

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 12, 2009

Budget
Offering \$ 13,756.93
Budget Needs
Per Week \$ 12,616.08
Budget Needs
To Date \$353,250.15
Budget Receipts
To Date \$338,403.36

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

July 12, 2009

General Officers	2
Preschool	20
Grades 1 - 2	2
Grades 3 - 4	1
Grades 5 - 6	1
Junior High	2
Senior High	7
Journey as One Class	5
Shuford Class	3
Young Adult Class	6
Ladies Class	7
Ledbetter Class	33
Beam Class	27
Samaritan Class	12
20-30 Something Class	3
Mission Team	24
	155

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

July 19, 2009

BABIES

Alvin and Judy
Daughtridge

TODDLERS

Shelba Lou Page
HELP NEEDED, PLEASE

TWO YEAR OLDS

Doug and Susan Walker

THREE YEAR OLDS

John and Tressa Powell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Millie Brooks
Lauren Clark

Please come to the
Nursery at 10:50 a.m.

YOUTH NEWS

There are no youth events this week because of the Mission trip.

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REMINDER to Adult Prayer partners to continue to pray for your child during the summer months.

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NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

In 1995 our church purchased a new 29 passenger bus that has served us well and will continue to serve us into the future. We would like for our bus to continue to meet our needs for another 6-8 years. But we know that at some point in the future we will want to replace this vehicle and at that time it will be good stewardship to have some money already in savings for this purpose.

The deacons have approved a new on-going fund for individuals to make special gifts towards the purchase of a new vehicle. Over the next few months and years please consider making a special gift to this fund so that our church will be in a great position when it does come time to replace our bus.

BIRTHDAYS

July 20

Sam Ellis
Robert Gibbons, Jr.
Jack Severt, Jr.

July 21

Mrs. Betsy Severt
Edward K. Winkler

July 22

Tom Broach
Grace Powell

July 23

Mrs. Mabel Anderson
Hugh Canipe
Mrs. Shelba Lou Page

July 25

Jon Paul Bradshaw
Mrs. Barbara Donaldson

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ELEVATOR TROUBLES

We ask your patience and understanding as we try to get our elevator repaired. As our Board of Deacons Chairman explained on Sunday, it is due to the age of the electronic board of control in the elevator which is presenting a problem. Our repair service is having difficulty locating replacement parts.

In the meantime, if as many members as possible will park across the street and leave the nearest places for those with a walking problem, it will be greatly appreciated.

BLACKBERRY BENEFITS

Our annual Blackberry Festival here in Lenoir pays homage to those fresh dark morsels of goodness that show up in July of each year in the Southeast. Yes, I'm talking about blackberries. These little beauties are not only packed with health benefits, they have a very interesting background that I thought worthy of sharing with you.

The common blackberry is also called "bramble raspberry;" genus *Rubus*, family *Rosaceae*. The five petal bloom on most varieties resembles the full bloom of the rose, thus *Rosaceae*. It is estimated that the blackberry has been part of the human diet for 2500 years, yet it is considered a weed and invasive plant in some parts of the Pacific Northwest of the United States. Did you know:

The blossoms of the blackberries produce a dark fruity honey when beehives are kept close to their vines while in bloom.

In the United Kingdom superstition has it that the berries should not be picked after September 15th because the devil has claimed them.

Blackberries growing near busy highways may contain high levels of toxins, so don't eat them!

In the Southern US when a cold snap comes in May or June when the blackberries are in bloom, it is referred to as a "blackberry winter."

Now for the health benefits: Blackberries contain phytochemicals (plant chemicals) that may benefit our bodies; specifically, they contain polyphenol antioxidants which can scavenge free radicals, boost immunity, inhibit growth of tumors and can act as anti-inflammatory. While many of us prefer blackberry cobbler to the fresh berries, 1 cup of berries only has 75 calories, about 8 grams of fiber and 10% of your daily requirement for vitamin A. To enjoy the fresh berries, toss them into your salad, on top of your pancakes or eat them the way I like best: right off the vine!

Terri Clapsaddle
RD, LDN, CDE

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OUR FUEL AND CRISIS MINISTRY

During the recent fiscal year (October 1, 2008–June 10, 2009) our fuel and crisis ministry team worked with 118 clients and rendered \$11,005.00 total assistance. This amount, when combined with the contributions of our community partners grew to approxi-

mately \$28,000 total assistance to those in need in our community during this period.

This is our 4th year in this ministry and we continue to learn and refine our efforts to assist those in need. We continue to work primarily with the school DSS workers and the crisis intervention program and energy assistance program workers with the Department of Social Services to receive referrals of those in need. We now have established a contact phone number and answering machine to receive referral information. This takes some of the time burden off our office staff in answering phone calls and taking contact information for our use. We have a computer program in place to record our activities with each client and have a history of our four years of activities to use in future work with clients.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the assistance of my co-chairman Bill Carter and the following team members: Jane Carter, Charles Helms, Judy Raby, Ellen Steele, Cecelia Stilwell, Helen Fisher, Bud Fisher, David Tucker, Dan Wortman, Jeri Colvard, Linda Babb, and Millie Brooks. As always, our office staff of Liz and Geneva provides immeasurable help and en-

couragement throughout the year. Of course this mission project was primarily a success because of the financial support of you, our church members. To all, I say a Big THANK YOU on behalf of myself and the clients we helped!!

Jerry Brooks

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HANDICAPPED ENTRANCE

Until our elevator is repaired you may use the entrance on Main Street beside the Chapel. We are asking our more energetic members to park across the street and leave the spaces immediately in front of the church available.

We will have two wheel chairs just inside the Chapel entrance and 1 or 2 deacons on hand for any assistance necessary.

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**SUNDAY MORNING
OFFERTORY PRAYER**

JULY 19, 2009

Alvin Daughtridge

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**8:00 THURSDAY EVENINGS
LOCAL UHF CHANNEL 49**

AND

**CABLE CHANNEL 13
BROADCAST OF OUR
WEDNESDAY EVENING**

BIBLE STUDY

AND

SPECIAL EVENTS

**LIVE BROADCAST
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.
RADIO STATION WJRI
AM 1340**

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OUR WEBSITE ON LINE

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STAFF

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Senior Minister

Thomas R. Hinton
Minister of Music and Youth

Rebecca K. Lawing
Children's Ministry

Nan R. Benfield
Preschool Director

Rodney Ward
Organist

Elizabeth Icenhour
Executive Assistant

Geneva R. Bradshaw
Administrative Assistant

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Maintenance Supervisor

Terri Clapsaddle
Hostess

Terry Hagy
Custodian

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LENOIR FIRST BAPTIST'S
OCTOBER TRIP TO
CHATTANOOGA, TN

Chattanooga, TN is one of the more progressive cities in the US and offers many exciting places to visit; therefore we have planned a 4-day, 3-night trip. We will be travelling on 1st Baptist, Morganton's large tour bus.

If you would like to be on this trip, please call the church office at 758-8428. We will distribute the agenda and cost information very soon.

We welcome your neighbors and friends for this fun-filled trip.