Senior Pastor's 2024 Annual Report Jeff Hokenson 2/2/25

Greetings! Praise the Lord! I am so thankful I have the opportunity to even give this report to you. As you all know I had a serious medical crisis back in June. There was a moment when I stood on my front lawn not knowing what to do; I thought this might be the end. Thankfully I received the help I desperately needed from many God sent servants. They say that when people have a close call with death it changes them. Everyday from that moment forward is seen as a gift and the things that are most important take on new significance. That is without question my lived experience.

And so I write this letter today with a new profound appreciation for all of you here at PCF. In October we celebrated 40 years of ministry here in Arcade. There was a lot of reminiscing that took place. God has so blessed Jodi and I beyond our wildest dreams here in this place. Seeing and hearing from people that have been part of our lives over these last 40 years was and is such a blessing. All of you are part of that blessing.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity to help lead a healthy vibrant local church. We know that this would not be possible without your support. Without you pursuing God in your lives there would be no passion. Without you seeking to serve in meaningful ways, things would go undone. And without the Holy Spirit being at work in all of our lives and in our midst, there would be no life.

This past year we have seen yet more and more lives changed by the power of God. We are witnessing what it looks like when God pours out his Holy Spirit. Almost weekly I hear testimonies from people that God spoke to them about starting to attend or getting back to church. God also seems to be using children in very profound ways. Yet there are still many more we are praying for. Our Sunday morning services are well attended and our weekly small groups are flourishing. We are thankful to God.

Several years ago when seeking the Lord about what more he would have me do, I sensed that he was saying, "Just don't get in the way." May God help all of us to not put any stumbling blocks in the way of people coming to Christ. May we keep short accounts with God and with others. As has recently been said to us, "May we serve as ushers of God's presence in the lives of people seeking God."

As mentioned in our annual letter we are working with some trusted brothers in Christ to help us make ready for the future. It is my heart to do what I can do to ensure that PCF remains a healthy vibrant church moving forward.

I look forward to what God is yet going to do through this body of believers. Please pray that God's heart will prevail as this church is ultimately his church.

With Much Love,

Pastor Jeff and Jodi