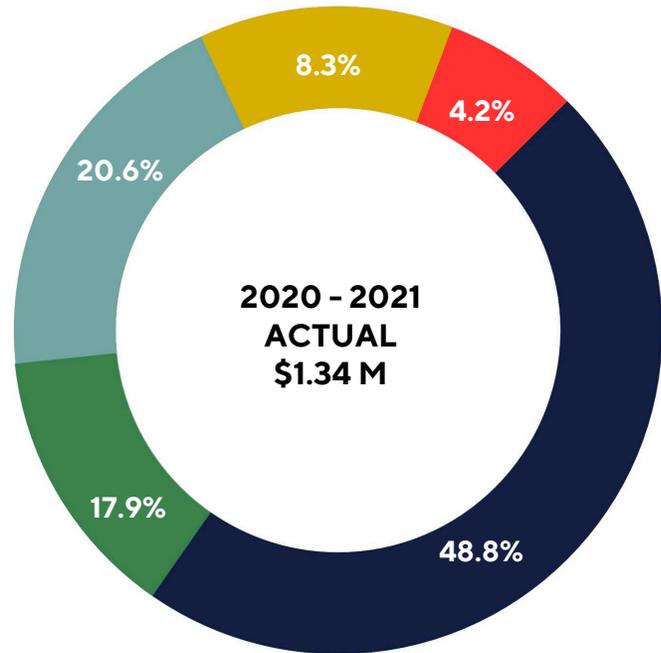
STAFFING

\$57,000

MINISTRY

\$241,000

MARGIN



Budgeted for 2021-2022

\$1,465,000

TOTAL GIVING

\$95,000

ALLOCATED GLOBAL & LOCAL

\$285,750

OPERATIONS

\$679,700

STAFFING

\$64,700

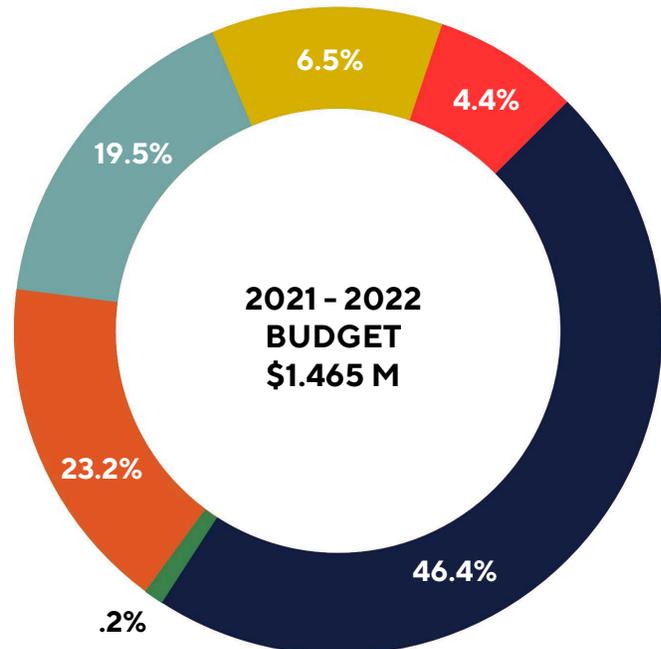
MINISTRY

\$336,800

DEBT SERVICE

\$3,050

MARGIN



FINANCIAL UPDATE

GENERAL FUND

\$1,228,610

20/21 FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIVED
(Number reflective April through Feb.)

\$1,001,000

20/21 FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE TARGET
(Number reflective April through Feb.)

MULTIPLY CAMPAIGN

\$2,368,063

TOTAL COMMITMENTS RECEIVED
'18, '19, '20, '21

\$2,581,670

TOTAL PLEDGE

We also want to encourage you to continue to give to the Multiply Campaign. You can do so by giving online at penningtonpark.com/give.

You can also give by making a check payable to "Pennington Park Church" and writing "Pennington Building Campaign" in the memo line. You can place your check in the offering basket on any Sunday, or you can mail your check to:

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