

Words from Wayne

Ok, guys, it's time to buy your annual dozen of roses! Last Sunday was yours with the Super Bowl. Next week's hers with Valentine Day. I'd suggest a romantic movie but the only movies we ever see anymore are animated. When the grandchildren are here and we need a break, we head to the movies. Although *Shrek* is a love story, somehow it doesn't do much to create a romantic mood! Oh well, there's always the DVD player. You could see *Love Story* again but that's way too sad... and that stupid line "Love is never having to say you're sorry" is ridiculous. Excuse me, but show me the couple that don't have to say, "I'm sorry" often, and I'll show you a couple that aren't living together anymore!

Another sad one is *Ghosts* but the kicker line is a good one. (Don't get bogged down in the ghost junk-it's just a movie, folks). The husband, the ghost, leaves his wife to pass on into eternity. His final words to her are "All you can take with you is the love." You can read a lot into that. We can't take the house, the car, the clothes, or the bank account, so if we spent our lives accumulating all those things, we've not accumulated a thing we can carry with us. (And with the present economic situation, we may have not accumulated much to have here!) But if we spent our lives accumulating a lot of love, we have something to take with us. And we'll be remembered for all that love.

Another way to look at the statement is that we can take the love of Jesus with us. His love for us is what gets us in the "pearly gates." Set aside worrying about your bank account and spend some time building your love portfolio. It's an investment you'll take with you into eternity. -Wayne

MEMBERSHIP

February 8, 2009

Resident Membership, Sept. '08	1864
Number Additions to Date	35
Number Lettered Out to Date	3
Loss by Death	1
Moved to Non-Resident/Roll Rev.	74
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	1821

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	746
Fire Station	12
Heritage Place	10
Total SS Attendance	768

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

A New Way	326
11 o'clock	614
Total Worship Attendance	940

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget	47,995.15
Designated	4,020.14
TOTAL	52,015.29
Given to Date	265,638.24
Designated to Date	75,140.59
Total Gifts	340,778.83

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Interim Pastor	MICHAEL COGDILL
Pastor Emeritus	JAMES CAMMACK
Minister of Worship/ College	GILES BLANKENSHIP
Minister of Counseling	ROBBIE BYRD
Director of Children & Family Ministries	MARY COMSTOCK
Minister of Music	LARRY DICKENS
Church Administrator	GERON GAMBILL
Interim Executive Minister	WAYNE HAM
Minister of Education	SKIP LLOYD
Director of Preschool Ministry	PAULA MCCOSH
Minister with Youth	CRAIG MORRISON
Minister of Missions and Senior Adults	SUSIE REEDER
Director of Worship Technology	ROGER WARD

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Race Car Workday

Saturday, February 14
9:00am

RA's and their Dads are invited to the Carpentry Shop to work on their Race Cars for the upcoming Road Rally. Other adult males who would be willing to lend a hand are also invited to come help.

Biblical Recorder Subscriptions

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is the North Carolina Baptist paper. If you would like to continue your subscription or be added to the list, please send a check for \$13.25 to the church. Make the check payable to the church and be sure to indicate that it is for a subscription. Deadline is February 22.



Dennis Swanberg

Sunday night, February 15
6:30pm – In the Sanctuary

Dennis Swanberg "The Swan," is considered to be "America's Minister of Encouragement." He uses laughter as a tool to break down people's barriers about themselves and promotes faith and family values in a lighthearted and humorous way. He has the reputation of instilling hope and motivating people from all walks of life.

Dr. Swanberg graduated from Baylor University and holds a masters and doctorate from Southwestern Seminary located in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Swanberg will not only bring you laughter and a time of reflection, but you will leave feeling like you have just had a time of fellowship with someone over the backyard fence. Dennis has a beautiful wife, Laaree, and two sons, Chad and Dusty. He resides in airports all across the United States and sometimes makes his way home to Monroe, Louisiana.

2009 Mission Trips

Eastern Kentucky, July 18-26

We are partnering with CBF and the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship. This trip is open to anyone, and a family can go together if interested. We will be doing housing repair/construction, kids clubs/camps, and/or teaching/training, something for everyone. Cost: \$250. To sign up, complete an application (outside Susie's door) with a \$50 deposit to hold your seat. You may download the registration from the mission trip page on our web site as well.

Brno, Czech Republic, July 21-August 4

We will be working with Gloria Ginn and teaching at the English Camp. Looking for 10-12 people who will teach English, crafts, sports, go on walks, and develop friendships with students. Cost: \$2000 per person which covers airline ticket, lodging at the camp, and other miscellaneous things. \$100 deposit due by April 1st along with an application. Pick up more detailed information about the trip and an application on the table outside Susie's office or you may download the registration from the mission trip page on our web site as well.

Be watching for more trips to Kenya, Ukraine, and an orphan trip with Buckner International.

Summarized Annual Financial Report

	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	
INCOME			
Pledged Giving	\$ 2,125,125	\$ 2,392,500	88.8%
Non-pledged Giving	\$ 455,636	\$ 518,750	87.8%
Designated Missions	\$ 154,224	\$ 49,000	314.7%
Other/reimbursements	\$ 249,564	\$ 251,300	99.3%
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,984,548	\$3,211,550	92.9%
EXPENDITURES			
MISSIONS			
Designated Gifts Sent	\$ 154,224	\$ 49,000	314.7%
Worldwide Ministries	\$ 311,139	\$ 386,900	80.4%
New South River	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	100.0%
Fayetteville Ministries	\$ 70,724	\$ 86,575	81.7%
Local Church Ministries	\$ 89,477	\$ 97,670	91.6%
Theological Education	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	100.0%
Local Missions	\$ 52,829	\$ 73,750	71.6%
Direct Partnerships	\$ 10,300	\$ 15,500	66.5%
	\$ 705,194	\$ 725,895	97.1%
STAFF			
Pastoral	\$ 197,953	\$ 238,063	83.2%
Educational	\$ 213,996	\$ 219,413	97.5%
Music	\$ 182,030	\$ 182,226	99.9%
Administrative	\$ 217,300	\$ 220,294	98.6%
Building/Service/Support	\$ 206,302	\$ 201,000	102.6%
General/Insurance Exp.	\$ 303,635	\$ 281,674	107.8%
	\$ 1,321,216	\$ 1,342,670	98.4%
OPERATING			
Utilities	\$ 188,412	\$ 164,750	114.4%
Computers, Postage, Adm.	\$ 88,570	\$ 115,625	76.6%
Food Service	\$ 71,112	\$ 76,250	93.3%
Facilities	\$ 19,487	\$ 20,800	93.7%
	\$ 367,580	\$ 377,425	97.4%
PROGRAM			
Literature & General	\$ 91,091	\$ 104,852	86.9%
Preschool Ministries	\$ 3,081	\$ 2,975	103.6%
Children's Ministry	\$ 10,262	\$ 10,525	97.5%
Youth Ministry	\$ 46,070	\$ 51,138	90.1%
Men's Ministry	\$ 3,071	\$ 3,600	85.3%
Women's Ministry	\$ 2,590	\$ 5,695	45.5%
Adult Ministries	\$ 11,590	\$ 19,515	59.4%
Music Ministry	\$ 47,347	\$ 47,300	100.1%
	\$ 215,102	\$ 245,600	87.6%
EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE			
Purchases & Maintenance	\$ 175,973	\$ 161,800	108.8%
Service Contracts	\$ 23,709	\$ 22,205	106.8%
Grounds	\$ 28,597	\$ 39,455	72.5%
Vehicles	\$ 42,669	\$ 91,000	46.9%
Insurance	\$ 42,794	\$ 59,575	71.8%
	\$ 313,742	\$ 374,035	83.9%
DEBT / RENTAL PROP.			
Debt Service & Rent. Prop.	\$ 119,969	\$ 145,925	82.2%
TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$3,042,803	\$3,211,550	94.7%
NET TOTAL:	\$ (58,255)		

Congregation Approves 2009 Budget Reduction

In a called meeting February 4th, the congregation unanimously approved reductions in the 2009 church budget totaling \$300,000 or about 9.3%. Budget Planning Committee Chairman, Brad Hurley, presented the report, after being introduced by newly-elected Deacon Chairman, Brett Herrmann.

In October, when the 2009 budget of 3.2 million was approved, the congregation was told that the Finance Committee would monitor the budget, and identify spending areas that could be frozen or delayed. However, with the worsening economy and giving patterns of the final quarter of 2008, they felt it was best to reassemble the Budget Planning Committee and reduce the budget. The staff and committees submitted budget cuts in all areas - personnel, missions, operation, program and building/maintenance, and these were adopted by the Budget Planning Committee and forwarded to the congregation.

One feature of the amended 2009 budget is that salaries for all staff were frozen at 2008 levels. However, the Budget Planning Committee recommended as part of their report, that if 2009 giving exceeds the budget, that first priority be given to staff salaries, and that either raises or bonuses given later in the year.

Extreme Church Makeover Sunday, February 15 is the Deadline!

We need every room to be cleaned up. Ty Pennington Ham will be checking the rooms with a white glove March 9! Anything lying around that doesn't look essential will be fair game. Thanks for helping!

Men's Ministry Pig Pickin' Saturday, March 7



The Men's Ministry will be hosting a Pig Pickin' on Saturday, March 7. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall, or you can register online snydermbc.com. Cost is \$4.00 per person. Festivities begin at 4pm and Feasting begins at 5pm and will last until the pig is gone!

Childcare Center Registration

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year begins for Snyder Church and Sunday School members on February 16. Public registration begins March 2! Please remember that our class sizes are limited and we cannot guarantee a seat once we open registration to our current families and the public. The varieties of childcare options range from full-care to two mornings a week for children two-years old through Kindergarten and Afterschool care for Kindergartners. Application packets are in the Childcare Center Office and the Afterschool Office. They are also available online at www.snydermbc.com. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00 (\$35.00 for summer only). For more information, you can contact Sue Hubbard, Wayne Byrd or Gaye Knight at 484-5067.

Afterschool Registration

Snyder Afterschool offers; afterschool, holiday, and summer care for children in grades 1 through 8. Registration for the 2009-2010 School year as well as for Summer 2009 care begins February 16th. Applications are available in the Afterschool office or the Child Care Center office, but must be turned into the After School office for your child to be registered. Registration fee for the school year is \$75.00 and Summer Registration is \$35.00. Fees must accompany the completed application. For more information, contact Sue Hubbard at 484-3380.

Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

10 Commandments for Today

Led by Dr. Mike Cogdill

How long has it been since you read or studied the Ten Commandments? What is their relevance for today? What are the obstacles to the Ten Commandments being accepted as "authoritative" in a postmodern world? February 4 - February 25 (4 sessions). Room: Chapel

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Led by Dr. Bob Ginn

This will be a study of the letters Jesus wrote to His churches and the events leading up to His second coming to the earth and His return in triumph. There will also be an attempt to show how all of this impacts us today and what we should do about it. February 4 - April 8 (10 sessions). Room: B1045

A Survey of the Gospel of John

Led by Stuart Walters

This will be a chapter by chapter study of the Gospel of John. We will examine how John was dealing with the issue of false teaching about Jesus within the early Christian community and how we have to deal with similar issues today within the church. February 4 - April 8 (10 sessions). Room: B1044

Congrats Starting Point Grads

CONGRATS to the following for completing STARTING Point: Snyder's New Member and Potential Member Workshop! Larry & Shirley Davis, Lynn & Gwen Gilfus, Patt Kapp, Carrie Koehl, David & Kim Lovette, Wendi Pirkle, and Jamie Woodward. Christian life always involves more than just believing—it also includes belonging. We grow in Christ by being in relationship with other Christians. Congratulations!

Deadline for Collecting Items for Hygiene Kits

Sunday, February 22

During Youth Week, we will be collecting items to prepare hygiene kits that will be distributed through OIAM Fayetteville for our homeless community. We need your help collecting the following items: Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Combs, Wash Cloths, Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, Shampoo, and gallon-sized Ziploc Bags (all other items need to be travel size). Please bring your items to the box located in the Gathering Hall.



Prime Timers

Thursday, February 26
11am - Fellowship Hall
Blue Birds