

Financial Summary

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| | September 6, 2009 | |
| Undesignated Gifts | | \$ 3,845.59 |
| Designated Gifts | | \$ 572.59 |
| Total Offering | | \$ 4,418.18 |
| | September 13, 2009 | |
| Undesignated Gifts | | \$ 2,731.00 |
| Designated Gifts | | \$ 70.25 |
| Total Offering | | \$ 2,801.25 |
| | September 20, 2009 | |
| Undesignated Gifts | | \$ 3,119.10 |
| Designated Gifts | | \$ 1,234.50 |
| Total Offering | | \$ 4,353.60 |
| | September 27, 2009 | |
| Undesignated Gifts | | \$ 3,697.60 |
| Designated Gifts | | \$ 398.75 |
| Total Offering | | \$ 4,096.35 |

General Fund

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| August General Fund Receipts | \$ 16,968.00 |
| August General Fund Expenses | -\$ 21,176.98 |
| August General Fund Net | -\$ 4,208.98 |
| General Fund Balance | -\$ 22,279.48 |



Look Who's Having
a Birthday!

October Birthdays

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|-------|----------------------------------|
| 10/2 | Trevor Ward |
| 10/3 | Rob Parke, Robert Phillips |
| 10/4 | Teresa Riggs |
| 10/5 | Ned Freeman |
| 10/7 | Steven Beaver, Ina Smith |
| 10/8 | Michael Buckner, Madyson Daniels |
| 10/10 | Jodi Smith |
| 10/12 | Jacob Weavil |
| 10/13 | Barbara Dortch, Kathy Idol |
| 10/20 | Norraine Clodfelter |
| 10/21 | Robinell Haneline |
| 10/23 | Stephen Riggs |
| 10/25 | Mark Ashworth, Ralph Hedgecock |
| 10/26 | Ann Canada |
| 10/27 | Durham Clodfelter |
| 10/28 | Angie Weavil |
| 10/30 | John Dortch |
| 10/31 | Sam Peddycord |

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Harvestfest 2009



October 24, 2009 11:00 – 2:00 pm

Youth Sponsored Fall Festival including
food, games, prizes, hayrides and much
more!

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

Senior Moments Highlights

October activities: On the 6th, we will be going to the

Dixie Classic Fair, leaving the church at 9:30 am. On the 21st, we are taking a fall leaves trip to Cana, VA. We will have breakfast at "The Hungry Farmer" then tour the Parkway. We're leaving at 9:30 am if you want to join us.



Trunk or Treat is Sunday night, October 25th at 6:00. Please plan to fill your trunk with treats and surprises so our children can have a fun and safe place to celebrate! See Erin if you have questions.

Harvestfest Saturday, October 24th,

Everyone is invited to our Youth sponsored Harvestfest held on Saturday, October 24th, 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. We'll have food (hot dogs and fix-ins), games, and prizes. Come out and bring your friends and neighbors for day of fun.

Nursery Schedule

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| October 4, 2009 (Sun) | Billie Weavil & Kathy Idol AM |
| | Barbara Snyder PM |
| October 7, 2009 (Wed) | Beverly Weavil PM |
| October 11, 2009 (Sun) | Sandi Dortch & Beth Reavis AM |
| | Jean Foster PM |
| October 14, 2009 (Wed) | Nancy Clodfelter PM |
| October 18, 2009 (Sun) | Julie Striplin & Amy Simmons AM |
| | No Activities PM |
| October 21, 2009 (Wed) | Alice Striplin PM |
| October 25, 2009 (Sun) | Charlene & Jordan Dunlap AM |
| | No Nursery PM |
| October 28, 2009 (Wed) | Edna Bond PM |

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

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

Hey Youth!

October is a busy month!! Look for details this month on our trip to the Corn Maze on October 10th, HarvestFest preparations, and HarvestFest on October 24th!

Calling all Kids!

Meet at the Maze! On Saturday, October 10th we'll meet at Clodbuster Farms off Hastings Road at 1:00pm to go through a corn maze and enjoy a hay ride together. The cost is \$10 per person, and children under age 4 get in free! The farm also has a pumpkin patch, games, "Kiddie Maze", and Fall decorations for sale. See Erin to sign up!

HarvestFest is coming...Saturday, October 24th from 11am to 2pm. Bring a friend and join us for FREE games, prizes, food, and hay rides!

Trunk or Treat is October 25th at 6:00pm. Be here to try out your Halloween costume and begin your candy-gathering!

New Deacon Officers for the 2009/2010 church year are: *Don Sutphin* - Chair, *Beverly Weavil* - Vice Chair, *Jean Foster* - Secretary.



As usual, cookies were delivered to the Hospice Homes on Monday, September 7.

During September the following mission activities were pursued:

- sweatshirts were collected for the PMBA Fair Ministry
- Jean sewed fleece bears to be distributed at the PMBA booth at the fair
- Robbie began sewing pillows for our servicemen
- Jean also made several little boys bereavement outfits following a desperation plea from the leader of Newborns in Need

At our meeting, other projects mentioned which we hope to participate in soon were making "turtle" pillows for the children at Brenner following surgery and assisting with the Union Cross Hispanic Church children's mission group.

Jean also pointed out it was her desire that we have a booth at the Sept. 19 Mission Fair at Old Town Baptist. Unfortunately we had very few items to display as we distribute everything we make or collect throughout the year.

Erin & Bill's wedding shower was planned with each member in attendance committing to providing a refreshment article.

Please make a note that Sunday October 11 will be "Hospice Cookie Day". Our next WOM meeting date will be October 7—ladies circle that date now as your reminder.

Christian hospitality at work as 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. **October is Toilet Tissue month!** Preview: November = Pasta Noodles. You can place your donations in the food drive boxes in the foyer of each building.

Homecoming 2009 Sunday, October 18th

Join us on Sunday, October 18th, for our 53rd annual Homecoming celebration. This year our guest speaker will be Dr. Chuck Towery, former pastor here at Union Cross. He is currently Senior Pastor for First Baptist Church of Kinston. We're happy to welcome him & his family back to our church. A special offering will be received to benefit our Building Fund. We'll have dinner-on-the-grounds following our worship service. There will be a **clean-up day** to prepare our facilities and grounds for homecoming on Sat., October 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Rain date will be Sat., October 17th.

Bring your covered dishes and be ready for a good time. There will be NO evening activities.