

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS December 2009

Our Building Fund income for November was \$4,909.75 in pledged giving plus \$3,605.00 in Memorial Gifts for a total of \$8,514.75. We also received an \$844.63 rebate from the Board of Church Extension for the interest on the investments our members have with them.

Our church will donate \$75 to the West Central Independent Living Solutions and \$100 to the Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition for the month of December.

The Clothes Closet is in need of winter clothes in all sizes, and there is a special need for clothes and coats for men.

The Food Center continues to need food and hygiene items plus diapers, laundry soap, dishwashing liquid, and toilet paper. You can bring your donations to the collection boxes in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

The Best Choice, Campbell's, and Swanson's bar codes that we recently sent to Woodhaven helped them purchase two Nintendo Wii gaming systems and a Wii fit balance board for their Day Program. Thank you for helping, and please keep bringing in the bar codes for our next shipment.

Our Outreach giving for October was \$1,322.91. These funds were disbursed to Disciples Mission Fund, Ozark Lakes Area, and The Food Center. We also received \$90.62 from the Thanksgiving Offering.

We have located the leak in the boiler system that was causing water to drip on the drive under the Christian Education Building. We also had a plumber fix five leaking toilets, so that should help reduce our water bill. We are making arrangements to get a high lift to clean out the chimney and install a cap on it to keep out birds and other animals.

We are planning to clean the carpet in the Christian Life Center and treat it with Scotchguard. The cost for this process will be \$1400.00; we have a donation from the Campbellite Ministries and a donation from an anonymous donor, so this cost will be covered.

The Elders will be forming their new teams at the first of the year and possibly changing their regular meeting time.

There was concern voiced about our rising utility costs and also about the economical use of our Christian Life Center. A proposal was made to charge non-profit organizations a \$15.00 per hour fee for utility costs when they use the

Christian Life Center. We would, however, exempt church-sponsored organizations. A second proposal was made to charge profit organizations a flat

\$60.00 non-refundable usage fee plus a \$15.00 per hour utility fee. The usage fees for the Christian Life Center would go to the Building Fund while the utility fees would go to the General Fund to be applied to our utility payments. If a non-profit group could not meet these fees, they could submit a waiver to the Board Chair, the Board Vice-Chair, and the Treasurer for their approval.

It was decided we should get more information regarding which non-profit groups use our Christian Life Center, and we also need to see how some of the other churches handle similar charges. The vote on this matter will not be taken until the January Board Meeting so we can have time to gain more information.

We currently have a deficit amount in our pledged giving for 2010 versus the 2010 Proposed Budget. There was extensive discussion regarding budgeted items that could possibly be reduced or changed. There was a motion made to accept the 2010 Proposed Budget as presented and to take some of the discussed changes into consideration; at mid-year we should reevaluate where we are financially. The Board approved the motion.

Monetary Christmas gifts were determined for our church staff.

Our Bible Study of the Bible is being held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We have a good group and welcome anyone who would like to join us in this interesting study.

Congregational Meetings were held at both worship services on December 20 for the purpose of presenting the 2010 Church Officers and the 2010 Budget. By vote of the congregation, both items of business were approved. Board Chair Greg Turner was also applauded for his dedication to the needs of our church during his time of serving over the past two years.

The Board Meetings are currently being held in the Christian Education Building in the Faith Matters Classroom on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be January 6 and we would be happy to see you there!

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary