

**Treasurer's Report
October 2011**

	<u>Jan.-Oct. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Oct. 10</u>
Income		
Operating Income	334,275	384,573
Total Income	334,275	384,573
Expense		
Witness	22,140	19,933
Administration	218,687	197,337
Property	149,739	151,240
Worship	1,417	3,755
Christian Education	14,186	9,419
Congregational Care	1,194	2,236
New Membership	0	0
Stewardship	0	0
Building Loan Payment	7,285	7,829
Total Expenses	<u>414,648</u>	<u>391,750</u>
Net Income	(80,373)	(7,177)

NOTE

Our congregation's special offerings in October were:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Pennies for Hunger	1,110	1,327
PW Birthday Offering	154	495
Peacemaking	130	106
One Great Hour of Sharing	723	818
Pentecost	171	984
Sanford Area Hispanic Mission	50	0
Tornado Relief	177*	0

*Does not include the large amount of bottled water and other supplies that were contributed.



Prayer Meeting

Many of us feel that prayer is the key to solving the problems that we face as individuals and as a church. The prayer meetings that we have held the first and third Thursday evenings have been a blessing for those of us who have attended and can lead to God's renewal of our congregation.

Many may prefer a morning time to meet and pray together. With that in mind let's gather on Wednesday morning January 11th at 11:00 a.m. We can decide then whether there is a time that will be more suitable.

Transportation will be provided to the morning prayer meeting. Please call the church office, 775-5216, if you want a ride.

*...the prayer of the righteous is
powerful and effective.
John 5:16 (NRSV)*

From Your Witness Committee

Several years ago, you might remember the Lee County C.R.O.P. Walk for Hunger. All of the Lee County churches were invited to participate and most did because of their Christian desire to help the widows, orphans, and the hungry. I don't know why it stopped but the Jonesboro Rotary Club continued their annual walk.

Your Witness Committee wanted the concept to continue so they joined with the Rotary Club to have the churches again participate. The club agreed and on November 5th the five mile walk took place along with nine other churches.

Your Witness Committee would like to thank you the congregation for sponsoring four walkers who walked a combined total of 21 miles for \$100.00 per mile! Yes, that's right, a little over \$2,100 was raised from our church. The other churches raised the total to \$4,900, not counting what the Rotary Club raised.

100% of these funds will be divided equally between the Breadbasket, CUOC, Meals on Wheels, the two homeless shelters and HAVEN house. Again the instructions of Jesus Christ has been met! Thank you for your faithfulness.

To My Church Family:

We had a blessed experience Nov. 27 - Dec. 4 with the family sent to stay with us through the Family Promise homeless program. Everyone I have talked to so far was smitten with the beautiful children and their wonderful mother. Special thanks go to Charles Johnson, Joanne Hamilton and Wendell McGee for going the extra mile for this family. I would also like to thank the following volunteer members, people from other churches, and Sunday School classes who helped:

David & Rhonda Miller; Harold & Nancy James; Joan Edson; Gloria Martin; Jeannine Romines; Kathryn & David Dudley; Andrea King; Laura Woodham; Steve Proctor; Carson Class; David Riddle, III; Woody Seymour; Dot Boaz; Don & Wanda Wazenegger; Nancy Kimble; Hope Knight; Edwin & Pam Patterson; Mark & Rhonda Woodell; Roy

Cashion; Andy Childress; Donna Goodwin; Joyce Kelly; Bob & Jan Davis; Betty Sherrod; Ronnie Lemon; Jimmy & Carolyn Washburn; David Riddle, Jr.; Reggie Miller; Sarah Mann; Peggy Hendley; Scott & Lisa Kimble; Mary Alice Holmes; Circle #6 and Kay Law.

We will be hosting again in March, and I think we will be even better equipped to do the work of our brother Jesus as we show hospitality to families without a home.

Please be in prayer for the Family Promise families and the program which is struggling financially. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check to First Presbyterian Church and write Family Promise in the memo field.

I love all y'all!
Susan King

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Coming March 9th and 10th our
"Candlelight Concert III"

Once again we will have great coffee and desserts and a fabulous concert. The money raised will first go to our youth to pay for their mission trip this summer and the remainder will go to the Organ Fund.

We will, as always, rely on the ladies of the church for those delicious cakes and of course on all of you to buy and sell tickets. This is always a special event so plan to attend. Tickets will be available beginning January 15th in the church office. More details to come!!

Great news-the stained glass windows in the chapel have been installed and are ready for viewing. Please stop by and see what a worshipful atmosphere has been created. This would be an ideal place for a small wedding or small funeral. Our sincere appreciation goes to the many folks who made this reality possible. Thanks to each of you.

Sarah Mann Lib Williams
Layne Wright

Congratulations to Amber Sperry Sumner and Paul Sumner in the birth of their daughter Kyra Elizabeth born October 22nd. Kyra's proud grandparents are Griff & Lucretia Sperry.