



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him ... Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation..."

Mark 16:6,7,14-15

Treasurer's Report

February 2009

Jan-Feb 2009

Jan-Feb 2008

	<u>Jan-Feb 2009</u>	<u>Jan-Feb 2008</u>
Income		
Operating Income	<u>67,922</u>	<u>68,863</u>
Total Income	67,922	68,863
Expense		
Witness	4,450	5,022
Administration	39,330	35,978
Property	25,410	23,767
Worship	150	1,251
Christian Education	(1,294)	(5,694)
Congregational Care	206	394
New Membership	0	0
Stewardship	452	22
Building Loan Payment	<u>1,357</u>	<u>7,319</u>
Total Expenses	70,061	68,049
Net Income	(2,138)	814

Financial Update

"It's Time to Be Mortgage Free" Status (through 02-28-09)

FINAL REPORT (Campaign Complete)

Pledged:	\$270,413.56
Collected:	\$406,965.60
Match Received:	\$348,065.68
Paid Against Loan Principal:	\$769,825.20
Mortgage Balance:	\$469,107.73

The two-year Mortgage Reduction Campaign is complete, and the amount donated by members will be matched with a final contribution of \$58,899.82.

Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers at the recent loss of my mother. Even though for the past year, I've traveled to Raleigh every weekend to care for my mother, I'm touched by the outpouring of sympathy from everyone.

Thank You,
Lynn Angell



Lo Keith
Carver Living Center
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Communion Dates 2009

April 9th (intinction)

June 14th

August 16th

October 4th

December 24th

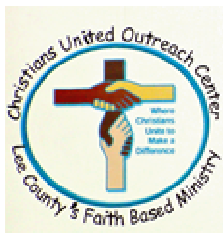


FEED THE HUNGRY

CUOC News

The youth groups of First Presbyterian enjoyed gathering, counting, and loading the 154 items you so generously donated for the Christians United Outreach Center (CUOC).

These items help feed many needy residents of Lee County and help sustain them through difficult times. Please continue to remember those less fortunate as you shop this month. Our next offering will be April 19th.



Christians United Outreach Center (CUOCLC)

Christians United Outreach Center of Lee County is an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of people in crisis situations by providing food, clothing, and financial aid through a faith-based cooperative effort of over forty

churches in our area.

The concept for the organization began in February of 2004 when a group at Jonesboro United Methodist Church saw the need for a community food pantry and other services to aid local residents. Using CUOC of Randolph County as a model, the group contacted local churches, held an open town meeting, and established a Board of Directors which drafted operating procedures and received a tax-exempt status from the IRS.

In June of 2004, CUOCLC used the old Lowe's Building Supply location as an operating center with more than 10 tons of food being given out to those in need. The location was moved in August to Jonesboro Methodist and in December of 2004 to Trade Street. The current location is 2885 Lee Avenue.

As of November 2008, CUOC served 3,600 different households through food distribution with 317,939 pounds of food given out for the year. Over 100 households have received

free clothing, household goods and medical supplies. In addition, some financial assistance is given to those families that cannot pay water or utility bills. Total food distribution to date has been over a million pounds.

Food is obtained from local churches, stores, schools, businesses, and Food Bank of NC as well as the annual Postal Food Drive. Families are interviewed and need is determined with an effort made to be a crisis-driven relief center and not a sole source of assistance.

First Presbyterian donates \$1,800 yearly as well as supplies canned goods through our third Sunday offering. The center also accepts donations of clothing, household goods, and even used prom dresses. The Thrift Shop is open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The phone number for CUOC is 774-8485 and their website is www.cuoclc.org.

It is gratifying to see the way our church supports those in need through agencies such as CUOC as we strive to follow Christ and His example of service.

Submitted by Jane LaRue
Witness & Benevolence Committee

I would like the congregation to know about a generous gift to First Presbyterian from Olivia Machine and Tool, Inc. Their talent produced four very sturdy and attractive stands for holding banners. This was not an easy chore, and a bit expensive. When finished, Mr. Terry Thomas surprised me by saying they would like to donate them to our church. I think we should all be aware and appreciative of this generous gift.

Mr. Thomas is also Presbyterian and a member of the Olivia Presbyterian Church.

Let us pause, reflect, and respond to the goodness in God's world.

*Peggy Golden
Banner Committee*



Jackson Matthews Riley received the Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America. The Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the BSA. He is the son of John & Terry Riley, formerly of FPC, and the brother of Jay Riley. The ceremony took place Sunday, March 29th at First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, NC.