

Financial Summary

	November 1, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,922.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 784.50
Total Offering		\$ 4,706.50
	November 8, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,541.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 232.35
Total Offering		\$ 2,773.35
	November 15, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,622.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 284.25
Total Offering		\$ 4,906.25
	November 22, 2009	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,651.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 482.11
Total Offering		\$ 3,133.11

General Fund

October General Fund Receipts	\$ 17,336.98
October General Fund Expenses	\$ 16,522.70
October General Fund Net	\$ 814.28
October Fund Balance	\$ 23,784.96



Look Who's Having
a Birthday!

December Birthdays

12/1	Faye Lakey, Beth Reavis
12/3	Mark Reavis
12/4	Heather Dortch, Chase Nelson, Delese Venable
12/5	Hannah Litaker
12/7	Bob Spencer
12/11	Zach Beaver
12/12	Edna Bond, Vicki Boyce
12/15	Marty Daniels
12/19	Kathryn Ashworth
12/20	Elvert Lakey
12/21	Andy Smith
12/22	Tony Nichols, Jackson Striplin
12/24	Ethan Reavis
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. 2, 6:30pm – International Supper
 Dec. 6, 3:00pm – Children Christmas Caroling
 Dec. 6, 7:00pm – Drama Christmas Program
 “A Simple Christmas Pageant”
 Dec. 13, 7:00pm – Children’s Christmas Program
 “The Great Gift Exchange”
 followed by a Christmas social &
 a visit from Santa Claus
 Dec. 20, 7:00pm – Celebrating Our Gifts
 Dec. 20, 11:00am – Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
 “Joy & Triumphant”
 Dec. 23, 7:00pm – Candlelight Communion Service

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Minister of Education
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Pianist
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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Mark's Musings

How did this happen? It's two days before Thanksgiving as I write this. Five days before the beginning of Advent. And I've got a to-do list that could choke a horse. Not because I intentionally let anything slide, but because wow! The season is upon us. I'm not looking for sympathy, because I suspect that a lot of folks begin to feel that way at this time of year. There's too much to do. Too many gifts. Too many parties. Too much. Too much. And you may well feel about these things the way I do about my to-do list. You see, everything on my list is something I want to do, something I see as important. All the demands on our time and attention during this season can be that way, too—good things, enjoyable things, even important things.

And yet.... And yet in our busy-ness with good things, we all risk missing the most wonderful gift of all. The coming of Christ into our world. Immanuel: God-with-us. I don't have a secret formula for balancing all the good opportunities so we don't miss the best. It's a challenge every year. But the words to that old Christmas carol keep coming back to me and I offer them as a suggestion for you, as well. "O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing." Take time to rest and to listen, that your celebration of Christmas may be rich and full.

Grace and peace,
Mark

Foreign Missions Post Office

Again this year our Youth are sponsoring the Foreign Missions Post Office. For a donation of your choosing, or 25¢ cents 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 December 1st until December 20th. You may contribute to the "Lottie Moon Offering" and/or the "Global Missions Offering." Thank you for your support of our foreign missionaries.

2010 Budget Presentation

At our December Church Conference on Wednesday, December 16th, at 7:00 pm the Budget Committee will present the 2010 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 2010 will insure we meet & exceed our goals. After discussion on Wednesday, we'll vote before worship Sunday, December 20th.

Nursery Schedule

December 2, 2009 (Wed)	Amy Simmons PM
December 6, 2009 (Sun)	Teresa Riggs & Beverly Yokeley AM
	Peggy Beaver PM
December 9, 2009 (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
December 13, 2009 (Sun)	Clint & Mattie McCann AM
	Barbara Snyder PM
December 16, 2009 (Wed)	Kathy Horton PM
December 20, 2009 (Sun)	Kathy Idol & Alice Striplin AM
	Jean Foster PM
December 23, 2009 (Wed)	Edna Bond PM
December 27, 2009 (Sun)	Charlene & Jordan Dunlap AM
	No Evening Activities PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

December 6, (Children's)	Delese Venable & Sylvia Phillips
December 6, (Wee)	Carole Blakley
December 13 (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Randy Honeycutt
December 13, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
December 20, (Children's)	Dale Lakey & Sharon Thompson
December 20, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
December 27, (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
December 27, (Wee)	Marianne Casas

Hey Youth!

Our annual Christmas Party will be Friday night, December 18th. Stay tuned to your friendly Sunday bulletin for more details!

Need to Volunteer? Like animals? Santa Pets photography runs on weekends until December 19th. See Robin Underhill to find out how you can participate!

We have a few spots reserved at PassportChoices summer camp at Wingate University for the week of June 20th-25th. Two places have already been claimed! See Erin to sign up and pay your \$75 deposit.

Calling all Kids!

We're going caroling! Meet at church at 3pm on Sunday, December 6th for an afternoon of Christmas cheer!

We have a few spots reserved at PassportKids camp at Wingate University on June 28th-July 1st. See Erin to sign up and pay your \$60 deposit!

Senior Moments Highlights: *December activities:* On the 17th, we will be going to the Olympic Restaurant in Colfax at 11:30am for our Christmas Luncheon. We will return to the church for coffee, dessert and a game of bingo.

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.



A show of love & concern was delivered to the Hospice Home in W-S with donations of cookies and other snack/breakfast items. Make a note that the next Hospice Cookie Sunday will be Dec. 6th. A special thank you goes to each one who filled a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child Ministry. Please remember to pray for that youngster during the Christmas season and all year long.

A huge array of homemade desserts by the WOM was enjoyed by many during the Endowment Luncheon. Upon receipt of this newsletter, there will be only a few days left to participate in this year's PMBA Toy Store through toy donations. Your gifts should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, December 6th, for delivery to the eastern Forsyth *clearing house*.

Wednesday, December 2nd, will be our annual International Supper. Bring a covered dish with a special *world* flavor to be shared with others to celebrate the work being done on the foreign mission field. Following the meal, we will meet to finalize our other plans for December mission projects (small tokens of remembrance for our shut-ins and possibly assisting a local family during the Christmas season).

Help us help others look for the star of hope as UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.

On Mission! December is Tuna or Salmon month for Crisis Control. You can place your donations in the food drive boxes in any foyer of each building.

International Covered Dish Supper

You're invited to bring a covered dish that commemorates a foreign country & join us at 6:30 pm Wednesday, December 2nd, 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.

Second Annual Community Blood Drive – Join us on Sun. Dec. 6 from 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM at the UC Fire Station for the SECOND Annual Community Blood Drive sponsored by Friedland Moravian, The Summit Church, Union Cross Baptist and Union Cross Moravian. Appointments are strongly recommended but walk-ins are welcome! Schedule an appointment online <https://www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule/login.php?cid=11950>, when prompted enter code 11950 or contact Cindy Johnson at 336-769-9844 or cjohnson1957@triad.rr.com. All donors are eligible to win Delta Airline Tickets.