

vacancies with the additions of Scott Huie, Ellie Choi and Allison Shearouse. And, last but not least, we were able to renovate the sanctuary, narthex and administrative offices (in the house) through the creation of a Capital Improvements Fund.

In the year ahead, changes are being made to prepare for a future capital campaign that will support construction of a multi-purpose center. The aforementioned Capital Improvements Fund will be used to upgrade the west entrance to the church, make all areas of our facility and landscape more accessible to handicapped individuals, and resurface the west parking lots. And, last but not least, steps will be taken to further reduce our existing debt so that additional funds can be used to change lives through each of our JCPC ministry teams.

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## OUTREACH

to be salt & light in our community and the world

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**BENEVOLENCES, PROGRAM & STAFFING: \$92,837**

The past year was truly a blessed one for our JCPC-sponsored mission and outreach programs as we provided talent, time, and treasures to over 20 mission organizations. In particular, our mission program support in the Duluth area helped provide food for over 1,722 families in addition to rent for 144 families! Over 130 JCPC members participated in our June mission week by supporting one or more of our local missions for a day and seeing firsthand how we can make a difference for those with hurts and needs.

JCPC also sponsored two missionary families, one in Albania and the other in Russia. This was in addition to support for other mission organizations both near and far, that fulfill needs for medically fragile children, offer support for addiction challenges, provide alternatives to abortion, make clean water and medical care available to those in need, prevent child sex trafficking, and supply bibles to many who have never had the opportunity to read scripture.

We look ahead with great excitement to the coming year as our church begins to fully implement the first goal from our long-range plan: “Give, Go, and Live” by passionately pursuing one or two major missions that focus on a specific human hurt or need. The plan objectives include having 75% of our members giving their time, talents, and treasures to support one or more of our mission programs. In addition, JCPC will continue to increase its support for local, regional, and global mission activities by increasing the outreach budget by 1% each year—starting in 2012—until we are once again tithing as a church family.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

to glorify God through our worship & music ministries

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**PROGRAM & STAFFING: \$269,102**

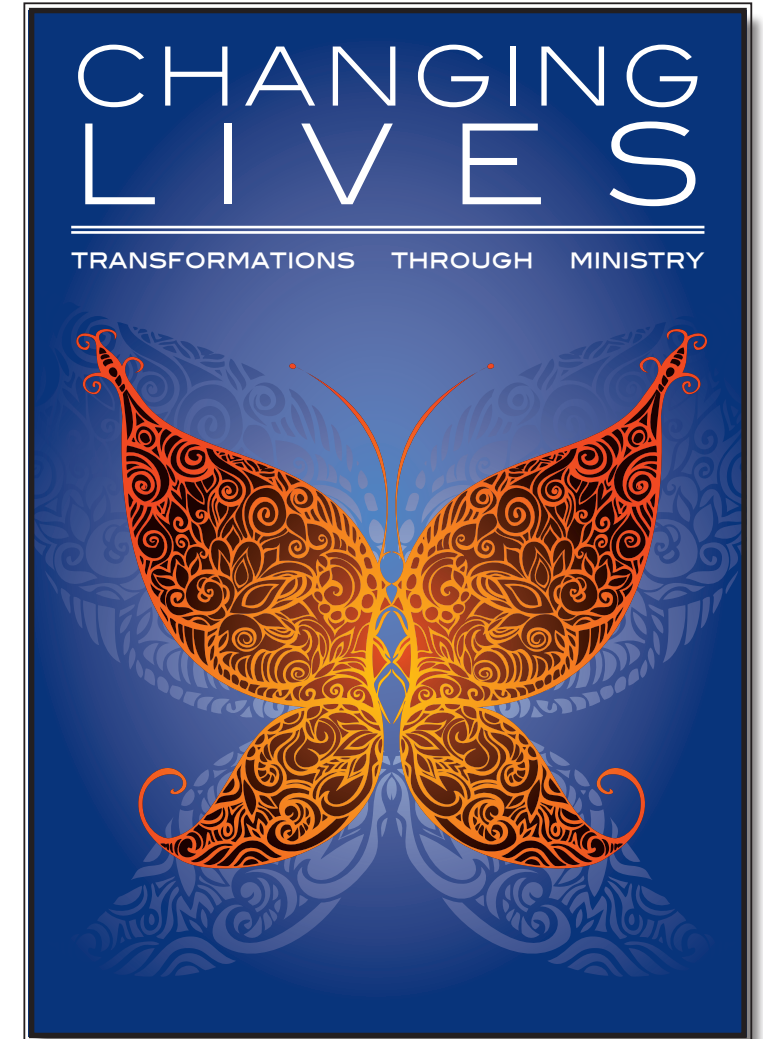
In the past year, the JCPC Music Ministry continued to expand the variety of musical offerings available through worship services and the JCPC Academy of Fine Arts. In particular, JCPC introduced several new and meaningful worship services, including The Longest Night service in December and The Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan service in August.

In addition, enrollment in the Academy grew to more than 50 students, with 14 instructors offering quality instruction on 18 wind and string instruments, as well as voice. In partnership with the Johns Creek Arts Center, 16 camps were held at JCPC this summer serving 425 participants (a 50% increase over 2010). In addition, JCPC partnered with Forefront Arts to offer theater performing arts classes to 20 students, and with Creative Movement and Dance to offer pre-ballet lessons to 16 students.

In support of our long-range plan in 2012, JCPC will be “putting God’s vision into action” by offering increased opportunities for members of all ages to participate in the JCPC Music Ministry, sharing their gifts in our Sunday worship services and deepening their personal faith by regularly encountering scripture in song; developing leadership roles in worship; providing a foundation for a lifelong enjoyment of sacred music; and drawing participants into the fellowship of the church. In addition, our church will plan and host an ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service in the fall of 2012, inviting area churches to participate. We are also planning a concert series that will feature performances by the Dunwoody Chamber Ensemble, the Gwinnett Choral Guild, the Atlanta Choral Guild, and the Shallowford Presbyterian Youth Choir. A Young Musicians’ Recital, featuring the gifts and talents of students who receive instruction through the JCPC Academy of Fine Arts, is also being planned.

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**TOTAL PROPOSED JCPC  
BENEVOLENCES, PROGRAM & STAFFING FOR 2012:  
\$1,186,841**



**JOHNS CREEK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Stewardship Campaign 2012**

[www.jcpcusa.org](http://www.jcpcusa.org)

## From the Pastor...

This year's stewardship theme, *Changing Lives*, invites us to celebrate all of the ways God is at work transforming the lives of those inside and outside of Johns Creek Presbyterian Church. Change is not easy, but because God is at work in and through us, we can share in how God is changing lives for the better. Like the butterfly that experiences transformation from a caterpillar to a beautiful, multi-colored winged creature -- God can bring positive change *to* us and *through* us. Please take time to look over this brochure and see the exciting ways you can support, through your generous giving, what God is doing at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church to *Change Lives*.

In Christ,

C. Gray Norsworthy

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## CARING

to care for each other through prayer, support & counseling

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PROGRAM & STAFFING: \$69,658

The care and support provided by JCPC during the past year through groups such as Stephen Ministry, The Prayer Circle, Home Visitation Ministry, the Prayer Team, and Meals and More can best be summarized by these words from a JCPC member:

*The services of the caring ministries of JCPC transformed a dark and lonely diagnosis into a faithful witness of God's grace that embodied the truth of a wonderful hymn, "...and they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love, and they will know we are Christians by our love".*

Since its inception at JCPC, Stephen Ministry has provided more than 5,000 hours of care to people in need. Grief materials are currently being sent to 20 families who have had a loss during the past year, for a total of 170 individuals/families served since our grief support program was begun. In addition, the Prayer Team sponsored a successful church-wide prayer vigil as part of our long-range planning process in January and supports members with special needs every week by sending thoughtful messages to them by mail. The Meals and More program includes an online care calendar and referral system to provide meals and other services to those in need.

In the coming year, JCPC will continue to expand its care and support programs through a new cancer care program, Can-Care, that is being developed to support cancer patients by connecting them to individuals who have experienced a diagnosis of cancer in the past. The vision is to establish this program within JCPC and then expand it into a community-wide service with participation by other local churches.

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## CONNECTING

to energize current JCPC disciples & cultivate new ones

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PROGRAM & STAFFING: \$81,915

With a "new and improved" *Explore JCPC* program and careful monitoring/follow up with visitors, JCPC membership grew by over 100 people in the past year—the largest increase in more than six years! In addition, more opportunities were created to connect current JCPC family members to each other, enhancements were made to both internal and external communications, and more meaningful fellowship activities were implemented.

The "welcoming" experience on Sunday mornings has also been enhanced through a well-organized effort to train and provide official Greeters each Sunday morning, encourage the use of name tags, and staff the Welcome Desk with friendly, knowledgeable volunteers. In addition, our communications efforts are beginning to bear fruit with the launch of our new church website.

Looking ahead to next year, plans are already underway to evaluate and organize all congregational communications so that they are both comprehensive and effective for all members. In addition, new initiatives will be launched to introduce members, new and old alike, to each other and to the many service opportunities that exist within our church. New advertising and public relations campaigns will also be launched throughout our local community to spread the word about JCPC and encourage potential members to see how our church is changing lives.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

to bring the teachings of Christ to children, youth & adults

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PROGRAM & STAFFING: \$245,929

Our long-range planning process revealed a need for greater emphasis on Christian education at JCPC, and the change in our Sunday

morning schedule has enabled us make this happen. In the early months of 2011, JCPC was averaging 50 adults in its Sunday school classes. With the launch of the new Sunday morning schedule, we have experienced an increase of more than 40 additional adults involved in classes each week! In addition, the schedule change allowed us to create a new Children's Worship program that demonstrates to kids how much God loves them and shows them how they can worship him. To complement the changes and enhancements in children and adult education, the JCPC youth ministry (junior and senior high) continues to grow—both spiritually and in numbers—under the guidance of Rev. Scott Huie.

Involving children in the life of the church can be the best gift ever given to them. It nurtures their faith from a young age, surrounds them with godly influences, and fosters a community of Christian friends that will walk beside them as they grow up. In 2012, we hope to increase the participation of children in our worship services as well as in our Sunday school classes, our mid-week Kids Quest program and our monthly Club 345 meetings for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

With regard to our youth, our intention in the coming year is to make intensive overnight youth trips and retreats as available and affordable as possible, knowing that these experiences are the best ways to "connect" new young people with our youth group. We never want money to be the obstacle for youth being able to participate, and our hope is to provide funding for all who wish to participate but may not be able to do so because of financial constraints.

Finally, we hope to build on our success with adult Sunday school by adding new classes for new adult members so that these individuals can find a place to nurture their faith and connect with God, each other, and the broader JCPC family. In addition, JCPC will be expanding the number, type and quality of small group options available to JCPC members in order to "become a church of small groups" where lives are changed as people connect, grow in their faith, and serve alongside each other.

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## STEWARDSHIP

to be thoughtful stewards of critical JCPC resources

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PROGRAM & STAFFING: \$287,400

This past year will be remembered as one in which JCPC "turned the corner" in a number of areas that are critical to the life of our church going forward. In particular, we saw an increase in estimated giving for the first time in three years and should finish the year with a surplus. We were also able to implement a new staffing model and fill the remaining