

Financial Summary

	July 6, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,137.60
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,393.10
Total Offering		\$ 5,443.20
	July 13, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,566.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 608.34
Total Offering		\$ 5,124.34
	July 20, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,089.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 201.10
Total Offering		\$ 4,290.10
	July 27, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,855.65
Designated Gifts		\$ 146.35
Total Offering		\$ 3,002.00

General Fund

June General Fund Receipts	\$ 18,067.07
June General Fund Expenses	-\$ 15,326.24
June General Fund Net	\$ 2,740.83
General Fund Balance	-\$ 9,829.90



Look Who's Having
a Birthday!

August Birthdays

8/1	David French
8/3	Virginia George, Breanne Riggs
8/5	Jeannie Nibert
8/6	Layman Idol, Ramsey Nelson
8/10	Lisa Canada
8/11	Edith Lakey
8/14	John Todd, Sr.
8/15	Christy Litaker
8/16	Susan Hilton
8/17	Kaitlin Nibert, Lacie Parke, Jerrell Stafford
8/17	TimVonCannon
8/19	Dylan Ward
8/21	Beverly Yokeley
8/22	Jamison Dortch
8/23	Robert Lee
8/24	Teresa Tucker
8/27	Doug Snyder
8/31	Bobby Cheek, Nancy Clodfelter, Dean Ward

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Talent Show

and

Fellowship

Sunday, August 24th

6:00 p.m.

Dr. H. Mark Ashworth
Rev. Erin Walker
Ms. Gayle Lauten
Rev. Marty Daniels
Mrs. Angie Weavil
Mrs. Becky Longworth
Mrs. Teresa Tucker

Pastor
Minister to Families
Minister of Music
Minister of Education
Organist
Pianist
Secretary

Hey Youth!

August is full of Upcoming Events! Here are some details!

- Sunday night, August 3rd, at 7pm we'll meet together with the children for a new project! We'll begin a letter/card writing project that I hope we can continue throughout the year as PASSPORT, Inc. is developing a new program called PASSPORT Pen Pals. We'll start by writing people in our community and as the Pen Pals program grows we'll begin making friends all around the world!
- Wednesday, August 6th, be at church at 7pm for a cookout at the picnic shelter in honor of our 2008 graduates. All you need to bring is a snack and a drink!
- Friday, August 8th, we're going to the Winston Salem Warthogs game at 7pm. The cost will be \$8 a ticket for a group of 15 or more people. So, invite your friends, and sign up with Erin ASAP!
- Saturday, August 16th, we'll go tubing down the Dan River. We'll leave the church at 10am and return around 4pm.
- September 19th-21st we'll attend the CBFNC Fall Youth Retreat at Myrtle Beach. There will be a pizza party, worship, sand sculpture contest, organized beach games, a block party with a DJ, Bible study, a putt-putt tournament and this year, more free time to play on the beach! The price is \$110 per person and includes 2 nights' lodging, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

See Erin to sign up for each of these events!!

Calling all Kids!

Plan to be here on Sunday night, August 3rd at 7pm for a fun project with the youth! We'll be writing letters and making cards for friends in our church community.

On Wednesday, August 27th, all of our missions programs and children's choir will begin again. Tell your friends and be sure to join us!

On Sunday night, September 7th, we'll have a Promiseland Kick-Off Party! This year Erin will be leading our time together on Sunday nights, so come see what's new!

Winston Salem Warthogs Game

On Friday, August 8th, the youth are going to the Warthogs Game at 7pm and you're invited! Anyone who is interested in joining us can sign up with Erin. The ticket price will be \$8 per person for a group of 15 or more. Join us for a fun evening out!

Nursery Schedule

August 3, 2008 (Sun)	Sandi Dortch AM Beverly Weavil 7:00 – 8:00 PM
August 6, 2008 (Wed)	Kathy Horton
August 10, 2008 (Sun)	Jennifer Brantley AM Edna Bond 7:00 – 8:00 PM
August 13, 2008 (Wed)	Jean Foster
August 17, 2008 (Sun)	Mattie & Clint McCann AM Kathryn Ashworth 7:00 – 8:00 PM
August 20, 2008 (Wed)	Alice Striplin
August 24, 2008 (Sun)	Delese & Alan Venable AM Nancy Clodfelter PM
August 27, 2008 (Wed)	Peggy Beaver
August 31, 2008 (Sun)	Beverly Yokeley AM No Services

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

August 3, (Children's)	Christy & Hannah Litaker
August 3, (Wee)	Susie Hilton & Sharon Thompson
August 10, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Sandi Dortch
August 10, (Wee)	Alice Striplin & Sarah Horton
August 17, (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
August 17, (Wee)	Cathy & Joan Honeycutt
August 24, (Children's)	Jennifer & Rob Brantley
August 24, (Wee)	Sylvia & Amanda Phillips
August 31, (Children's)	Amy Simmons & Delese Venable
August 31, (Wee)	Julie Striplin

Mission Project Update

Through WOM some donations were made to Newborns in Need during the month of July, including handmade items, as well as purchased items for new mothers who have so very little.

Again, homemade fresh baked cookies were delivered to Hospice Homes in both W-S and HP. These were most gratefully received.

On June 20, we visited some of the shut-ins within our church and served "*Sundaes on Sunday*". These were most heartwarming visits and we still cherish our members who can no longer attend Sunday services on a regular basis. Each one of our shut-ins has contributed much to our church in the past and sincere loving gratitude is bestowed to each.

Our next meeting will be August 6 and Nancy has a project idea that we may all be able to participate in without any monetary expense. It may require just looking through our cupboards and closets. Plan to attend to learn more.

We continue to seek ways to let others see Jesus in us as UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE

MARK'S MUSINGS

Our family spent the better part of last week in the mountains. We stayed in Sapphire Valley, a beautiful place about 5 miles east of Cashiers on Highway 64. We had good directions—I-26 from Asheville then Highway 280 to Brevard where we picked up Highway 64 (and no, we didn't get lost). So by the time we made it to Brevard we felt like we were nearly there. But it seemed that it took as long to get from Brevard to Sapphire Valley as it had to get to Brevard in the first place. That, of course, is because Highway 64 is—oh, how can I put it—not the straightest of roads. I mean, I grew up in Chattanooga, so I'm familiar with mountain roads, but for a major highway, these were some serious, stomach-churning curves. But here's the point (and you knew there had to be one somewhere, right?): if you want to get from here to Sapphire Valley, there's really no other way to go. The choice is not this road versus another road. The only choice is whether or not to go at all.

Following Jesus is often compared to a journey. And after all, "following" is an action word and it is what Jesus called his earliest disciples to do. The goal, the destination, of this journey is to be conformed to the image of Christ, to borrow Paul's words in Romans 8. The choice we make is whether or not to go on this journey at all. Like the trip to Sapphire Valley, we have but one road we can take toward that destination, and that is the path of following Jesus. The road we traveled last week was winding, steep, and difficult at times. But it was also beautiful. The journey of following Jesus is not an easy stroll. It challenges us. It stretches us. It transforms us if we are willing. But it is also a beautiful journey, beautiful in the company we keep, beautiful in the love and grace that sustain us, beautiful in the constant presence of the Spirit of Christ, who promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world. Even on Highway 64.

Grace and peace,
Mark

Senior Moments Highlights

August activities: On the 12th, we will be going to Cana, V.A. to *The Hungry Farmer* and on the 28th, off we go to *SciWorks*. This will take the place of our monthly luncheon.

Talent Show & Fellowship

To kick off the new church year, we are having a talent show and fellowship on Sunday, August 24th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to participate in the talent show, please see Mike Simmons. Otherwise, plan to bring someone with you and come and join in the fun!