

**Treasurer's Report
January 2009**

| | <u>Jan 2009</u> | <u>Jan 2008</u> |
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| Income | | |
| Operating Income | 35,864 | 36,411 |
| Total Income | 35,864 | 36,411 |
| Expense | | |
| Witness | 2,600 | 2,313 |
| Administration | 18,152 | 15,813 |
| Property | 12,646 | 8,740 |
| Worship | 33 | 43 |
| Christian Education | (34) | (5,608) |
| Congregational Care | 25 | 161 |
| New Membership | 0 | 0 |
| Stewardship | 452 | 22 |
| Building Loan Payment | <u>1,357</u> | <u>4,025</u> |
| Total Expenses | 35,231 | 25,510 |
| Net Income | 633 | (10,900) |

Financial Update

“It’s Time to Be Mortgage Free” Status (through 01-31-09)

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| Pledged: | \$270,413.56 |
| Collected: | \$401,155.60 |
| Match Received: | \$348,065.68 |
| Paid Against Loan Principal: | \$769,825.20 |
| Mortgage Balance: | \$469,107.73 |

Remember that the two-year Mortgage Reduction Campaign runs through February, and any giving until then will be matched.

PROM GOWNS NEEDED - CUOCLC makes available prom gowns to students at Lee and Southern Lee High Schools who otherwise would be unable to attend the proms. Occasionally, businesses have gowns they donate. If you or someone you know has a gown that would be suitable, either from a prom or wedding, please take to CUOCLC on M-W-F or call Jane LaRue 776-3461 or Helen Lynde 777-9111. The girls would be very appreciative.

The Witness Committee

FOUR THINGS TO PRAY FOR

- Pray for soldiers, their families, and those affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Pray for all affected by war around the world. Pray that world leaders might find alternative ways to resolve conflict.
- Pray for the Christians of Orissa in India who have endured violent persecution. Pray for all who are persecuted for their faith.
- Pray that peace will prevail between Iran and the United States. Pray for wisdom and courage for leaders of our country and Iran that they might address points of contention peacefully. Pray that people of both countries may come to know each other.
- Pray for the people of Zimbabwe as they face hunger, violence, and human rights violations. Pray that leaders in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa might work together to provide a foundation for a durable solution to the protracted crisis in Zimbabwe.

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The Witness Committee

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

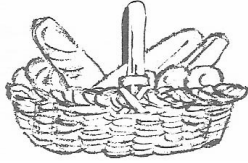
A R T I C L E S I S

The 20th of every month.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

The youth of our church, as part of their ongoing service ministry has accepted the responsibility of counting and loading food collected for CUOC each month. As you shop for food this month, please remember to purchase items for this worthy cause. During these challenging economic times, the number of people with needs has grown. Let’s provide many, many boxes and bags of food and give our youth the opportunity to experience the relationship between faith and works! Our next CUOC offering will be on March 15th.



The Breadbasket

The Breadbasket officially opened its doors in September, 1990 serving soup and sandwich lunches to needy persons in the area. This accomplishment was the result of much planning and diligent work by a group of people from St. Thomas Episcopal Church and others in the community. Mr. J. Fletcher Rosser was instrumental in the founding of this ministry and the building in which the Breadbasket is housed bears his name. The Breadbasket is a non-profit organization governed by a 15-member Board of Directors.

The Breadbasket's current location is 140 W. Chisholm Street. A nourishing lunch is provided to anyone who arrives at the door from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Daily menus normally consist of meat, vegetables, fruits, salads, desserts, and tea.

One full-time employee oversees the daily operation of the Breadbasket, including coordinating food collections. Meals are prepared and served by volunteers from 23 area churches and civic organizations. Food and/or monetary gifts are donated by local grocery stores, restaurants, churches, businesses and individuals. The need for these donations is ongoing.

Per recent information obtained, the Breadbasket has been serving 160 - 300 persons daily. This represents

a marked increase since the summer of 2008.

First Presbyterian Church is responsible for preparing and serving the meal at the Breadbasket on the second Tuesday of each month. Currently, there are four teams who perform these duties on a rotating basis throughout the year. Each time six or seven volunteers are needed. The church also provides a gift of \$100.00 per month to the Breadbasket.

Current needs at the Breadbasket include pasta, rice, dried beans, canned meats, plates, cups, Styrofoam bowls, plastic eating utensils, dishwashing liquid, and cleaning supplies, especially liquid bleach. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation for these items can send a check payable and mailed to: The Breadbasket, PO Box 912, Sanford, NC 27331, noting on the memo line for which items the donation is being made.

The Witness Committee will be collecting cleaning supplies for the Breadbasket beginning in March. Suggested items are oven cleaner, liquid bleach, dishwashing liquid, liquid hand soap, sponges, dish cloths and drying towel. A container will be located in the office area of the church for the collection of these items.

Thank you for your continued support of the Breadbasket ministry as we share our abundant blessings with those less fortunate in the community.

Joanna Dempsey
Witness & Benevolence Committee

Ad Hoc Visioning Committee

Following the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee, the Session approved, with agreement from the Deacons, to begin the process of restoring the Diaconal committees of Congregational Care, New Member, & Witness and Benevolence. *The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. . . It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith (BO G-6.0401a & 402a).* The Administrative Committee will deliberate and recommend the 'how to's'. As the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee continues to meet, you are invited to share your ideas.

At Large Members - Jerry Campbell, Kenneth Dempsey, Joan Edson, Bob Law
Deacon Reps. - Michael Davenport, Scott Kimble, Jeannine Romines
Elder Reps. - Helen Lynde, Reggie Miller, Jimmy Washburn

BEING ANGRY & NOT SINNING

(Partial Conclusion to 3-01-09 Sermon)

These are some ways we can begin to live in & out of the truth of *Ephesians 4:26* & thereby begin to manage our anger maturely.

1. Purchase, study & work through a good book on anger that has both excellent theory & practice.
2. Give yourself the freedom to feel anger, because God gives you the freedom to feel anger.
3. Acknowledge your anger when you feel it.
4. If you have difficulty finding your anger, there's a clue that frequently helps in locating where anger may be found. Find your hurt. Then look on its underside. Often our anger is on the other side of our hurt.
5. Identify the sources of your anger--both contemporary & historical.
6. Give special attention to anger that seems to be unrelated to or out of proportion to its stimulus.
7. Allow yourself the freedom to re-experience the emotion of anger--feeling it vividly & articulating it honestly to yourself & God.
8. Get the poison out of your anger.
9. If & when necessary, express it appropriately to others.
10. When it will be constructive, seek to bring proportionate justice to the circumstances out of which the anger originated.
11. Release your anger to God.
12. Ask someone you love & trust to give you feedback on how you are progressing in your anger management.