

Final Report: Self-Study Survey 2014

Lafayette Presbyterian Church

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Note: The comments that follow were sought to help provide context and a brief interpretation of this “snapshot” of our church, according to the 126 respondents to the 238 surveys distributed to all regular attendees, repeat visitors, members away from home, staff, and other appropriately interested parties. Not all respondents answered every part of every question.

Some comments from an elderly ecclesiastical mechanic.

A caveat: I am an old man and I speak out of the experience of my generation. My words must be viewed in the context of my cultural time and place. As such they may be virtually worthless as one faces the prospect of a new generation. Jim Monroe (The Rev. Dr. James Monroe, Honorably Retired)

The survey results are, I think, an accurate reading of who our people are and what they want in their church. Lafayette Presbyterian Church is an American old-line protestant congregation established more than half a century ago when the American culture, particularly the religious culture, was quite different from today. We have retained our identity over the years, and our values and visions remain much the same as in those years. I believe the survey document should be in the hands of our pastor nominating committee and shared with any prospective pastor.

Put much too harshly, we are like the Crawley family of Downton Abbey, but living in the England of Elizabeth II. Or we might say we are like John's Hardware or Albert's drugstore in the era of Wal-Mart and CVS.

And like the Crawley family, we are no longer on center stage. On center stage of American 21st century culture are the mega-churches and the myriad of "new element-type congregations that are springing up everywhere.

Quite frankly, I am, so to speak, a Crawley. I like the Downton Abbey lifestyle. I like the flow and dignity of Reformed worship, the intellectual stimulation and challenge of sound biblical preaching, and the awe of the worship in the house of God. I am not attracted to what appears to me to be (I am being very candid!)—the undignified exuberance, the self-actualization kind of preaching, the shallow theology, the fickle loyalty, the crass showmanship, of some congregations that are in the ascendant today.

But I am under no delusions about our place in 21st century American culture. Our "market," our mission field, for the most part, is not very receptive to what we are selling.

But, then, the church has always faced the challenge of preaching the gospel to a world that is "foreign." And it has always succeeded better when it learned to adapt to the culture rather than trying to eradicate the culture and/or replace it. To share the good news of God's love as demonstrated in the person and work of Jesus requires that we speak the language of the target people and give respect to their culture and way of life. The gospel has to be "translated," so to speak into a message that is understandable and attractive to the target audience. We have not been successful missionaries when we have totally rejected the culture. To reach out to people requires considerable adaptation. Any plan for the future must involve the element of change, not just improvement and perfection of what is, but adopting some different behavior.






So...the survey is a good picture of what is. But such a survey can never reveal what is to be or what ought to be. That prospect will be an act of the will. The future will be governed by visions, decisions, and deliberate plans.

The future will be effected by the leadership of the congregation. And the principle leader of the congregation will be the pastor. Pastors come in a wide variety of forms, but there are two overall patterns. One is the pastor, the shepherd, the counselor, the loving friend. She/he will "prop us up in our leaning places," and care for us old sheep until we die. We will love him/her and be loved in return. The other is the rancher, the leader, the prophet, the visionary, the pathfinder. This pastor will point the way and give inspiration to the people and generate courage to make some changes and reach out to others. A shepherd will care for us who are in the flock. But a visionary leader can bring a new vitality and strength to LPC.

LPC has many really wonderful assets. We have an excellent location; we have ample property which is meticulously kept; we have financial assets; we have many gifted people who are willing to participate. With a pastor who is visionary, theologically grounded, a good communicator, and energetic; indeed, one who can serve the Lord and the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love can help us give LPC a future of greatness.

Downton Abbey can adapt and find new life and play a key role in a twenty-first century England!




A-1. I _____ attend Lafayette's worship services.

Response	Chart	Percentage
always/usually (rarely miss a service)		61.1%
often (2-3 times in most months)		23.8%
sometimes (once every month or two)		5.6%
rarely (e.g., Christmas, Easter; a few times per year)		7.9%
never		1.6%

Summary:

- 85% of all survey respondents attend Lafayette's worship services regularly (*always, usually, or often*).

A-2. In the last two years (2013, 2014), my attendance has:

Response	Chart	Percentage
increased.		7.9%
remained the same (select N/A in each row of the <u>next</u> item, A-3).		73.8%
decreased.		18.3%

Summary:

- Worship attendance over the last two years has remained the *same* for 74% of all respondents.
- Of respondents reporting changes, 18% attend *less* often than in the past.

A-3. My attendance has changed in the past two years (2013, 2014) because of:

	Yes	No	N/A
a. a change in my faith.	2.6%	27.8%	69.6%
b. personal or family health.	19.7%	13.7%	66.7%
c. work obligations.	6.8%	20.5%	72.6%
d. a change in my church responsibilities.	7.7%	21.4%	70.9%
e. a difference of opinion with PC(USA)/church leadership.	5.9%	22.9%	71.2%
f. a change in church program opportunities.	6.0%	23.1%	70.9%
g. the importance of church.	4.3%	25.2%	70.4%

Summary:

- The most prevalent reason for a change in respondents' worship attendance, as reported in A-2 above, is personal or family health.

A-4. In addition to regular worship services on Sunday, I participate in:

	Always/ Usually	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a. Kirk Night meals and/or church luncheons.	27.9%	15.6%	15.6%	18.9%	22.1%
b. Sunday morning Prayer Services and/or special services during the year (e.g., Sunrise, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday/Good Friday).	25.0%	18.5%	28.2%	9.7%	18.5%
c. family-oriented church events (e.g., ice cream socials, hymn sings, annual bonfires, chili cook-offs).	16.1%	23.4%	21.0%	25.8%	13.7%
d. service-oriented activities (e.g., VBC, clean-up days, yard sales, cooking for The Shelter, fundraisers for youth activities).	12.8%	20.8%	28.8%	20.8%	16.8%

Summary:

- 44% of all respondents often, usually, or always participate in Kirk Nights and/or monthly luncheons; the number increases to 59% when sometimes respondents are included. 41% rarely or never participate in this type of fellowship.
- 44% of all respondents often, usually, or always participate in Sunday morning prayer services and/or in Lafayette's special services during the year; participation increases to 72%—nearly 3 in 4 respondents—when sometimes respondents are included. 28% rarely or never participate in special services.
- 40% of all respondents often, usually, or always participate in family-oriented events at Lafayette; participation increases to 61%—3 in 5 respondents—when sometimes respondents are included; 40% rarely or never participate.
- About one-third (34%) of all respondents often, usually, or always participate in service-oriented events at Lafayette; participation increases to 62% when "sometimes" respondents are included. 38%—nearly 2 of every 5 respondents—rarely or never participate.






A-5. I believe Sunday School is important to:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. the overall "health" and faith development of a church's people.	39.2%	45.6%	13.6%	0.8%	0.8%
b. the children of a church, so they can learn about Jesus, God, the Bible, being a Christian, and more.	64.5%	29.8%	4.8%	0.0%	0.8%
c. the adults in a church, to support their continuing development as Christians.	31.1%	51.6%	14.8%	1.6%	0.8%
d. everyone in a church, to support their continuing development as Christians.	32.5%	49.6%	14.6%	2.4%	0.8%

Summary:

- Sunday School is very important, according to respondents, with Sunday School for children receiving the highest agreement (*agree or strongly agree*) at 94%.
- Respondents rated other purposes for Sunday School highly, as well:
 - For *overall health/faith development*: 85%
 - For *adults* and *their continuing development as Christians*: 83%
 - For *everyone, to support their continuing development as Christians*: 82%

A-6. I _____ participate in a Lafayette Bible Study group.

Response	Chart	Percentage
always/usually		23.4%
often		11.3%
sometimes		8.9%
rarely		14.5%
never		41.9%

Summary:

- Slightly more than a third of all respondents (35%) *often, usually, or always* participate in a *Bible Study group*.
- More than half (56%) *rarely* or *never* participate in a *Bible Study group*.

A-7. Outside Sunday worship and group Bible Study, I read:

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
a. the Bible on my own.	28.7%	29.5%	21.3%	15.6%	4.9%
b. the Bible as part of a plan to read it in a year/annually.	8.2%	7.4%	6.6%	27.9%	50.0%
c. Our Daily Bread, The Upper Room, or other daily devotional.	30.6%	7.3%	5.6%	33.9%	22.6%
d. inspirational articles, books, and/or other publications (other than a daily devotional) to <u>strengthen</u> my faith.	13.1%	19.7%	25.4%	29.5%	12.3%
e. publications to <u>inform</u> my faith or church participation/leadership.	8.1%	13.7%	17.7%	31.5%	29.0%

Summary:

- Nearly 60% (58%) of all respondents read the Bible daily or weekly outside of worship and group Bible study; when monthly reader-respondents are included, the percentage rises to 80%—4 of every 5.
- Fewer than 1 in 5 respondents (16%) read the Bible daily or weekly as part of a plan to read it in a year; nearly 4 of 5 respondents (78%) rarely or never read the Bible as part of an annual plan.
- Nearly 40% of all respondents—2 of every 5—read a devotional daily or weekly (38%) or monthly (44%).
- Nearly 60% (58%) of all respondents—3 of every 5—read non-devotional, inspirational publications daily, weekly, or monthly.
- 40% of all respondents—2 of every 5—read publications to inform their faith or church participation/leadership daily, weekly, or monthly; 61% rarely or never do so.

A-8. When I am away from the church, I pray:

	Always/ Usually	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a. on a regular basis/at a scheduled time.	41.5%	29.3%	8.9%	12.2%	8.1%
b. throughout the day/week, as I feel led.	46.0%	41.9%	9.7%	1.6%	0.8%
c. when specifically requested.	43.4%	32.8%	16.4%	4.9%	2.5%
d. at meals (grace).	38.2%	21.1%	26.0%	12.2%	2.4%
e. I don't, but would like to learn how.	0.9%	8.1%	4.5%	9.0%	77.5%
f. I don't believe in prayer.	7.1%	0.0%	3.5%	0.9%	88.5%

Summary:

- 71% of all respondents regularly (always, usually, or often) pray on a regular basis; 20% rarely do so.
- 98%—nearly all respondents—pray throughout the day/week as they feel led.
- 76% of all respondents regularly (always, usually, or often) pray when requested.
- 3 of 5 respondents always, usually, or often say grace at meals; 1 in 4 say grace sometimes; 15% rarely or never say grace to begin their meals.

A-9. Transportation/driving to and from church affects my ability to attend:

	Always/ Usually	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a. morning worship services and activities.	7.4%	2.5%	2.5%	7.4%	80.3%
b. afternoon activities.	6.6%	2.5%	5.7%	8.2%	77.0%
c. evening worship services and activities.	10.6%	2.4%	11.4%	6.5%	69.1%

Summary:

- 88% of all respondents' attendance is rarely or never affected by transportation to/from church in the morning. 12% of all respondents do face some transportation challenges in the morning, ranging from sometimes to always.
- For afternoon activities, the percentage of those experiencing transportation challenges increases to 15% (ranging from sometimes to always).
- For evening services and activities, the percentage of those who sometimes or always/often experience transportation challenges increases to 24%—1 of every 4 respondents.


A-10. If faced with transportation difficulties to and from worship and church activities of my choice, I would:

	Probably	Maybe/ Not Sure	Probably not
a. stay home.	34.5%	27.7%	37.8%
b. call a friend or family member for a ride.	42.4%	33.9%	23.7%
c. call the church to ask for help with transportation.	17.8%	31.4%	50.8%
d. accept a ride with others in a church van, <u>if</u> the church leased or owned one.	30.0%	39.2%	30.8%

Summary:

- Nearly two-thirds (62%) of all respondents might or would probably stay home if they faced transportation difficulties for worship and church activities.
- 76%—3 of every 4—respondents might or would probably call a friend or family member for a ride.
- 49%—half of all respondents—might or would probably call the church for help with transportation.
- 69%—more than two-thirds of all respondents—might or would probably accept a ride with others in a church van, if Lafayette owned or leased one.






A-11. I have served our church in one or more leadership roles (Teaching Elder [pastor], Elder, Deacon, Stephen Minister, Staff Member, PW Moderator, Circle Leader, Sunday School Teacher/Leader, VBS/VBC Volunteer/Counselor, Committee Chair, etc.).

Response	Chart	Percentage
Yes		70.7%
No		29.3%

Summary:

- 71% of all respondents have served in one or more leadership roles, nearly 3 of every 4 people.

A-12. I _____ participate in at least one non-elected group in the church (e.g., a Circle or Bible study, Men of the Church, Chancel Choir, a book club, quilt group, Buck Lake clean-up crew, a committee).

Response	Chart	Percentage
always/usually		48.0%
often		14.6%
sometimes		12.2%
rarely		10.6%
never		14.6%

Summary:

- 75% of all respondents—3 of every 4 people—have participated in at least one non-elected church group.

A-13. In the past year, I considered leaving Lafayette Presbyterian because:

	Yes	Somewhat	No
a. it was too focused on money.	0.8%	2.5%	96.7%
b. it didn't feel relevant to my life.	2.5%	6.7%	90.8%
c. I didn't feel welcome/useful.	4.2%	10.0%	85.8%
d. I didn't like the worship service and/or music.	7.4%	9.9%	82.6%
e. I didn't trust the church/church leadership.	10.7%	9.9%	79.3%
f. the people were too judgmental.	4.2%	6.7%	89.2%
g. of conflict(s) in the church.	14.9%	21.5%	63.6%
h. it was old-fashioned.	6.7%	5.8%	87.5%
i. of the demands of family care/raising my family.	1.7%	5.0%	93.3%
j. the leadership/congregation wasn't supportive during a crisis.	5.7%	4.9%	89.3%
k. I don't believe/no longer believe in God.	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
l. it was too strict and/or inflexible.	1.7%	3.3%	95.0%
m. it required more time than I had available.	0.8%	6.6%	92.6%
n. it was too far to drive.	3.3%	1.7%	95.0%
o. it was boring/uninteresting.	3.3%	9.9%	86.8%
p. it had few/no people my age.	5.8%	8.3%	86.0%
q. it had few/no children my child's/children's age(s).	8.3%	5.8%	85.8%

Summary:

- 36% of all respondents (more than a third) *considered leaving Lafayette in the last year* at the *yes* and *somewhat* levels, citing *conflict(s) in the church* as their reason; this was the most prevalent reason cited from among all choices offered.
- Other reasons cited by more than 10% of all respondents were as follows (in descending order):
 - *didn't trust the church/church leadership* (21%)
 - *didn't feel welcome/useful* (14%)
 - *few/no people of my own age* (14%)
 - *few/no children of my child's/children's age* (14%)
 - *it was old-fashioned* (13%)
 - *church was boring/uninteresting* (13%)
 - *people were too judgmental* (11%)
 - *leadership/congregation wasn't supportive during a crisis* (11%)

A-14. I am ready, willing, and able to offer my time, talents, skills, knowledge, and/or "sweat equity" to help, given training and support, as follows:

	Definitely	Neutral/ Not Sure	Not right now
a. Coach youth to read Scripture in a worship service	15.1%	20.2%	64.7%
b. Proofread/edit print materials	24.2%	25.8%	50.0%
c. Catalogue/maintain the music library	2.5%	12.6%	84.9%
d. Chaperone youth events/trips	8.4%	16.8%	74.8%
e. Organize events	9.9%	25.6%	64.5%
f. Serve on a committee	34.7%	23.1%	42.1%
g. Help maintain the church grounds	14.0%	26.4%	59.5%
h. Help with marketing/publicity	10.1%	21.0%	68.9%
i. Visit non-members interested in joining the church	12.5%	20.8%	66.7%
j. Provide food	47.5%	27.5%	25.0%
k. Visit sick/home-bound members	28.6%	31.1%	40.3%

Summary:

- In the definitely ready to help category:
 - 48% are willing to provide food
 - 35% are willing to serve on a committee
 - 29% are willing to visit sick/homebound members; and
 - 24% are willing to proofread/edit print materials.
- All other categories were selected by 15% or less of all respondents.

A-15. I have participated in mission and outreach in the following ways:

	Yes	No
a. Provided housing/meals to youth and/or adult missionaries working locally/passing through	27.3%	72.7%
b. Worked locally to assemble, prepare, and/or provide food, materials, and/or goods	64.8%	35.2%
c. Provided prayer/financial support	86.0%	14.0%
d. Worked at a <u>local</u> mission location	20.7%	79.3%
e. Worked at an <u>out-of-town</u> mission location	15.8%	84.2%
f. Worked at an <u>out-of-country</u> mission location	9.1%	90.9%

Summary:

- 86% of all respondents have prayed and/or helped fund mission and outreach.
- Nearly two-thirds of all respondents (65%) have worked locally in support of mission and outreach; 79% of all respondents, 4 of every 5, have never worked on-site at local facilities and/or events.
- 27% of all respondents have provided housing and/or meals to youth and/or adult missionaries.
- 16% of all respondents have worked at an out-of-town mission location.
- Nearly 1 in 10 respondents (9%) have worked at an out-of-country mission location.

A-16. If the Pastor and Session decided to begin a "visioning process" to determine the future direction of Lafayette Presbyterian Church, I would most likely want to:

	Probably	Maybe/ Not sure	Probably not
a. help the pastor lead it!	10.9%	31.1%	58.0%
b. be part of the team.	27.5%	33.3%	39.2%
c. be asked for my opinion.	62.3%	27.0%	10.7%
d. be informed periodically.	75.0%	18.3%	6.7%
e. celebrate the results with everyone!	69.7%	23.5%	6.7%
f. be an "encourager" - spread the good news!	60.5%	24.4%	15.1%
g. keep an eye on the people and the process, in case they started to move in an undesirable direction.	31.7%	34.2%	34.2%
h. invite people to become part of our visionary congregation.	41.9%	33.3%	24.8%

Summary:

- While nearly 60% of all respondents (58%) would probably prefer not to help lead a visioning process at Lafayette, 11% probably would probably like to help the pastor lead it.
- 28% of all respondents would probably be part of the visioning team, and a third of all respondents might consider it.
- Nearly two-thirds of all respondents (62%) would want to be asked for their opinion.
- Three-quarters (75%) of all respondents would want to be periodically informed regarding a visioning process.
- 70% of all respondents would probably celebrate the results with everyone, while 61% would probably be encouragers, spreading the good news.
- The respondents were evenly divided across all monitoring levels: 32% would probably want to monitor the people and process; 34% might want to, but aren't sure; and 34% would probably not want to do so.
- 42% of all respondents—2 in 5—would probably invite people to become part of our visionary congregation; a third of all respondents might, but aren't sure, and 1 in 4 probably wouldn't extend an invitation.

B-1. I learn best from sermons that are:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. "hellfire and brimstone."	0.0%	2.5%	13.6%	32.2%	51.7%
b. based on Scripture, with "life lessons" (e.g., real-life connections, easily understood and absorbed).	62.7%	35.6%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%
c. theologically thought-provoking.	46.6%	39.8%	11.0%	2.5%	0.0%
d. interactive, actively engaging the congregation.	16.9%	26.3%	39.0%	11.9%	5.9%
e. topical (e.g., on salvation, forgiveness, sacrifice, specific prayers/belief statements).	28.2%	44.4%	23.1%	1.7%	2.6%
f. scriptural approaches to contemporary issues (e.g., "This is what the Bible tells us.").	31.4%	46.6%	20.3%	0.8%	0.8%
g. evangelical.	8.5%	27.1%	39.8%	14.4%	10.2%
h. scripturally based dramatizations.	11.0%	23.7%	44.1%	16.1%	5.1%

Summary:

- Lafayette is clearly not a *hellfire and brimstone* congregation; 84% *disagree* or *strongly disagree* that they would learn well from such content/delivery style.
- The perceived effectiveness of specific sermon content and delivery styles is as follows, in order of preference:
 - 98% *based on Scripture, with life lessons*
 - 86% *theologically thought-provoking*
 - 78% *scriptural approaches to contemporary issues*
 - 72% *topical*
- Three types of sermon content and delivery style appear to be less familiar to Lafayette's congregants, as a significant number of respondents chose *neutral/not sure* in comparison to some degree of *agreement*:
 - interactive, actively engaging the congregation*: 43% *agreement*; 39% *neutral/not sure*; 18% *disagreement*
 - evangelical*: 36% *agreement*; 40% *neutral/not sure*; 25% *disagreement*
 - scripturally based dramatizations*: 35% *agreement*; 44% *neutral/not sure*; 21% *disagreement*

B-2. I believe I would be MOST fulfilled by:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. a <u>more interactive</u> worship service that helps me make the sermon more personal and deep by connecting the pastor's points to my experiences.	12.9%	30.2%	37.9%	14.7%	4.3%
b. continuation of services in the current format.	23.9%	40.2%	26.5%	6.8%	2.6%
c. an optional "After-Word" right after church: informal discussions to help me connect more personally with the Scripture and sermon (20-25 minutes, light refreshments).	7.0%	20.9%	42.6%	21.7%	7.8%

Summary:

- 64% of all respondents agree or strongly agree they would be MOST fulfilled by a continuation of services in the current format; 27% are neutral/not sure.
- 43% (slightly more than 2 in 5) of all respondents agree or strongly agree they would be MOST fulfilled by a more interactive worship service. Slightly fewer than 2 of every 5 respondents are neutral/not sure.
- 43% of all respondents are neutral/not sure that they would be MOST fulfilled by an optional, interactive "AfterWord" following worship services, while nearly equal numbers of respondents are in agreement (28%) or disagreement (30%) about this option.

B-3. I prefer that our congregation focus on growing its:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. <u>faith</u> , retaining our current members and whomever would like to join.	49.6%	43.6%	5.1%	1.7%	0.0%
b. membership <u>modestly</u> , gaining additional retirees.	16.2%	41.0%	27.4%	11.1%	4.3%
c. membership <u>modestly</u> , gaining additional families with children and/or youth.	54.2%	33.1%	9.3%	0.8%	2.5%
d. membership <u>modestly</u> , gaining additional members from a cross-section of age groups.	50.4%	38.5%	7.7%	0.9%	2.6%
e. membership <u>modestly</u> , gaining additional members from our local colleges/universities.	34.2%	39.3%	21.4%	2.6%	2.6%
f. membership <u>significantly</u> , gaining additional members from a cross-section of age groups.	50.4%	25.6%	19.7%	3.4%	0.9%

Summary:

- 93% of all respondents *prefer that Lafayette focuses on growing its members' faith and that of any who choose to join.*
- The congregation's priorities for growth are, in order:
 - *modest*, across a *cross-section of age groups* (89%)
 - *modest*, focusing on *families with children and/or youth* (87%)
 - *significant*, across a *cross-section of age groups* (76%)
 - *modest*, focusing on *local colleges/universities* (74%)
 - *modest*, focusing on *retirees* (57%)








B-4. I feel closest to God and my faith when I'm singing:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. traditional, familiar hymns.	58.5%	33.9%	0.0%	6.8%	0.8%
b. praise music.	22.2%	29.9%	32.5%	12.0%	3.4%
c. contemporary hymns, written in the last 2 or 3 decades.	14.5%	37.6%	32.5%	13.7%	1.7%
d. the hymns I learned as a child/youth.	38.5%	42.7%	9.4%	8.5%	0.9%
e. the songs we sang at church camp and VBS/VBC.	9.4%	29.9%	48.7%	9.4%	2.6%
f. music in the Taizé (meditative) tradition.	3.5%	7.8%	46.1%	27.0%	15.7%
g. a blend of music, as long as the text is meaningful and supports the Scripture and sermon, when possible.	42.7%	38.5%	14.5%	3.4%	0.9%
h. silently, in my heart; I don't personally like or feel comfortable singing.	6.0%	4.3%	13.8%	30.2%	45.7%
i. "old-time revival" hymns.	22.2%	29.1%	29.9%	13.7%	5.1%
j. psalms.	22.6%	34.8%	33.0%	8.7%	0.9%

Summary:

- Respondents indicated they feel closest to God and their faith when singing, in order of agreement strength:
 - traditional, familiar hymns (93%)
 - tied: hymns learned as a child/youth (81%) / a blend of meaningful music, supportive of scripture and the sermon (81%)
 - psalms (57%)
 - tied: praise music (52%) / contemporary hymns (52%)
 - "old-time" revival hymns (51%)
 - songs from church camp or VBS/VBC (39%)
 - meditative music in the Taizé tradition (11%)
 - silently / don't like or feel comfortable singing (10%)
- Taizé music is relatively unknown, which may or may not explain its low ranking; as noted above, 46% remain neutral/not sure, while nearly the same number of respondents (43%) disagree or strongly disagree
- A significant number of respondents selected neutral/not sure for the following choices:
 - songs from church camp or VBS/VBC (49%)
 - meditative music in the Taizé tradition (46%)
 - tied: psalms (33%) / praise music (33%)

B-5. If our pastor preaches on a topic that makes me uncomfortable, I am likely to:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. appreciate his/her willingness to address difficult subjects that make me think.		81.9%
b. squirm silently and go home, dissatisfied, after the service.		12.9%
c. squirm silently and go home after the service, vowing never to return.		0.9%
d. address my concerns with the pastor on my way out.		12.9%
e. ask the pastor, on my way out, if we could discuss the sermon privately during the week.		30.2%
f. talk it over with others I think might agree with me.		31.9%
g. read my Bible to seek guidance there, calling the pastor for specific references, if needed.		50.9%

Summary:

- NOTE: This question directed respondents to “Choose all that apply.”
- When presented with a sermon that makes them feel uncomfortable, respondents indicated they would do the following, in order of selection frequency:
 - appreciate the pastor’s willingness to address difficult subjects/make us think (82%)
 - seek guidance from the Bible (51%)
 - discuss it with others (32%)
 - seek to discuss it privately with the pastor later (30%)
 - tied: go home, feeling dissatisfied (13%) / address their concerns with the pastor before leaving church (13%)
 - go home, vowing never to return (1%)




B-6. I believe we should offer:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. a <u>contemporary</u> worship service <u>in addition to</u> our current "traditional" worship service.	8.6%	24.1%	44.0%	16.4%	6.9%
b. a <u>contemporary</u> worship service <u>in place of</u> our current "traditional" worship service.	0.0%	3.5%	13.2%	37.7%	45.6%
c. a <u>blended</u> worship service (a mix of traditional and contemporary elements) <u>in place of</u> our current "traditional" worship service.	12.0%	23.9%	37.6%	17.1%	9.4%
d. a <u>traditional</u> service <u>only</u> , as usual.	9.6%	27.2%	32.5%	22.8%	7.9%
e. <u>Vespers</u> (relaxed evening prayer service) on Sundays.	6.1%	20.9%	51.3%	13.0%	8.7%
f. monthly <u>Taizé</u> services (meditative evening services of prayer and music), in coordination with other Tallahassee area churches.	4.3%	17.4%	52.2%	14.8%	11.3%
g. periodic <u>Seeker</u> services (teaching services, for those who don't yet have a relationship with God).	7.8%	26.1%	51.3%	7.0%	7.8%

Summary:

- A significant number of respondents selected neutral/not sure for the following choices:
 - monthly Taizé services (52%)
 - tied: Vespers / Seeker services, both at 51%
 - contemporary services in addition to our current traditional services (44%)
 - blended services (contemporary elements mixed with traditional) (38%)
 - traditional services only (33%)
- Strongest “disagreement” among all respondents regarding service styles was for replacing our current worship style with contemporary services (83% disagreement – i.e., “against”)
- Agreement and disagreement with service styles was generally balanced in all other areas:
 - traditional services only: 37% agreement; 31% disagreement
 - blended worship in place of our traditional service: 36% agreement; 27% disagreement
 - a contemporary service in addition to our current traditional service: 33% agreement; 23% disagreement
 - Vespers: 26% agreement; 22% disagreement
 - Taizé services: 22% agreement; 26% disagreement
- Seeker services: less “balanced” agreement/disagreement, with 34% agreement; 15% disagreement




B-7. I am MOST comfortable with a:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. <u>liberal</u> interpretation of the Bible.		8.0%
b. <u>literal</u> interpretation of the Bible.		6.2%
c. <u>well-researched</u> interpretation of the Bible that considers time, place, and the meaning(s) of the original text (Greek/Hebrew) applied to contemporary living.		85.8%

Summary:

- 86% of all respondents are MOST comfortable with a well-researched interpretation that considers time, place, and the original meaning(s) of the text.
- 8% are MOST comfortable with a liberal interpretation of the Bible, while 6% prefer that the Bible be interpreted literally.

C-1. When I think about the future of Lafayette Presbyterian Church, I am:

Response	Chart	Percentage
optimistic.		43.9%
neutral/not sure.		41.2%
pessimistic.		14.9%

Summary:

- Respondents were nearly evenly split between expressing optimism (44%) and either neutral or unsure (41%) about Lafayette's future.
- 15% of all respondents feel pessimistic about Lafayette's future.

C-2. I believe our church's needs, at this time, include:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. building our children's Sunday School program.	43.4%	44.2%	8.8%	3.5%	0.0%
b. attracting more children and youth.	53.0%	38.3%	5.2%	3.5%	0.0%
c. encouraging more people from Westminster Oaks and other retirement communities to worship at our church.	22.8%	52.6%	19.3%	5.3%	0.0%
d. continuing to upgrade our church buildings.	15.8%	35.1%	35.1%	13.2%	0.9%
e. becoming more active in evangelism.	7.1%	26.5%	49.6%	13.3%	3.5%
f. getting more involved in local mission/outreach.	13.2%	35.1%	44.7%	5.3%	1.8%
g. getting more involved in global missions.	7.0%	14.9%	46.5%	24.6%	7.0%
h. involving everyone in church growth.	24.6%	53.5%	14.9%	5.3%	1.8%
i. attracting additional young adult members (PCUSA definition: up to age 35).	36.8%	50.0%	9.6%	1.8%	1.8%
j. balancing current/future church programs with fiscal responsibility.	44.2%	39.8%	12.4%	1.8%	1.8%

Summary:

- Agreement among all respondents regarding the church's needs is as follows, in order of agreement strength:
 - attracting more children/youth (91%)
 - building our children's Sunday School program (88%)
 - attracting more young adults (87%)
 - balancing current and future programs with fiscal responsibility (84%)
 - involving everyone in church growth (78%)
 - encouraging more retirees to worship at Lafayette (75%)
 - continuing to upgrade our buildings (51%)
 - getting more involved with local mission/outreach (48%)
 - becoming more active in evangelism (34%)
 - getting more involved in global missions (22%)
- Respondents in significant numbers were neutral/not sure about the following:
 - becoming more active in evangelism (50%)
 - getting more involved in global missions (47%)
 - getting more involved with local mission/outreach (45%)
 - continuing to upgrade our buildings (35%)
- 32% of all respondents disagree or strongly disagree that Lafayette needs to become more involved in global missions.








C-3. I feel:

	Always/ Usually	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a. a sense of belonging in this congregation.	65.2%	21.7%	11.3%	1.7%	0.0%
b. comfortable while in worship services.	73.3%	19.0%	6.9%	0.9%	0.0%
c. there is at least one (1) person at Lafayette I can turn to in times of need.	78.3%	8.7%	6.1%	4.3%	2.6%
d. upon occasion, a sense of illumination (epiphany, understanding) during worship.	34.8%	20.0%	33.9%	11.3%	0.0%
e. upon occasion, a sense of fear or dread during worship.	1.7%	1.7%	4.3%	43.5%	48.7%
f. the general atmosphere at Lafayette is conducive to spiritual growth.	33.0%	38.3%	27.8%	0.9%	0.0%
g. people across all age-groups are well-served in our congregation, including those who find it challenging or impossible to attend worship services at Lafayette.	10.4%	24.3%	40.0%	20.9%	4.3%
h. I genuinely like/enjoy the majority of the people with whom I worship at Lafayette.	71.3%	24.3%	3.5%	0.9%	0.0%

Summary:

- 96% of all respondents always, usually, or often genuinely like/enjoy the majority of their co-worshippers; 4% sometimes do so.
- 92% of all respondents are always, usually, or often comfortable in worship services; 7% are sometimes comfortable.
- 92% rarely or never feel a sense of fear or dread during worship upon occasion.
- 87% of all respondents always, usually, or often feel a sense of belonging at Lafayette; 13% of all respondents feel that way sometimes (11%) or rarely (2%).
- 87% of all respondents always, usually, or often feel there's at least one (1) person at Lafayette they can turn to in times of need.
- 6% of all respondents sometimes feel there's at least one (1) person at Lafayette they can turn to in times of need; 4% rarely feel so; and 3% never feel so.
- 71% of all respondents always, usually, or often feel the atmosphere at Lafayette is conducive to spiritual growth; 28% sometimes feel that way.
- 35% of all respondents always, usually, or often feel all people of all age-groups are well-served; 40% sometimes feel that way, while 21% rarely feel that way and 4% never do.
- 55% of all respondents always, usually, or often feel a sense of illumination (epiphany, understanding) during worship upon occasion; 34% sometimes have that sense, while 11% rarely feel it.

D-1. I am likely to attend weekly worship services because:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. I enjoy being in a community with others seeking to become better Christians and serve others in need.		92.2%
b. my friends and family/church family are here.		68.7%
c. I need that time away from the world's "busy-ness."		38.3%
d. I feel a connection with God and His Word.		85.2%
e. it's a tradition/habit that is important to me and/or my family.		60.0%
f. it's important that I set a good example for others.		29.6%
g. it's a special time I set aside for God.		84.3%

Summary:

- NOTE: This question directed respondents to “Choose all that apply.”
- Respondents indicated their reason(s) for attending worship services as follows, in order of selection frequency:
 - enjoy being in a community with others seeking to become better Christians and serve others in need (92%).
 - feel a connection with God and His Word (85%).
 - it’s a special time they set aside for God (84%).
 - their friends/family are at Lafayette (69%).
 - it’s an important tradition/habit (60%).
 - they need that time away from the world’s “busy-ness” (38%).
 - it’s important to set a good example for others (30%).

D-2. I find personal satisfaction in:

	Yes	Somewhat	No
a. worshipping with others.	87.9%	11.2%	0.9%
b. praying in community with others.	67.8%	30.4%	1.7%
c. praying on my own.	81.7%	16.5%	1.7%
d. singing.	67.8%	23.5%	8.7%
e. working with my hands to serve others in God's name.	47.4%	50.0%	2.6%
f. listening for God's Word/purpose for my life.	80.9%	18.3%	0.9%
g. sharing my time to serve others in God's name.	64.3%	34.8%	0.9%
h. tithing/giving what I can.	81.7%	16.5%	1.7%
i. giving testimony about my beliefs and/or faith journey.	32.2%	46.1%	21.7%

Summary:

- 97% of all respondents regularly or sometimes find personal satisfaction in working with their hands to serve others in God's name.
- Nearly 9 of every 10 respondents (88%) regularly find personal satisfaction in worshipping with others.
- 82% of all respondents (slightly more than 4 in 5) regularly find personal satisfaction in praying on their own.
- In three of these personal satisfaction items, respondents selected yes in approximately a 2-to-1 ratio to somewhat, as follows:
 - praying in community with others (68% yes; 30% somewhat)
 - singing (68% yes; 24% somewhat)
 - sharing their time to serve others in God's name (64% yes; 35% somewhat)
- In two of these personal satisfaction items, respondents selected yes in approximately a 4-to-1 ratio to somewhat, as follows:
 - listening for God's Word/purpose for their lives (81% yes; 18% somewhat)
 - tithing/giving what they can (82% yes; 17% somewhat)
- 22% of all respondents do not find personal satisfaction in giving testimony about their beliefs and/or faith journey; a third of all respondents do find personal satisfaction in giving testimony, while 46% (nearly half) sometimes do so.
- 9% of all respondents do not find personal satisfaction in singing; 68% of all respondents (more than two-thirds) do find personal satisfaction in singing, while 24% (nearly 1 in 4) sometimes do so.
- If examining yes and somewhat combined, respondents indicated personal satisfaction as follows, in order of selection frequency:
 - 3-way tie at 99%: worshipping with others; listening for God's Word/purpose in my life; and sharing my time to serve others in God's name
 - 3-way tie at 98%: praying in community with others; praying on my own; and tithing/giving what I can
 - working with my hands to serve others in God's name (97%)
 - singing (91%)
 - giving testimony about my beliefs and/or faith journey (78%)





D-3. I consider myself knowledgeable about:

	Yes	Somewhat	No
a. Scripture/the Bible.	32.2%	53.9%	13.9%
b. theology (the study of God and His relationship to the world).	29.2%	49.6%	21.2%
c. PC(USA) and how it serves me, our church, and the world.	27.2%	45.6%	27.2%
d. Presbyterian Church (USA) doctrine.	28.7%	40.0%	31.3%
e. other churches/faiths.	16.7%	58.8%	24.6%

Summary:

- 40 – 60% of all respondents selected somewhat regarding their level of knowledge as follows, in order of selection frequency:
 - other churches/faiths (59%)
 - Scripture/the Bible (54%)
 - theology (50%)
 - PC(USA) and how it serves (46%)
 - PC(USA) doctrine (40%)
- Respondents selected yes regarding their knowledge as follows, in order of selection frequency:
 - Scripture/the Bible (32%)
 - tied: theology (29%); PC(USA) doctrine (29%)
 - PC(USA) and how it serves (27%)
 - other churches/faiths (17%)

D-4. My spiritual needs are _____ met through our church.

Response	Chart	Percentage
always/usually		27.8%
often		53.0%
sometimes		17.4%
rarely		1.7%
never		0.0%

Summary:

- The spiritual needs of 81% of all respondents are always, usually, or often met through our church..

E-1. I wish our congregation focused more of its resources on programs for:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. empty nesters/retired adults.	5.3%	32.5%	46.5%	12.3%	3.5%
b. working adults w/ older children.	10.5%	38.6%	42.1%	7.0%	1.8%
c. balanced programming across all groups.	40.0%	47.8%	10.4%	1.7%	0.0%
d. young families w/ children.	30.4%	47.8%	18.3%	2.6%	0.9%
e. young adults/singles.	24.3%	38.3%	34.8%	1.7%	0.9%
f. people of all ages with special needs.	22.8%	44.7%	28.1%	3.5%	0.9%
g. students in grades 6-12.	26.1%	40.9%	29.6%	2.6%	0.9%
h. students in grades K-5.	23.5%	40.0%	32.2%	3.5%	0.9%
i. children from birth through Pre-Kindergarten.	24.3%	33.0%	37.4%	4.3%	0.9%
j. non-believers (the “unchurched”).	18.3%	33.9%	33.9%	8.7%	5.2%

Summary:

- Respondents indicated the degree to which they feel Lafayette should focus more of its program resources as follows, in order of agreement strength:
 - balanced programming across all groups (88%)
 - young families with children (78%)
 - people of all ages with special needs (68%)
 - students in grades 6-12 (67%)
 - students in grades K-5 (64%)
 - young adults/singles (63%)
 - children from birth through PreK (57%)
 - non-believers (the “unchurched”) (52%)
 - working adults w/ older children (49%)
 - empty-nesters/retired adults (38%)

E-2. I believe our congregation currently focuses ample resources on programs for:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. empty nesters/retired adults.	17.7%	38.9%	36.3%	7.1%	0.0%
b. working adults w/ older children.	8.0%	20.4%	55.8%	13.3%	2.7%
c. balanced programming across all groups.	6.2%	17.7%	51.3%	18.6%	6.2%
d. young families w/ children.	1.8%	10.6%	42.5%	31.9%	13.3%
e. young adults/singles.	1.8%	8.0%	44.2%	34.5%	11.5%
f. people of all ages with special needs.	1.8%	15.9%	48.7%	24.8%	8.8%
g. students in grades 6-12.	2.7%	11.6%	49.1%	27.7%	8.9%
h. students in grades K-5.	2.7%	9.9%	50.5%	27.0%	9.9%
i. children from birth through Pre-Kindergarten.	1.8%	10.7%	51.8%	26.8%	8.9%
j. non-believers (the “unchurched”).	2.7%	8.9%	53.6%	25.0%	9.8%

Summary:

- Nearly 3 in 5 respondents (57%) agree or strongly agree that Lafayette currently focuses ample resources on programs for empty-nesters/retirees.
- Respondents disagreed or disagreed strongly that Lafayette currently focuses ample resources on programs for nearly every age group as follows, in order of strength of disagreement:
 - young adults/singles (46%)
 - young families with children (45%)
 - tied at 37%: students in grades K-5 and students in grades 6-12
 - children from birth through PreK (36%)
 - non-believers (“unchurched”) (35%)
 - people of all ages with special needs (34%)
 - balanced programming across all age groups (25%)
 - working adults with older children (16%)
- A significant percentage of all respondents selected neutral/not sure on whether Lafayette currently focuses ample resources on programs for nearly every listed group as follows, in order of selection frequency:
 - working adults with older children (56%)
 - non-believers (“unchurched”) (54%)
 - children from birth through PreK (52%)
 - tied at 51%: balanced programming across all age groups; students in grades K-5
 - tied at 49%: people of all ages with special needs; students in grades 6-12
 - young adults/singles (44%)
 - young families with children (43%)

E-3. I believe the following programs are very important to the vitality and spiritual growth at Lafayette:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Sunday School for children	70.2%	27.2%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%
b. Sunday School for adults	44.2%	41.6%	12.4%	1.8%	0.0%
c. Bible Study, separate from Sunday School	36.5%	45.2%	18.3%	0.0%	0.0%
d. Men of the Church/Men's Breakfast OR Presbyterian Women/Women's Circle	49.1%	45.6%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%
e. Vacation Bible Camp	38.6%	38.6%	18.4%	1.8%	2.6%
f. Prayer Quilters	28.1%	45.6%	23.7%	1.8%	0.9%
g. Fantastic Fridays (Children, early evening; games and activities)	21.9%	43.9%	28.9%	4.4%	0.9%
h. The 4Fs (Adults, daytime; Friday Fellowship, Food, and Fun)	28.1%	39.5%	28.1%	4.4%	0.0%
i. Chancel Choir	57.0%	27.2%	11.4%	3.5%	0.9%
j. Youth Puppet Ministry Team	21.1%	22.8%	36.8%	9.6%	9.6%
k. Usher/Acolyte/Sound	35.4%	39.8%	17.7%	6.2%	0.9%
l. Youth Group	45.6%	39.5%	13.2%	1.8%	0.0%
m. Kirk Night dinners/studies	36.8%	44.7%	13.2%	3.5%	1.8%
n. Monthly Church luncheons	49.1%	41.2%	7.0%	1.8%	0.9%
o. Stephen Ministry	30.7%	32.5%	28.1%	4.4%	4.4%
p. "Life Happens" (grief support group)	25.4%	50.0%	21.1%	1.8%	1.8%

Summary:

- Respondents agreed (*agree* or *strongly agree*) that the following programs are very important to the vitality and spiritual growth at Lafayette, in order of agreement strength:
 - Sunday School for children (97%)
 - Men of the Church/Men's Breakfast OR Presbyterian Women/Women's Circle (95%)
 - monthly church luncheons (90%)
 - Sunday School for adults (86%)
 - Youth Group (85%)
 - Chancel Choir (84%)
 - tied at 82%: Bible Study, separate from Sunday School; Kirk Night dinners/studies
 - VBS/VBC (77%)
 - tied at 75%: Usher/Acolyte/Sound; "Life Happens" (grief support group)
 - Prayer Quilters (74%)
 - 4Fs (Adults, daytime; Friday Fellowship, Food, and Fun) (68%)
 - Fantastic Fridays (Children, early evening; games and activities) (66%)
 - Stephen Ministry (63%)
 - Youth Puppet Ministry Team (44%)
- More than 20% of all respondents selected neutral/not sure regarding the importance of the following program to the vitality and spiritual growth at Lafayette, in order of selection frequency:

- Youth Puppet Ministry Team (37%)
- Fantastic Fridays (Children, early evening; games and activities) (29%)
- Tied at 28%: 4Fs (Adults, daytime; Friday Fellowship, Food, and Fun); Stephen Ministry
- Prayer Quilters (24%)

E-4. I am satisfied with these current programs at Lafayette:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Sunday School for children	7.1%	26.8%	37.5%	21.4%	7.1%
b. Sunday School for adults	12.5%	52.7%	29.5%	5.4%	0.0%
c. Bible Study, separate from Sunday School	15.9%	39.8%	37.2%	6.2%	0.9%
d. Men of the Church/Men's Breakfast OR Presbyterian Women/Women's Circle	30.1%	50.4%	18.6%	0.9%	0.0%
e. Vacation Bible Camp	17.0%	42.9%	33.0%	4.5%	2.7%
f. Prayer Quilters	24.8%	45.1%	29.2%	0.9%	0.0%
g. Fantastic Fridays (Children, early evening; games and activities)	9.7%	27.4%	52.2%	6.2%	4.4%
h. The 4Fs (Adults, daytime; Friday Fellowship, Food, and Fun)	14.3%	33.9%	50.0%	0.0%	1.8%
i. Chancel Choir	46.9%	29.2%	19.5%	2.7%	1.8%
j. Youth Puppet Ministry Team	13.4%	26.8%	48.2%	7.1%	4.5%
k. Usher/Acolyte/Sound	17.0%	53.6%	25.9%	3.6%	0.0%
l. Youth Group	8.8%	27.4%	45.1%	11.5%	7.1%
m. Kirk Night dinners/studies	17.1%	46.8%	28.8%	5.4%	1.8%
n. Monthly Church luncheons	38.9%	51.3%	8.8%	0.9%	0.0%
o. Stephen Ministry	17.7%	32.7%	39.8%	7.1%	2.7%
p. "Life Happens" (grief support group)	16.2%	29.7%	49.5%	2.7%	1.8%

Summary:

- Respondents agreed (*agreed* or *strongly agreed*) that they are satisfied with the following current programs at Lafayette, listed in order of agreement strength:
 - Monthly church luncheons (90%)
 - Men of the Church/Men's Breakfast OR Presbyterian Women/Women's Circle (81%)
 - Chancel Choir (76%)
 - Usher/Acolyte/Sound (71%)
 - Prayer Quilters (70%)
 - Sunday School for adults (65%)
 - Kirk Night dinners/studies (64%)
 - VBS/VBC (60%)
 - Bible Study, separate from Sunday School (56%)
 - Stephen Ministry (50%)
 - 4Fs (Adults, daytime; Friday Fellowship, Food, and Fun) (48%)
 - "Life Happens" (grief support group) (46%)
 - Youth Puppet Ministry Team (40%)
 - Fantastic Fridays (Children, early evening; games and activities) (37%)
 - Youth Group (36%)
 - Sunday School for children (34%)

- A significant percentage of respondents selected *neutral/not sure* regarding their *satisfaction with the following current programs at Lafayette*, listed in order of selection strength:
 - *Fantastic Fridays (Children, early evening; games and activities)* (52%)
 - *Tied at 50%; 4Fs (Adults, daytime; Friday Fellowship, Food, and Fun); “Life Happens” (grief support group)*
 - *Youth Puppet Ministry Team* (48%)
 - *Youth Group* (45%)
 - *Stephen Ministry* (40%)
 - *Sunday School for children* (38%)
 - *Bible Study, separate from Sunday School* (37%)
- A significant percentage of respondents *disagreed* or *disagreed strongly* in their *satisfaction with the following current programs at Lafayette*, listed in order of selection strength of disagreement:
 - *Sunday School for children* (29%)
 - *Youth Group* (19%)
 - *Youth Puppet Ministry Team* (12%)
 - *Fantastic Fridays (Children, early evening; games and activities)* (11%)
 - *Stephen Ministry* (10%)

E-5. I believe:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. a program's importance should be determined by the <u>number of participants involved/being served</u> .	12.4%	23.9%	21.2%	36.3%	6.2%
b. a program's importance should be determined by the <u>quality of service(s) participants receive</u> .	30.1%	49.6%	14.2%	4.4%	1.8%
c. the <u>number and variety</u> of programs is more important than <u>quality</u> across all programs.	0.9%	4.4%	17.7%	54.9%	22.1%
d. all programs at Lafayette should be related to development of faith and/or mission.	21.9%	40.4%	20.2%	14.0%	3.5%
e. the number of small-group Bible studies should be increased.	6.2%	21.2%	61.9%	19.7%	0.9%
f. our money is well-spent on outreach and mission.	4.4%	31.0%	57.5%	4.4%	2.7%

Summary:

- 80% of all respondents were in agreement (*agree* or *strongly agree*) that a programs importance should be determined by quality of service(s) participants receive.
- 77% of all respondents *disagree* (*disagree* or *strongly disagree*) that the number and variety of programs is more important than quality across all programs.
- 62% of all respondents are in agreement (*agreed* or *strongly agreed*) that all programs should be related to development of faith and/or mission.
- 62% of all respondents were *neutral/not sure* that the number of small-group Bible studies should be increased; the percentage of all respondents in agreement (*agree* or *strongly agree*) (27%) is relatively balanced with all respondents who *disagreed* (*disagree* or *strongly disagree*) (21%).
- 58% of all respondents were *neutral/not sure* that our money is well-spent on outreach and mission; the percentage of all respondents in agreement (*agree* or *strongly agree*) (35%) is 5 times higher than those respondents who *disagreed* (*disagree* or *strongly disagree*) (7%).
- Respondents' selections regarding a program's importance being determined by the number of participants involved/being served were relatively balanced across all options: 36% *agreement*; 21% *neutral/not sure*; 43% *disagreement*.

F-1. I believe the following minister's activities are important to the well-being of our church's people, to the degree indicated below:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Worship leader	86.8%	12.3%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
b. Spiritual development of congregants	73.7%	23.7%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%
c. Home visits	31.6%	49.1%	15.8%	3.5%	0.0%
d. Hospital/facility visits	48.7%	47.8%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%
e. Emergency visitation/support	50.4%	42.5%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%
f. Fellowship/relationship development among congregants	40.4%	48.2%	10.5%	0.9%	0.0%
g. Counseling	32.5%	45.6%	20.2%	1.8%	0.0%
h. Evangelism	21.9%	44.7%	27.2%	4.4%	1.8%
i. Mission/outreach	19.5%	48.7%	28.3%	2.7%	0.9%
j. Work with members/attendees of all ages, needs, interests, and backgrounds	54.8%	37.4%	7.8%	0.0%	0.0%

Summary:

- The results of F-1 and F-2 have been combined here and are in order, based on the strength of agreement (agree and strongly agree, combined) among all respondents:
 - worship leader (99%)
 - tied: spiritual development of congregants (97%); hospital/facility visits (97%)
 - emergency visitation/support (93%)
 - tied: work with members/attendees of all ages, needs, interests, and backgrounds (92%); teaching/leading worship and additional studies (92%)
 - fellowship/relationship development among congregants (89%)
 - administrative leadership/organization (88%)
 - officer/leadership training (86%)
 - home visits (81%)
 - counseling (78%)
 - relationship with the Presbytery/other governing bodies (76%)
 - relationship with other local PC(USA) pastors (72%)
 - tied: providing Communion in-home/in-facility at same rate of frequency as congregation (68%); mission/outreach (68%)
 - evangelism (67%)
 - tied: financial stewardship/outreach (66%); community involvement/activity (66%)
 - community/Presbyterian activism (58%)
- Several activities were selected by a significant portion of all respondents (1 in 3; 1 in 4) as neutral/not sure, listed in order of selection frequency:
 - community/Presbyterian activism (33%, or 1 in 3 neutral/not sure)
 - community involvement/activity (31%; nearly 1 in 3 neutral/not sure)
 - providing Communion in-home/in-facility at same rate of frequency as congregation (30%; nearly 1 in 3 neutral/not sure)
 - financial stewardship/outreach (29%; nearly 3 of 10 neutral/not sure)
 - mission/outreach (28%; more than 1 in 4 neutral/not sure)

- evangelism (27%; more than 1 in 4 neutral/not sure)
- relationship with other local PC(USA) pastors (25%; 1 in 4 neutral/not sure)
- counseling (20%; 1 in 5 neutral/not sure)

F-2. I also believe these minister's activities are important to the well-being of our church's people, to the degree indicated below:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Teaching/Leading worship and additional studies	73.7%	18.4%	7.9%	0.0%	0.0%
b. Officer/leadership training	38.6%	47.4%	11.4%	2.6%	0.0%
c. Administrative leadership/organization	37.4%	50.4%	8.7%	3.5%	0.0%
d. Financial stewardship/outreach	20.4%	45.1%	29.2%	5.3%	0.0%
e. Relationship with Presbytery/other governing bodies	22.8%	53.5%	20.2%	1.8%	1.8%
f. Relationship with other local PC(USA) pastors	23.7%	48.2%	25.4%	1.8%	0.9%
g. Community involvement/activity	17.5%	48.2%	30.7%	2.6%	0.9%
h. Community/ Presbyterian activism	18.4%	39.5%	33.3%	4.4%	4.4%
i. Providing Communion in-home/in-facility at same rate of frequency as congregation	33.0%	34.8%	30.4%	1.8%	0.0%

Summary:

- The results of F-1 and F-2 have been combined here and are in order, based on the strength of agreement (agree and strongly agree, combined) among all respondents:
 - worship leader (99%)
 - tied: spiritual development of congregants (97%); hospital/facility visits (97%)
 - emergency visitation/support (93%)
 - tied: work with members/attendees of all ages, needs, interests, and backgrounds (92%); teaching/leading worship and additional studies (92%)
 - fellowship/relationship development among congregants (89%)
 - administrative leadership/organization (88%)
 - officer/leadership training (86%)
 - home visits (81%)
 - counseling (78%)
 - relationship with the Presbytery/other governing bodies (76%)
 - relationship with other local PC(USA) pastors (72%)
 - tied: providing Communion in-home/in-facility at same rate of frequency as congregation (68%); mission/outreach (68%)
 - evangelism (67%)
 - tied: financial stewardship/outreach (66%); community involvement/activity (66%)
 - community/Presbyterian activism (58%)
- Several activities were selected by a significant portion of all respondents (1 in 3; 1 in 4) as neutral/not sure, listed in order of selection frequency:
 - community/Presbyterian activism (33%, or 1 in 3 neutral/not sure)
 - community involvement/activity (31%; nearly 1 in 3 neutral/not sure)
 - providing Communion in-home/in-facility at same rate of frequency as congregation (30%; nearly 1 in 3 neutral/not sure)
 - financial stewardship/outreach (29%; nearly 3 of 10 neutral/not sure)
 - mission/outreach (28%; more than 1 in 4 neutral/not sure)

- evangelism (27%; more than 1 in 4 *neutral/not sure*)
- relationship with other local PC(USA) pastors (25%; 1 in 4 *neutral/not sure*)
- counseling (20%; 1 in 5 *neutral/not sure*)

F-3. I believe our new pastor should have the following amount of experience, at minimum:

Response	Chart	Percentage
No specific experience requirement; God will provide		14.3%
First ordained call is acceptable		12.5%
Up to 2 years		6.2%
2 to 5 years		28.6%
5 to 10 years		31.2%
More than 10 years		7.1%

Summary:

- 31% of all respondents chose 5 to 10 years of experience; a very close percentage (29%) chose 2 to 5 years.
- The remaining options were chosen at significantly lower rates, listed here in order of selection frequency:
 - no specific experience requirement; God will provide (14%)
 - first ordained call is acceptable (13%)
 - more than 10 years (7%)
 - up to 2 years (6%)










F-4. I would love for our new pastor to have earned at least a:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. Master of Divinity/Theology		40.4%
b. Doctor of Divinity/Theology		14.9%
c. Does not matter; educational preparation should be balanced with experience and lifelong learning		44.7%

Summary:

- The selection frequency among all respondents regarding the education level of our future pastor is as follows:
 - does not matter (45%)
 - master's degree (40%)
 - doctorate (15%)





F-5. Of all of the pastors with whom I have worshipped, worked, and/or talked, I have found the following to be most important/valuable:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. A personal interest in/connection with each person; compassion that results in a sense of personal attention and support		17.0%
b. Excellent listening skills		0.9%
c. Able to apply Scripture/live a Christian life in current society; help us make sense of contemporary issues in the Christian context		18.8%
d. Unconditionally high regard for each individual; integrity; trustworthiness		7.1%
e. The ability to provide good sermons, clearly based on the Bible and understandable; positive, cohesive worship services centered on Scripture		25.9%
f. A "pastor's heart"; approachable; a good sense of humor; positive outlook		8.0%
g. Good with and supportive of youth (we're losing our children!)		3.6%
h. An emphasis on Christ, His redeeming love, and His daily walk with us from now to eternal life		10.7%
i. Able to successfully connect the church with its individuals and their community (e.g., serves communion to homebound parishioners, attends events)		8.0%

Summary:

- The selection frequency among all respondents regarding highly valued experience with one or more pastors is as follows, in order:
 - the ability to provide good, Bible-based sermons; positive, cohesive worship services (26%)
 - able to apply Scripture/live a Christian life in current society; help us make sense of contemporary issues in the Christian context (19%)
 - personal interest in/connection with each person; compassion (17%)
 - an emphasis on Christ, His redeeming love, and His daily walk with us (11%)
 - tied: a “pastor’s heart”; approachable; good sense of humor; positive outlook (8%); able to connect the church with its individuals and their community; attends events (8%)
 - unconditionally high regard for each individual; integrity; trustworthiness (7%)
 - good with and supportive of youth (4%)
 - excellent listening skills (1%)

F-6. I believe it's important for a minister to have strong skills in administration and staff supervision.

Response	Chart	Percentage
Strongly agree		32.2%
Agree		57.4%
Neutral/Not sure		7.8%
Disagree		2.6%
Strongly disagree		0.0%

Summary:

- 90% of all respondents agreed or strongly agreed that it's important for a pastor to have strong skills in administration and staff supervision.






F-7. To serve everyone in the congregation well, our new minister should be able to:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. use email comfortably (e.g., able to use attachments, listservs).	41.2%	46.5%	10.5%	0.9%	0.9%
b. develop web pages and modify our website for members and potential visitors/new members.	1.8%	21.9%	43.9%	21.9%	10.5%
c. use social media as available and popular among our congregants of various ages (currently includes Twitter, Facebook, texting, hashtags, etc.).	3.5%	31.6%	44.7%	16.7%	3.5%
d. use on-line collaborative worksites, data storage tools, and/or wikis for posting, sharing, and developing materials not appropriate for Facebook and other social posts.	1.8%	23.7%	53.5%	15.8%	5.3%
e. use standard computer technology, to include the internet, pdf documents, and standard software for word processing (writing letters, announcements, newsletter items), spreadsheets, publishing, and presentations.	37.4%	46.1%	15.7%	0.9%	0.0%
f. use standard office equipment, with minimal training (e.g., fax, copier, scanner).	37.2%	48.7%	11.5%	0.9%	1.8%

Summary:

- 88% of all respondents are in agreement (*agree or strongly agree*) that our new minister should be able to *use email comfortably*.
- 86% of all respondents are in agreement (*agree or strongly agree*) that our new minister should be able to *use standard office equipment comfortably*.
- 84% are in agreement (*agree or strongly agree*) that s/he should be able to *use standard computer technology comfortably*.
- In three categories, a significant percentage (approximately half) of all respondents selected *neutral/not sure*:
 - *develop web pages and modify Lafayette's website* (44%)
 - *use social media as available and popular among congregants of various ages* (45%)
 - *use on-line collaborative worksites, data storage tools, and or wikis for posting, sharing, and developing materials not appropriate for social posts* (54%)
- In three categories, respondents were split in approximately a 1-2-1 ratio, as follows:
 - *develop web pages/modify our website*
24% *agreement* – 44% *neutral/not sure* – 32% *disagreement*
 - *use social media*
35% *agreement* – 45% *neutral/not sure* – 20% *disagreement*
 - *on-line collaboration, storage, etc.*
26% *agreement* – 54% *neutral/not sure* – 21% *disagreement*

F-8. I believe our new minister needs to be interested and effective in outreach and evangelism (winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ [Merriam-Webster on-line]).

Response	Chart	Percentage
Strongly agree		21.7%
Agree		47.0%
Neutral/Not sure		24.3%
Disagree		5.2%
Strongly disagree		1.7%

Summary:

- 69% of all respondents—more than two-thirds—agreed or strongly agreed that our new minister needs to be interested and effective in outreach and evangelism; 24% (nearly 1 in 4) are neutral/not sure.

F-9. I believe our church will be best-served by a pastor who is thoughtful and:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. laid-back/easy-going.	4.5%	42.9%	33.9%	15.2%	3.6%
b. visionary.	29.5%	56.2%	13.4%	0.9%	0.0%
c. who will lead, letting us know what he/she believes we should do next to grow as a Church.	30.4%	58.0%	9.8%	1.8%	0.0%
d. who will lead by example, working elbow-to-elbow with our elected church leadership and the congregation.	51.8%	43.9%	3.5%	0.9%	0.0%
e. focused on evangelism, i.e., proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community outside Lafayette's walls.	14.3%	41.1%	31.2%	9.8%	3.6%

Summary:

- Respondents indicated they believe Lafayette will be best-served by a thoughtful pastor and more, in order of agreement strength:
 - who will lead by example, working side-by-side (96%)
 - who will lead, letting us know what we should do next to grow (88%)
 - who is visionary (86%)
 - focused on evangelism (55%)
 - laid back/easy-going (48%)
- A significant number of respondents chose neutral/not sure, as follows
 - laid-back/easy-going (34%)
 - focused on evangelism (31%)

G-1. If Lafayette Presbyterian Church sponsored the following program(s) and/or event(s), I would participate.

	Probably	Neutral/ Not sure	Probably not
a. Faith-based parenting study, classes, and/or seminars	11.3%	27.0%	61.7%
b. Family-oriented Sunday School (unified topics and Bible verses to discuss during the week; different classrooms; age-appropriate methods and materials)	26.3%	33.3%	40.4%
c. Personal/family financial planning - long-term goals, healthy finances	13.2%	28.1%	58.8%
d. Retirement/estate planning	14.3%	24.1%	61.6%
e. Jordan Group (family outings) - camping, river-rafting, local activities, etc.	18.4%	24.6%	57.0%
f. Weekly Mom's Morning , w/ Moms' Time Together over coffee to discuss faith, parenting matters, etc.	4.4%	18.4%	77.2%
g. Weekly Dad's Morning , w/ Dads' Time Together over coffee to discuss faith, parenting matters, etc.	3.5%	21.2%	75.2%
h. Weekly Mom's Morning Out (nursery/pre-school care while the parent/caretaker runs errands, rests, has appointments, etc.)	6.2%	17.7%	76.1%
i. Support and/or study/seminars for families facing issues related to special needs, mental health, terminal illness, and/or dementia	30.1%	34.5%	35.4%
j. Pre-planning for memorial services (e.g., selection of Scripture, music)	34.2%	30.7%	35.1%
k. Adult Handbell Choir	18.4%	21.1%	60.5%
l. Youth Handbell Choir	8.8%	19.3%	71.9%
m. Children's and/or Youth Choir	8.8%	19.3%	71.9%
n. Adult Puppet Ministry (adults ministering to others)	8.8%	16.7%	74.6%
o. Softball/sports team(s)	8.8%	25.7%	65.5%
p. Adult discussion groups on theology/Christianity	35.4%	43.4%	21.2%
q. Church/spiritual retreats	26.5%	34.5%	38.9%
r. Marriage enrichment	14.0%	20.2%	65.8%
s. Counseling for individuals/families	22.8%	28.1%	49.1%
t. Cultural/Arts programs (performances, exhibitions, and/or opportunities for audience participation/creativity)	21.9%	33.3%	44.7%
u. Emergency preparedness	33.3%	34.2%	32.5%

Summary:

- Respondents indicated their probability of participating in the following current or potential future programs at a rate of more than 2 in 5:
 - family-oriented Sunday School (26%)
 - study, support, and/or seminars for families facing issues related to special needs, etc. (30%)
 - pre-planning for memorial services (Scripture, music, etc.) (34%)
 - adult discussion groups on theology/Christianity (35%)
 - church/spiritual retreats (27%)
 - counseling for individuals/families (23%)
 - cultural/arts programs (22%)
 - emergency preparedness (33%)

G-2. If Lafayette Presbyterian Church sponsored the following program(s) and/or event(s), one (1) or more of my friends/neighbors would be likely to participate.

	Probably	Neutral/ Not sure	Probably not
a. Faith-based parenting study, classes, and/or seminars	12.3%	28.9%	58.8%
b. Family-oriented Sunday School (unified topics and Bible verses to discuss during the week; different classrooms; age-appropriate methods and materials)	13.0%	33.0%	53.9%
c. Personal/family financial planning (e.g., long-term goals, healthy finances)	13.2%	29.8%	57.0%
d. Retirement/estate planning	9.6%	35.1%	55.3%
e. Jordan Group (family outings) - camping, river-rafting, local activities, etc.	14.9%	29.8%	55.3%
f. Weekly Mom's Morning , w/ Moms' Time Together over coffee to discuss faith and parenting matters, etc.	6.1%	27.2%	66.7%
g. Weekly Dad's Morning , w/ Dads' Time Together over coffee to discuss faith and parenting matters, etc.	6.1%	24.6%	69.3%
h. Weekly Mom's Morning Out (nursery/pre-school care while the parent/caretaker runs errands, rests, has appointments, etc.)	8.8%	23.9%	67.3%
i. Support and/or study/seminars for families facing issues related to special needs, mental health, terminal illness, and/or dementia	14.9%	36.8%	48.2%
j. Pre-planning for memorial services (e.g., selection of Scripture, music)	15.0%	37.2%	47.8%
k. Adult Handbell Choir	10.5%	26.3%	63.2%
l. Youth Handbell Choir	7.9%	27.2%	64.9%
m. Children's and/or Youth Choir	7.9%	28.9%	63.2%
n. Adult Puppet Ministry (adults ministering to others)	8.8%	22.8%	68.4%
o. Softball/sports team(s)	6.1%	28.9%	64.9%
p. Adult discussion groups on theology/Christianity	19.5%	36.3%	44.2%
q. Church/spiritual retreats	12.4%	32.7%	54.9%
r. Marriage enrichment	10.6%	22.1%	67.3%
s. Counseling for individuals/families	15.9%	30.1%	54.0%
t. Cultural/Arts programs (performances, exhibitions, and/or opportunities for audience participation/creativity)	15.9%	33.6%	50.4%
u. Emergency preparedness	18.6%	36.3%	45.1%

Summary:

- Respondents indicated the probability of a friend/neighbor participating in the following current or potential future programs at a rate of 1 in 10 or more:
 - adult discussion groups on theology/Christianity (20%)
 - emergency preparedness (19%)
 - tied at 16%: cultural/arts programs; counseling for individuals/families
 - three-way tie at 15%: pre-planning for memorial services; study, support, and/or seminars for families facing issues related to special needs, etc.; Jordan Group (family outings) (15%)
 - tied at 13%: personal/family financial planning; family-oriented Sunday School
 - tied at 12%: church/spiritual retreats; faith-based parenting study, classes, and/or seminars
 - tied at 11%: marriage enrichment; adult handbell choir
 - retirement/estate planning (10%)







G-3. I believe Lafayette Presbyterian Church should sponsor one or more mission trips each year:

	Would consider going	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. for a day/partial day.	34.5%	8.8%	30.1%	22.1%	2.7%	1.8%
b. for a weekend, with limited travel.	22.3%	12.5%	25.9%	32.1%	4.5%	2.7%
c. for 7 - 10 days, within a day's drive.	11.7%	5.4%	9.9%	46.8%	19.8%	6.3%
d. for 1 - 2 weeks, possibly outside the US.	9.0%	6.3%	4.5%	43.2%	19.8%	17.1%

Summary:

- NOTE: Respondents to this survey item had an overall choice of indicating whether they would consider going OR the degree to which they believe Lafayette should sponsor one or more mission trips annually.
- The respondents who chose to indicate their willingness to consider going on a mission trip did so with the following degree of frequency:
 - day/partial day (35%)
 - weekend, limited travel (22%)
 - 7-10 days, w/in a day's drive (12%)
 - for 1-2 weeks, possibly outside the US (9%)
- The respondents who chose to indicate the degree to which they believe Lafayette should sponsor one or more mission trips annually did so with a significant degree of agreement:
 - day/partial day (39%)
 - weekend, limited travel (38%)
- The respondents who chose to indicate the degree to which they believe Lafayette should sponsor one or more mission trips annually did so with a significant degree of disagreement:
 - for 1-2 weeks, possibly outside the US (37%; more than a third)
 - 7-10 days, w/in a day's drive (26%; more than 1 in 4)
- The number of respondents who felt neutral/not sure is significant, listed in order of selection frequency:
 - 7-10 days, w/in a day's drive (47%; nearly half)
 - for 1-2 weeks, possibly outside the US (43%; more than 2 in 5)

G-4. In addition to holding worship services, programs, and special events at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, I think it would help us connect with the community and attract additional members if we also hosted/sponsored one or more church events:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. at Westminster Oaks and other retirement properties.		78.4%
b. at local concert venues.		18.9%
c. with other churches (e.g., ecumenical or joint services).		69.4%
d. at local parks/outdoor venues.		27.9%
e. at coffeehouses/casual eateries.		22.5%
f. Other:		12.6%

Written responses in the free response section:

#	Response
1.	people's homes
2.	
3.	N/a
4.	Presbyterian University Center at FSU
5.	Schools
6.	Collaborative choir concerts
7.	church held on the lawn once in a while
8.	
9.	none of the above
10.	I don't understand this question!
11.	Campus Ministries!
12.	Unsure about this
13.	Around FSU, when they have fetes or bazaars in Tallahassee, Lafayette could have a booth there to attract FSU students.
14.	Events at our church open to the community, i.e. covered dish suppers, sing-a-longs, bible studies, Easter Egg Hunts.

Summary:

- NOTE: This question directed respondents to “Choose all that apply.”
- Respondents most often selected Westminster Oaks and other retirement communities (78%) and events with other churches (ecumenical or joint services) (69%).
- Respondents chose the remaining venues in this order of frequency:
 - local parks/outdoor venues (28%)
 - coffeehouses/casual eateries (23%)
 - local concert venues (19%)
 - other (13%) – the responses appear above

H-1. I have been a Presbyterian/attended the Presbyterian Church for:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. less than a year.		0.0%
b. 1-5 years.		8.7%
c. 6-10 years.		9.6%
d. 11-20 years.		14.4%
e. more than 20 years.		34.6%
f. my entire life.		32.7%

Summary:

- 67% of all respondents have been Presbyterians/attended the Presbyterian Church for 20 years or more (35%) or their entire lives (33%).
- 14% of all respondents have been Presbyterians/attended the Presbyterian Church for 11-20 years.
- 18% of all respondents have been Presbyterians/attended the Presbyterian Church for 1-10 years.


H-2. I consider Lafayette Presbyterian:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. my current and/or home church.		96.2%
b. the church I'm most likely to attend when I visit Tallahassee.		0.0%
c. my family's church; I attend with them every now and then.		1.0%
d. the church I grew up in and/or am a member of, although I don't attend anymore.		1.9%
e. a great place to visit; if I lived here, I'd attend regularly.		0.0%
f. one of the churches I'm checking out while looking for a church home for myself/my family.		1.0%
g. a neighborhood church; I come here fairly often.		0.0%
h. a nice church, but not one I'd likely join.		0.0%

Summary:

- 96% of all respondents consider Lafayette their current and/or home church.

H-3. I consider myself theologically:

Response	Chart	Percentage
liberal.		15.4%
somewhat liberal.		11.5%
moderate.		32.7%
neutral/not sure.		4.8%
somewhat conservative.		19.2%
conservative.		16.3%

Summary:

- Lafayette's congregation is relatively balanced theologically:
 - 27% liberal/somewhat liberal
 - 33% moderate
 - 36% conservative/somewhat conservative
- 5% of all respondents were neutral/not sure.

H-4. Faith in God plays/played a significant role in my life.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/ Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Today	73.1%	26.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
10 years ago	63.4%	26.7%	7.9%	2.0%	0.0%

Summary:

- 99% of all respondents agree or strongly agree that faith plays a significant role in their lives today, an increase (from 90%) over how those same respondents felt 10 years ago.












H-5. Personally, I:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral/Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. believe Jesus is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.	86.5%	12.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
b. believe God created the world, but is not involved beyond that.	3.9%	2.9%	4.9%	32.0%	56.3%
c. am unsure about whether God exists.	1.9%	0.0%	1.0%	15.5%	81.6%
d. believe the Bible is the Word of God, free from error (inerrant).	22.3%	25.2%	16.5%	25.2%	10.7%
e. believe in self-determination and free will; God does not predetermine my life.	17.5%	25.2%	18.4%	20.4%	18.4%
f. believe in the Trinity (God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost).	77.7%	19.4%	1.9%	1.0%	0.0%
g. believe that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead.	81.6%	17.5%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
h. believe the Bible is the Divine Word of God, written and translated over time by humans.	62.1%	26.2%	9.7%	0.0%	1.9%
i. believe that salvation comes through God's grace and mercy, and not by works alone.	73.5%	18.6%	2.0%	6 (5.9%)	0.0%
j. don't believe there is a God.	1.9%	0.0%	1.0%	3.9%	93.2%

Summary:

- 99% of all respondents agree or strongly agree that Jesus is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.
- 99% of all respondents agree or strongly agree that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead.
- 97% of all respondents agree or strongly agree in the Trinity.
- 97% are in disagreement (disagree or strongly disagree) with the statements that “personally, I don't believe there is a God” and I'm unsure about the existence of God.
- 92% of all respondents agree or strongly agree that salvation comes through God' grace and mercy, and not by works alone.
- 88% of all respondents disagree or strongly disagree that they believe God created the world, but isn't involved after that.
- 88% of all respondents are in agreement (agree or strongly agree) that they believe the Bible is the Divine Word of God, written and translated over time by humans.
- In options d and e, respondents indicated relatively even levels of agreement among all options, from strongly agree to strongly disagree, as follows:
 - d. 22% – 25% – 17% – 25% – 11%
 - e. 18% – 25% – 18% – 20% – 18%
- In options d and e, respondents also indicated relatively balanced levels of agreement (agree and strongly agree; disagree and strongly disagree), as follows:
 - 48% of all respondents are in agreement that the Bible is the inerrant (error-free) Word of God; 17% are neutral/not sure; 36% are in disagreement with the statement
 - 43% are in agreement that they believe in self-determination and free will; 18% are neutral/not sure; 39% are in disagreement with the statement






H-6. My reason(s) for becoming a Presbyterian and/or beginning to attend a Presbyterian Church was/were because:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. my parents were Presbyterian/attended a Presbyterian Church.		46.2%
b. it was the only church in town.		0.0%
c. my fiancée/new spouse/significant other/partner was already Presbyterian/attended a Presbyterian church.		23.1%
d. it was the closest church to my home.		7.7%
e. I liked the ... (church doctrine/theology, architecture, minister, governance structure, music, etc.).		48.1%
f. I like to sing and the choir was good/needed my help.		9.6%
g. someone invited me/recommended it to me.		9.6%
h. I met the pastor and liked him/her.		31.7%
i. I attended a service and felt God's presence.		23.1%
j. I developed one or more relationships there and stayed.		36.5%
k. someone felt I had talents/skills/potential and invited me to develop them at a Presbyterian church.		5.8%

Summary:

- NOTE: This question directed respondents to “Choose all that apply.”
- The reason for becoming a Presbyterian and/or beginning to attend a Presbyterian Church were selected at the following rate of frequency, in descending order:
 - “I liked the ... (church doctrine/theology, architecture, minister, governance structure, music, etc.)” (48%)
 - my parents were Presbyterian/attended a Presbyterian Church (46%)
 - I developed one or more relationships there and stayed (37%)
 - I met the pastor and liked him/her (32%)
 - Tied at 23%: my fiancée/new spouse/significant other/partner was already Presbyterian/attended a Presbyterian church; I attended a service and felt God's presence
 - Tied at 10%: I like to sing and the choir was good/needed my help; someone invited me/recommended it to me
 - it was the closest church to my home (8%)
 - someone felt I had talents/skills/potential and invited me to develop them at a Presbyterian church (6%)
- No one indicated they became a Presbyterian and/or began attending a Presbyterian Church because it was the only church in town.







H-7. As a child, I _____ attend(ed)/participate(d) in Sunday School.

Response	Chart	Percentage
always/usually		65.4%
frequently		22.1%
sometimes		6.7%
rarely		1.9%
never		3.8%

Summary:

- 88% of all respondents always, usually, or frequently attended/participated in Sunday School as a child; 6% of all respondents sometimes did so.
- 6% of all respondents rarely or never attended/participated in Sunday School as a child.

H-8. Reflecting on my family life as I grew/am growing up, I consider my family:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. very church-centered.		42.3%
b. somewhat church-centered.		40.4%
c. neutral/I don't know.		1.9%
d. a little church-centered.		8.7%
e. not church-centered at all.		4.8%
f. "unchurched."		1.9%

Summary:

- 83% of all respondents consider the family in which they grew up as either very (42%) or somewhat (40%) church-centered; 9% (nearly 1 in 10) consider the family in which they grew up a little church-centered.
- 5% of all respondents reported that the family in which they grew up were not church-centered at all, and 2% considered the family in which they grew up "unchurched."
- 2% of all respondents selected neutral/not sure.






H-9. I volunteer my time with/on behalf of these mission/outreach programs:

	Always/ Usually	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a. Gideons International	0.0%	0.0%	5.1%	11.2%	83.7%
b. Habitat for Humanity	2.0%	4.1%	22.4%	27.6%	43.9%
c. Homeless Shelter/The Shelter	9.0%	7.0%	20.0%	28.0%	36.0%
d. PUC/Presbyterian University Center at FSU	0.0%	3.1%	14.4%	19.6%	62.9%
e. E.C.H.O.	2.0%	9.2%	21.4%	20.4%	46.9%
f. Refuge House	1.0%	6.1%	16.3%	13.3%	63.3%
g. Operation Christmas Child	12.0%	16.0%	26.0%	19.0%	27.0%
h. Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts	3.0%	7.0%	10.0%	20.0%	60.0%
i. Buck Lake Adopt-a-Road Clean-up	3.1%	4.1%	10.2%	13.3%	69.4%
j. Quilting Ministry	3.0%	1.0%	3.0%	13.1%	79.8%
k. Matthew 25 Ministries (Florida)	2.0%	1.0%	3.1%	5.1%	88.8%
l. Other programs <u>not</u> currently supported by Lafayette Presbyterian Church (e.g., Chelsea House, Hospice, Ronald McDonald House)	5.0%	13.9%	14.9%	16.8%	49.5%

Summary:

- Respondents indicated they always/usually, often, or sometimes give the gift of time (exclusive of financial support or donation of goods) as follows, in order of frequency strength:
 - Operation Christmas Child (54%)
 - Homeless Shelter/The Shelter (36%)
 - other programs not supported by Lafayette (34%)
 - E.C.H.O. (Emergency Care Help Organization) (33%)
 - Habitat for Humanity (29%)
 - Refuge House (33%)
 - Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts (20%)
 - PUC/Presbyterian University Center (18%)
 - Buck Lake Adopt-a-Road Clean-up (17%)
 - Quilting Ministry (7%)
 - Matthew 25 Ministries (FL) (6%)
 - Gideons International (5%)







H-10. Outside Sunday worship, I generally spend _____ involved with church-related activities per month.

Response	Chart	Percentage
less than 1 hour		17.5%
1 - 5 hours		40.8%
6 - 10 hours		21.4%
11 - 15 hours		8.7%
more than 15 hours		11.7%

Summary:

- 41% of all respondents—2 in 5—generally spend 1 – 5 hours involved with church-related activities outside Sunday worship per month.
- 21% of all respondents—1 in 5—generally spend 6 – 10 hours involved with church-related activities per month.
- 18% of all respondents—nearly 1 in 5—generally spend less than an hour involved with church-related activities per month.
- 12% of all respondents—more than 1 in 10—generally spend more than 15 hours involved with church-related activities per month.
- 9% of all respondents—nearly 1 in 10—generally spend 11 – 15 hours involved with church-related activities per month



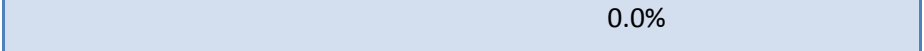
H-11. I have lived in this community for:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. less than a year.		2.9%
b. 1-5 years.		4.9%
c. 6-10 years.		11.8%
d. 11-20 years.		26.5%
e. more than 20 years.		49.0%
f. my entire life.		4.9%

Summary:

- 54% of all respondents have lived in Tallahassee more than 20 years; 5% of all respondents have lived here their whole lives.
- 8% are relatively new to Tallahassee, having lived here for 1-5 years or less; 3% of all respondents have lived here for less than a year.
- 27% of all respondents have lived here for 11-20 years.
- 12% of all respondents have lived in Tallahassee for 6-10 years.

H-12. The last two (2) digits of my 5-digit zip code are:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. 08, 11, or 17.		68.7%
b. 01, 03, 05, 09, 10, 12, 26, or 27.		31.3%
c. none of the above.		0.0%

Summary:

- 69% of all respondents live in the immediate vicinity around Lafayette.
- 31% of all respondents live outside the immediate vicinity.

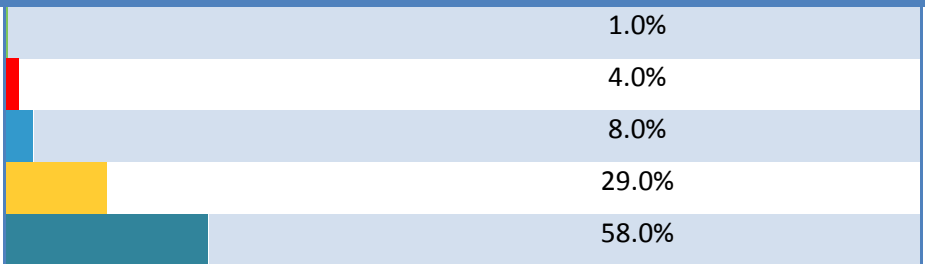
H-13. I use technology for:

	Daily	Weekly	2 - 3 times/ month	Monthly	Less than once/ month	Never
a. information (e.g., schedules, locations, who and where).	61.4%	7.9%	7.9%	2.0%	5.0%	15.8%
b. social networking (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, texting).	44.6%	15.8%	3.0%	0.0%	5.0%	31.7%
c. Bible study/reference, devotionals.	8.9%	10.9%	14.9%	7.9%	24.8%	32.7%
d. shopping/transactions (e.g., shopping, making reservations, travel)	17.8%	19.8%	15.8%	5.9%	21.8%	18.8%
e. school/work (e.g., homework, checking grades and assignments, collaboration, document-sharing, research).	17.8%	9.9%	4.0%	2.0%	9.9%	56.4%
f. business/work (e.g., web-based work sites, document-sharing and storage, webinars, collaboration, scheduling).	35.0%	8.0%	2.0%	5.0%	6.0%	44.0%
g. blogging (on-line topical conversations).	2.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%	7.9%	82.2%

Summary:

- E-mail was not offered as an option in this survey item.
- Respondents indicated their use of technology daily or weekly in the following order of frequency:
 - information (69%)
 - social networking (60%)
 - business/work (43%)
 - shopping/transactions (38%)
 - school/work (28%)
 - Bible study/reference; devotionals (20%)
 - blogging (5%)
- Respondents indicated their use of technology 2-3 times/month or monthly in the following order:
 - Bible study/reference; devotionals (23%)
 - shopping/transactions (22%)
 - information (10%)
 - business/work (7%)
 - school/work (6%)
 - blogging (5%)
 - social networking (3%)
- Respondents indicated their use of technology less than once/month or never in the following order:
 - blogging (91%)
 - school/work (66%)
 - Bible study/reference; devotionals (58%)
 - business/work (50%)
 - shopping/transactions (41%)
 - social networking (37%)
 - information (21%)

H-14. I am:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. less than 21 years old.		1.0%
b. 21 - 35 years old.		4.0%
c. 36 - 50 years old.		8.0%
d. 51 - 65 years old.		29.0%
e. more than 65 years old.		58.0%

Summary:

- 58% of all respondents are more than 65 years old, while 29% range in age from 51 to 65 years of age.
- 8% of all respondents range in age from 36 to 50 years of age.
- 4% of all respondents are what PC(USA) defines as “young adults,” ages 21-35.
- 1% of all respondents were less than 21 years old.


H-15. I am planning to:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. move out of the area in the next 1-3 years.		11.8%
b. live where I am for the foreseeable future.		52.0%
c. stay in this area permanently.		36.3%

Summary:

- 88% of all respondents plan to live where they are permanently or for the foreseeable future.
- 12% of all respondents plan to move out of the area in the next 1-3 years.

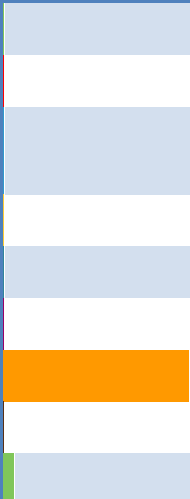
H-16. I am currently:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. employed (full- or part-time, self-employed).		40.6%
b. not employed outside the home.		5.9%
c. retired.		52.5%
d. a student.		1.0%

Summary:

- 53% of all respondents are *retired*.
- 41% of all respondents are *employed*.
- 6% of all respondents are *not employed outside the home*.
- 1% of all respondents are *students*.

H-17. My ethnicity is:

Response	Chart	Percentage
a. American Indian or Alaska Native.		1.0%
b. Asian.		0.0%
c. Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean).		1.0%
d. Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish.		0.0%
e. Middle Eastern.		0.0%
f. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.		0.0%
g. Caucasian.		92.2%
h. Other:		1.0%
i. Prefer not to respond.		4.9%



My ethnicity is: (h. Other:)

#	Response
1.	Human

Summary:

- Respondents self-reported their ethnicity as follows:
 - 1% American Indian or Alaska Native
 - 1% Black or African American
 - 92% Caucasian
 - 1% “Other” (human)
- 5% of all respondents preferred not to identify their ethnicity.

H-18. My gender is:

Response	Chart	Percentage
Male		36.3%
Female		63.7%

Summary:

- Self-study survey respondents completed this survey at nearly a 2-to-1, female/male ratio (64% females; 36% males).