



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Treasurer's Report September 2009 Jan-Sept 2009 Jan-Sept 2008

Income		
Operating Income	314,638	334,847
Total Income	314,638	334,847
Expense		
Witness	18,825	23,460
Administration	178,035	176,238
Property	135,314	152,191
Worship	2,748	4,959
Christian Education	10,166	11,675
Congregational Care	2,248	2,339
New Membership	128	0
Stewardship	452	645
Building Loan Payment	9,090	21,277
New Vehicle	<u>21,287</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	378,293	392,785
Net Income	(63,655)	(57,938)

NOTE

Our congregation's special offerings through September were:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
One Great Hour	874	1,282
Pennies for Hunger	1,309	1,573
Pentecost	375	479
Blanket Fund	935	0
Mosquito Net Project	784	0

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

Matthew 2:1-6, NIV

Do you know that \$4 will provide groceries for one week for a family of six (p.5 Alternative Christmas Gift catalog) or that \$10 will provide medication for one person to treat high blood pressure for one month (p.4 Alternative Christmas Gift catalog)? Jesus said, "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!"

Matthew 25:40

**Deadline for returning order forms is
Thursday, December 10th.**

Below is a letter of thanks received from Meals on Wheels of Sanford, Inc:

As the days grow shorter signaling the close of 2009, it is an appropriate time to thank the churches, coordinators, and volunteers who work tirelessly to arrange and direct the delivery of the one full meal our clients enjoy each day.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels of Sanford, I wish to relay our gratitude to the volunteers and drivers for their work in delivering the meals with courtesy and love. The friendly smile or little chat is just as valuable as the food to our homebound clients.

May God bless all who labor in this endeavor.

Sincerely,
John Dixon, President

Youth News

The children's Christmas Program will be Sunday Dec. 13th at 3:30pm in the Harper Center

The Christian Education Committee will host a brunch for all college students on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 10am in the Harper Center.

The following children have completed the Communion class that was held in November: Mary Lewis Johnson, Ainsley Kimble, Jacob Kimble, David Lloyd, Jamie Lloyd, Emma-Claire Norris, Olivia Norris, Maggie Phillips, Cameron Tyndall and Emma Tyndall. They will receive their first Communion during the Christmas Eve Service. We are so proud of all of them!

The Worship Committee would like to thank some people in our church who give so much of themselves to make our worship service so good.

- Our choir members of both the 9am & 11am services who give of their time and talent to make our choir second to none.
- Bob and Janice Davis who prepare our Communion elements for the service and update our website.
- Reid Harris and Lewis Yow who produce and send the cassette tapes of the worship service to our shut ins.
- The people who volunteer to monitor the entry of the Harper Center each day.

The Inquirers Sunday School Class is selling fairly traded coffees, tea and chocolate bars on Sundays before and after both services. You may also stop by the church office Mon. through Fri. and purchase items using checks (only made to "First Presbyterian Church" with "Coffee Project" in the memo line. The proceeds from sales are donated the Heifer International. When you purchase these items, farmers around the world are better able to provide for their families. And these items make great Christmas gifts!



Congratulations to Layne M. Wright who was honored by Coastal Carolina Presbytery at the Presbytery meeting on October 3, 2009. Layne was one of 67 Presbyterians honored as a lay leader who has been involved in advancing the cause of Christ through their devotional leadership. These lay leaders were honored as part of the celebration of Coastal Carolina's 20th Anniversary.

Layne has served our church as Elder, Bible Moderator, Christian Educator, Co-Editor of the Centennial History book and was instrumental in the formation of the Dietrick Sunday School Class of which she is still a member.