

## Financial Summary

	December 7, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,413.80
Designated Gifts		\$ 411.70
Total Offering		\$ 3,825.50
	December 14, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,457.25
Designated Gifts		\$ 519.00
Total Offering		\$ 3,976.25
	December 21, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,472.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 620.10
Total Offering		\$ 5,092.10
	December 28, 2008	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,435.55
Designated Gifts		\$ 581.95
Total Offering		\$ 5,017.50

### General Fund

November General Fund Receipts	\$ 18,791.25
November General Fund Expenses	-\$ 17,500.77
November General Fund Net	\$ 1,290.48
General Fund Balance-	\$ 16,876.12



## January Birthdays

1/2	Kelly Craven, Susan Parke
1/3	Kenny Smith
1/6	Starr Lee, Sara VonCannon
1/10	Frances Prevette
1/12	Judy Daniels, Joey Venable
1/14	Darrell Beaver, Rick Ziglar
1/18	Jean Idol, Beverly Weavil
1/20	Stoney Longworth, Kathy Mills
1/23	Lindsay Dortch
1/24	Ernest George
1/27	Fran Lindley, Randy Longworth
1/28	Matthew Shoe
1/29	Amy Simmons
1/30	Brenda Grose, Kathy Horton

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 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

“Oh tidings of comfort and joy” go the words of an old Christmas carol. But as a new year begins, the “tidings” around us are of anything but comfort and joy. The old problems of war and violence and hatred still haunt us. The new specter of the economic crisis is already taking a toll on jobs, retirement incomes, and financial plans. As to what this all means for those who follow Christ, we will be working that out in the days to come. But let me offer two thoughts as the year begins.

One challenge for us is to do ministry as effectively as we possibly can. The needs around us are great and they are growing. The fact that we cannot meet every physical need will not excuse us from being faithful and compassionate. The combination of increasing needs and tightening resources will be a challenge for churches and service agencies everywhere.

But second, we must commit ourselves to being a place and a people of hope, whose words and actions indeed share “comfort and joy” to a needy world. That means we must own the hope of God’s grace and God’s faithful presence for ourselves, celebrate that hope in our worship and our work, and share that hope in all that we do. Yes, the challenges are great, but God’s love and grace are greater still. Happy New Year!

Grace and peace,  
Mark

## Hey Youth!

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

See Erin for details about our upcoming ski trip! We'll go to Winterplace, WV for an overnight ski adventure. They have skiing and snow tubing available, so you should be able to find something you'll enjoy!

## Calling all Kids!

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

Get ready for some fundraising! This month Children's Committee will be deciding on a fundraiser for those who will be going to PassportKids camp. Stay tuned!

## Nursery Schedule

January 4, 2009 (Sun)	Beverly Yokeley AM Teresa Riggs 7:00 – 8:00 PM
January 7, 2009 (Wed)	Kathy Horton
January 11, 2009 (Sun)	Amy Simmons AM Beverly Weavil 7:00 – 8:00 PM
January 14, 2009 (Wed)	Jean Foster PM
January 18, 2009 (Sun)	Teresa Riggs AM Edna Bond PM
January 21, 2009 (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
January 25, 2009 (Sun)	Billie Weavil & Kathy Idol AM Jean Foster PM
January 28, 2009 (Wed)	Teresa Riggs PM

## Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

January 4, (Children's)	Sharon Thompson & Dale Lakey
January 4, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
January 11, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Randy Honeycutt
January 11, (Wee)	Joan Honeycutt
January 18, (Children's)	Rob & Jennifer Brantley
January 18, (Wee)	Cathy Honeycutt
January 25, (Children's)	Delese Venable & Sylvia Phillips
January 25, (Wee)	Marianne Casas

## Bad Weather Policy

1. The Bad Weather Committee in coordination with the Pastor will make the determination to cancel services and/or activities.
2. You may watch WFMY-TV 2 (cable channel 9), WGHP FOX8 TV (cable channel 10), or WXII-TV 12 (cable channel 11) for cancellation information.
3. If you have not heard any news within a reasonable time, you may contact your Deacon.

**Baptist Men's Day** will be celebrated on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. In observance of this event we invite EVERYONE to come support our men as they lead us in the morning worship service. Baptist Men meet each month on the first Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. after the monthly Family Night Supper. For more information about Baptist Men contact Don Sutphin or Mike Simmons.



In December, the toys which had been donated were delivered for the Baptist Toy Store. These were taken to Main Street Baptist in Kernersville for distribution to families in eastern Forsyth County.

Also, the WOM ladies (along with some of the Baptist men) bought Christmas gifts for a family of three (mother and two children). Several huge bags of toys and clothing were purchased and delivered to Union Cross School for this family.

With the WOM purchases, and the help of the Baptist Men with their donation of treat bags, we filled and delivered 15 bags of goodies to our shut-ins. In addition, we filled two large baskets of fruit, candy, and gum and Santa Don delivered these for the families at the Hospice Homes in WS and HP on Thursday, December 18.

Now as the year ends, may we each take a moment to reflect on the many lives we may have touched this past year. Let us continue to support each and everyone through our prayers. The year 2009 will apparently be a struggle as economic times are tough, but with God “at the wheel” in our every thought and mission endeavor, our utmost mission will be to reach out to, share with, and support those less fortunate through whatever opportunities God sends our way as UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.

May God continue to bless each of you!



<b>Senior Moments Highlights</b>
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We will be having our monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:30 am. So bring a covered dish for a fun fellowship and then a game of Bingo.