

Financial Summary

	November 2, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,559.31
Designated Gifts		\$ 368.35
Total Offering		\$ 4,927.66
	November 9, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,437.10
Designated Gifts		\$ 247.00
Total Offering		\$ 2,684.10
	November 16, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,080.25
Designated Gifts		\$ 247.45
Total Offering		\$ 4,327.70
	November 23, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,536.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,398.40
Total Offering		\$ 4,934.40

General Fund

October General Fund Receipts	\$ 17,964.89
October General Fund Expenses	-\$ 18,415.89
October General Fund Net	-\$ 451.00
General Fund Balance	-\$ 18,166.60



December Birthdays

12/1	Beth Reavis, Faye Lakey
12/3	Mark Reavis
12/4	Heather Dortch, Chase Nelson, Delese Venable
12/5	Hannah Litaker
12/7	Bob Spencer
12/11	Zachery Beaver
12/12	Edna Bond, Vicki Boyce
12/15	Marty Daniels
12/16	Irene Cheek
12/19	Kathryn Ashworth
12/20	Elvert Lakey
12/21	Andy Smith
12/22	Tony Nichols, Jackson Striplin
12/24	Ethan Reavis
12/25	Michael Lauten
12/27	Avery Lindley, Tammie Weavil
12/28	Robin French, Russell Grose
12/30	Wayne Bottoms
12/31	Clinton McCann

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 EVENTS THIS CHRISTMAS



- Dec. 3, 6:30pm – International Supper
- Dec. 3, 7:00pm – Children’s Birthday for Jesus Party
- Dec. 7, 7:00pm – Drama Christmas Program
“A Christmas Family”
- Dec. 14, 7:00pm – Children’s Christmas Program
“Angels we have Heard”
 followed by a Christmas social & a visit from Santa Claus
- Dec. 12, 7:00pm – Youth Christmas Party at the Litakers’
- Dec. 21, 11:00am – Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
“Hope Has Hands”
- Dec. 24, 4:00pm – Candlelight Communion Service

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

Dr. H. Mark Ashworth
 Rev. Erin Walker
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 Rev. Marty Daniels
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 Mrs. Becky Longworth
 Mrs. Teresa Tucker

MERRY
 CHRISTMAS

MARK'S MUSINGS

Our Advent theme this year is "Hurry Up and Wait." And I hope each household will have a copy of our Advent booklet, with its many contributions from within our fellowship. But back to that theme. "Hurry Up and Wait." Advent is a season for asking what God is up to. As we think back to a time of waiting for the coming of the Messiah, waiting for the birth of Jesus, we're also invited to think about what we're waiting for even now. What does God still have in store for us? In the familiar carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem," we sing that "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." What are our hopes and our fears as we approach this Advent season? Where do we need God to be at work this year? We wait and we watch.

But let us wait and watch as people of hope. We know that Jesus really was born. We've seen how God has acted in the past. To *hurry up* and wait doesn't mean being impatient, though we may well struggle with that feeling. Rather, it means waiting with eagerness and anticipation, and waiting with a sense of *intention* and *attention*. When God acted decisively so long ago in the birth of Jesus, most people missed it. Let us pray that we are awake, alert, and attentive during these days lest we miss God's often quiet ways of working in our lives. Let every heart prepare him room.

Grace and peace,
Mark

Hey Youth!

Don't forget to pay your \$75 deposit for camp in June 2009. Save your spot early!

Mark your calendars: We're having our annual Christmas party at the Litakers' house on Friday night, December 12th, 7pm until 10pm. Watch the bulletin announcements for details!

Calling all Kids!

We are registered for PassportKids camp! So if you're in 3rd-6th grade, see Erin to pay your deposit and reserve your spot for Summer 2009. Mark your calendars!

We're celebrating Jesus' birthday! Join us for a birthday party for Jesus on Wednesday night, December 3rd, from 7:00-8:00pm.

Nursery Schedule

December 3, 2008 (Wed)	Kathy Horton
December 7, 2008 (Sun)	Amy & Kenny SmithAM Nancy Clodfelter 7:00 – 8:00PM
December 10, 2008 (Wed)	Jean Foster
December 14, 2008 (Sun)	Jennifer BrantleyAM Beverly Weavil 7:00 – 8:00PM
December 17, 2008 (Wed)	Alice StriplinPM
December 21, 2008 (Sun)	Sandi DortchAM No Evening Activities
December 24, 2008 (Wed)	Candle Light Communion
December 28, 2008 (Sun)	Teresa RiggsAM No Evening Activities
December 31, 2008 (Wed)	No Evening Activities

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

December 7, (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
December 7, (Wee)	Cathy Honeycutt
December 14, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Christy Litaker
December 14, (Wee)	Marianne Casas
December 21, (Children's)	Rob & Jennifer Brantley
December 21, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
December 28, (Children's)	Delese Venable & Sylvia Phillips
December 28, (Wee)	Beverly Weavil

**International Covered Dish Supper
Wednesday, December 3rd**

You're invited to bring a covered dish that commemorates a foreign country & join us at 6:30 pm Wednesday, December 3rd, for a special supper to remind us to place our focus on Foreign Missions during the month of December. During December we receive an offering to benefit our foreign missionaries. Please prayerfully consider giving to the "Lottie Moon and/or Global Missions Offering." Envelopes are available in the Sanctuary foyer for your use.

Foreign Missions Post Office

Again this year our Youth are sponsoring the Foreign Missions Post Office. For a donation of your choosing, or 25¢ per card, you can mail a Christmas card to any family within our church. Simply drop off your cards in the designated box provided in the Sanctuary foyer along with your donation. The Youth will sort the cards & deliver them on Sundays starting Nov. 30th until December 17th. You may contribute to the "Lottie Moon Offering" and/or the "Global Missions Offering." Thank you for your support of our foreign missionaries.



Cookies were baked and delivered to the Hospice Home in HP on Monday November 10.

During November we prepared desserts for the Endowment Fund meal and continued to fill shoe boxes for the international ministry.

At our meeting on November 5, we discussed the following mission projects for the month of December:

- Supporting the Baptist Toy Store
- Partnering with UC school to locate a family in need and helping them out during the Christmas holiday
- Assisting the youth with the "snowball" project with funds directed to the Bethesda Center in WS
- Purchasing items for shut-ins gift bags

Additionally we will be sponsoring the International Supper on Wed. night, December 3.

Busy as elves we are, but with compassion in our hearts UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.



Senior Moments Highlights

We will be having our Christmas party on Thursday, December 18th, at the Litakers' house. We will be loading up and leaving the church around 10:45am. We will eat lunch, and play our Santa gift game there. Suggestion for a gift is a Christmas ornament...nothing over \$5. So bring a covered dish and a dessert for a fun fellowship. As you are planning your holiday baking remember that Happy Homes Flavorings are for sale by The Senior Moments group. Come by the Adult Educational Building to see all the flavors that are available.

2009 Budget Presentation

At our December Church Conference on Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00 pm the Budget Committee will present the 2009 Budget. You should receive a copy in the mail & have time to review it prior to the conference. Your prayerful consideration of increasing your giving for 2009 will insure we meet & exceed our goals. After discussion on Wednesday, we'll vote before worship Sunday, December 21st.

