

Financial Summary

	July 5, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,404.59
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,113.49
Total Offering		\$ 4,518.08
	July 12, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,612.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,689.21
Total Offering		\$ 4,301.21
	July 19, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,669.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 583.25
Total Offering		\$ 5,252.25
	July 26, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,118.59
Designated Gifts		\$ 422.05
Total Offering		\$ 3,540.64

General Fund

June General Fund Receipts	\$ 15,410.55
June General Fund Expenses	-\$ 15,100.68
June General Fund Net	\$ 309.87
General Fund Balance	-\$ 14,632.33



Look Who's Having a Birthday!

August Birthdays

8/1	David French
8/3	Virginia George, Breanne Riggs
8/5	Jeannie Nibert
8/6	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, Jerrell Stafford TimVonCannon
8/17	Dylan Ward
8/19	Beverly Yokeley
8/21	Jamison Dortch
8/22	Robert Lee
8/23	Teresa Tucker
8/24	Doug Snyder
8/27	Nancy Clodfelter, Dean Ward
8/31	

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Talent Show

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Sunday, August 30th

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

Mark's Musings

I read an article in *USA Today* a couple of days ago that focused on the phenomenon of tracking. We have become a nation of trackers, electronically speaking. In December 1995, UPS reported 100,000 online tracking requests—for the month. By last December, requests were up to 27.3 million—*per day!* If you order a pizza from Domino's, you can track your pizza to see when it's prepped, baked, boxed, and sent out for delivery.

In his poem "Choruses from 'The Rock,'" T.S. Eliot asks:

Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?

Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?

I'm not suggesting there's anything wrong with wanting to know when your pizza will arrive. But are we tracking the right things, the really important things? There is so much information available to us that we need occasionally to step back, slow down, and just think. Are we paying attention to what matters most—the quiet stirring of the Spirit, the movement of God in our lives, the work of God in our world? Are we giving as much attention to God's presence in our lives as we do to our packages? Maybe we can think about that, at least while we're waiting for the pizza guy.

Grace and peace,

Mark

Both *Men and Women volunteers* are needed to help with the nursery on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings and evenings. You would only have to volunteer once every two months, and it would be a great help. Please contact Teresa Riggs or the church office as soon as possible. A tremendous "thank you" to all our current nursery workers. Your help, for the children of our church, is admirable and very appreciated!

Senior Moments Highlights

Event for this month: We're on the road again. On August 6th, we will be going to Cana, Va. for breakfast at "The Hungry Farmer Restaurant" and then on to shopping at the curb markets. For more information about these Senior Moments events contact Brenda Grose at 869-4453.

Thank you to all who helped to make our Vacation Bible School Rome adventure so much fun! We had approximately 50 children in attendance throughout the week, and they raised about \$350 for mission work through Heifer Project International. Way to go!

Talent Show & Fellowship

To kick off the new church year, we are having a talent show and fellowship on Sunday, August 30th, 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!

Nursery Schedule

August 2, 2009 (Sun)	Jennifer Brantley & Amanda Phillips AM
	Church Picnic PM
August 5, 2009 (Wed)	Kathy Horton PM
August 9, 2009 (Sun)	Kenny & Amy Smith AM
	Nancy Clodfelter PM
August 12, 2009 (Wed)	Jean Foster PM
August 16, 2009 (Sun)	Sandi Dortch & Beth Reavis AM
	Edna Bond PM
August 19, 2009 (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
August 23, 2009 (Sun)	Billie Weavil & Kathy Idol AM
	Kathryn Ashworth PM
August 26, 2009 (Wed)	Peggy Beaver PM
August 30, 2009 (Sun)	Charlene & Jordan Dunlap AM
	Jean Foster PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

August 2 (Children's)	Rob & Jennifer Brantley
August 2, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
August 9 (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Randy Honeycutt
August 9, (Wee)	Marianne Casas
August 16, (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
August 16, (Wee)	Beverly Weavil
August 23, (Children's)	Delese Venable & Sylvia Phillips
August 23, (Wee)	Cathy Honeycutt
August 30, (Children's)	Dale Lakey & Sharon Thompson
August 30, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin

Hey Youth!

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about getting back to school! Don't miss the church picnic on August 2nd to celebrate the beginning of the end of summer! And, be here for the Talent Show on August 30th to celebrate the beginning of a new season!

Calling all Kids!

Let's go to the movies! Regal Cinemas offer a "Free Family Film Festival" during the summer. See Erin if you are interested in going to see a G- or PG-rated movie at 10am on any of the following dates: 8/4-8/6, 8/11-8/16. We will choose a date and a theater (Oak Hollow Mall or Palladium). And, it's free.

Fall Schedule for Children and Youth:

Beginning on August 26th our Wednesday night activities will resume. Children's Choir begins at 6:30pm, Mission Friends, Children in Action, and Youth Outer Limits meet from 7:00 - 8:00pm. We'll celebrate the beginning of the school year with our annual Talent Show on Sunday night, August 30th, and then begin Sunday activities with children and youth on September 13th.



Cookies were delivered only to the Hospice Home in High Point during July since W-S was well supplied; however, mark your calendars now that Sunday, August 9 will be our next Hospice "Cookie Sunday". Both locations will need our donations in August. Our mission supply room *clean-out night* proved very fruitful. We had boxes and boxes of items for immediate donations to the following organizations:

- First United Church of Christ Helping Hands Ministry
- Newborns in Needs diaper totes for needy moms
- PMBA Stanleyville Baptist Youth collection drive
- Wee Care Shoppe for young needy children
- Family Support Network of Greater Forsyth (serves the Special Children's School & for families of sick babies & children at Brenner & Forsyth Hospitals)
- Sunnyside Ministry's Urgent Request for Assistance to the residences of the recent Alder Apartments fire
- Senior Services

A special thank you goes to everyone who has donated toys, toiletries, blankets, baby items, etc. over the past year. Without your help the above success story would not have been possible. Many of you have noticed the overflowing collection boxes for Senior Services in the Adult Education Building. Your participation in this ministry will certainly be beneficial to many of Forsyth County's less fortunate senior citizens.

God continues to bless us each and every day and may we continue to express our concern for others and truthfully be able to say UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.

On Mission! Each month Crisis Control Ministries emphasizes one item they especially need to collect through food drives like ours. **August is Grits or Oatmeal month!** Preview: September = Potato Flakes. You can place your donations in the food drive boxes in the foyer of each building.

On August 2nd, we will have our Annual Church Wide Summer Picnic at Triad Park in Colfax starting at 4:30 pm. The church will be providing hotdogs and buns. There is a sign-up sheet for side dishes and fixings in each building. Bring out the whole family for a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

Winston-Salem has a new minor league baseball team, the Dash! See Erin if you are interested in going to the game on **Saturday, August 29th at 7pm.** We will try to put together a group so we can get the group rate of \$8 per person, which includes seat with backs, an inaugural W-S Dash ball cap, and our group name on the big board!