

Report of the RUF COMMITTEE
In the Suncoast Florida Presbytery (SFP)
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hope Conf Room
Thursday, January 31, 2018

Elder Chick Shue opened our meeting in prayer

- I. Business referred to Presbytery: See A and B below.
- II. Statement of Major Issues Addressed:
 - A. 2017 RUF Contributions through 12/31/2017 (see addendum A)
 - B. RUF Committee Proposal for the SFP Admin Committee to determine a way in which the SFP can establish a method among its constituent churches to fund ongoing ministries of the Presbytery (see addendum B, Elder Mark Wardell's 2/4/2018 email to Dave Steward attached)
 - C. FGCU Ministry Report, Lucas Tanner.
 - D. Prayer for Lucas' personal and ministry requests
- III. **Recommendations:**
 - A. SFP approve the RUF Contributions report as submitted (**Addendum A**)
 - B. SFP to charter its Admin Committee to re-establish a method by which its constituent member churches provide funds to support SFP's ministries

FGCU Ministry Report

- Large group meetings are held at 8pm on Mondays with focus on major Bible characters in the Old Testament. Lucas will continue to shepherd same with a goal to move to 100% student led meetings (aside from his sermon). Tuesday lunch meetings, two small group Thursday evening meetings (with dinner in between) and average of ten 'one on one' weekly meetings makes for a very busy week.
- Student led events e.g. clay target shooting, basketball games, and a planned camp out are proving to be great relationship builders.
- With RUF members representing Fraternities, Sororities, and Sports' teams, these have become the three key "fishing pools" for recruiting new RUF members.
- Lucas plans to combine the two Thursday groups leading into the Spring, and to pull out the Seniors, focusing them on Christian growth and vocation.
- Lucas and his family are now worshipping at Oak River.
- Challenges: **Continuity of RUF membership** since only 26% of FGCU students graduate in four years, and 46% graduate in 5 years i.e. much higher drop out rate than most Florida state schools. **Presbytery RUF financial support:** Lucas is grateful for SFP's financial support to date. However, funding did drop from \$20K in 2017 to \$10k in 2018, and the likely SFP support in 2019 will be even less unless the Presbytery addresses I B.

- IV. **RUF Members Present: TEs** Lucas Tanner, Steve Schoof
REs Ken Herbold, Mark Wardell and Chick Shue
Apologies: RE Doug Warren

Led by Mark Wardell, we closed our meeting with a season of prayer for Lucas and his family.