

First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

2011

Year End Report





Reach, Teach and Empower

Pastor's 2011 Year End Report for the First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

2011 was another wonderful year of growth and preparation for expansion in our ministry. In 2011 we celebrated 175 years of ministry to our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We acknowledged this event by hosting a 175th Celebration. There was a historical presentation with 50 year members sharing their fond experiences and memories of the church and we held a banquet at the Crossroads Center. Elder Michael Boren preached on Sunday Morning services of the rich theological heritage of our church. It was very well attended.

We experienced tremendous favor from God in our community that allowed us to effectively continue to reach, teach, and empower in the mighty name of Jesus. We began the year just completing our “Seven Days of Seeking” prayer focus. Our leading for the year was to focus on the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the year we focused our teaching and preaching ministries to center on the indwelling of God’s Holy Spirit in our lives.

Perhaps the most notable aspect of 2011 was the expansion of our church’s outreach. 2011 was a year marked with many natural disasters for our nation. It was known as the “Year of the Tornado.” Joplin Missouri and parts of Alabama were especially hard hit. As a church, we joined together to send relief to these areas. Our youth took multiple mission trips to the St. Louis area and grew immensely in the Lord as a result.

We refined our Summer Outreach Program partnering with several community organizations to offer a hot lunch to the youth of our community once a week. Along with the meal there was devotion and enrichment presentations from the Public Library, D.A.R.E., Pike County Health Department, and the U of I Extension. The volunteer effort to help those programs continue was tremendous.

I continued my involvement in the community as president for the Pike County Ministerial Alliance. The PCMA hosted the annual community Thanksgiving Service as well as the Baccalaureate service. I again served as the local coordinator of National Day of Prayer. Luke and I were asked to join the Pike County Youth Task Force focused on promoting resistance and awareness to drug and alcohol use in minors.

Once again Luke and I joined several other DHF ministers attending the Gateway Connect Pastors Conference in Dallas Texas. It was an awesome time of learning, teambuilding, and connecting with other pastors from all over the nation. My wife, Renita, was able join us this year and attended the worship conference. These events were very uplifting and enriching.

I continued serving as a board member for Disciple Heritage Fellowship. I continue to see the tremendous value of para-church organizations such as Disciple Heritage Fellowship. We have gleaned much valuable advice and encouragement from DHF. The elders have continued to receive training materials from DHF and the visits from DHF staff have been very helpful to the Long Range Planning Committee as well. It was a tremendous blessing for our church to raise our level of support for DHF this year. I was also asked to become an overseer to Decatur First, a wonderful DHF church in Decatur, Illinois.

Luke and I joined several local pastors in attending a death notification training hosted by Blessing Hospital. It was an intense but helpful event.

We were blessed to have Rev. Ron Baker of God Fresh Ministries share a full Passover Seder with us. The event was very well attended and a wonderful time of understanding the deep and rich symbolism of the Seder Plate.

The Crossroads Center continues to be a tremendous asset to the community and allows us many ministry opportunities, but the frequent storms of 2011 made it evident that we needed to address the gym roof. The roof was replaced with a membrane roof that should last 50 years!

We continued with the accelerated reduction of our Crossroads Center mortgage. Many times this year we were able to pay extra money on our principal. This is a good thing because the Long Range Planning committee has been hard at work behind the scenes examining and planning for future facilities and functions of our ministry.

We sent a mission team of seven young adults to Santa Cruz, Bolivia to assist with Operation Restoration. It was a great success and blessing. This marked a dramatic increase in missions at First Christian. We are hoping to have more frequent mission opportunities.

A challenge that once again revealed my increasing age was acting as Co-Dean for High School week at Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp. Camp was a wonderful, albeit tiring week. I'm so glad to have Luke onboard!

We were blessed to have some wonderful ministers come and share God's Word with us this year. Rev. Joe Briseno and Brother Jerry Williams both challenged and inspired us.

We presented Financial Peace University for several families as well as continued to offer a Tuesday Noon Bible Study. Throughout the year I offered several Baptism classes and a marriage tune-up that was very well attended. We were blessed to baptize 23 people into the Kingdom this year as well as welcome in 45 new members. We celebrated the home-going of 10 of our dear church members this year as well. As much as we will miss them we look forward to a glorious reunion!

We acknowledged the lifelong servants' hearts of our dear brother George Balsman and dear sister Greta Willard by awarding them the honor of Deacon and Deaconess Emeritus respectively.

Our church website got a much needed overhaul and we are very happy with the new and improved site.

Our Oasis Services continue to be a blessing. We have grown in attendance in the Sunday Oasis services even hitting 100 in attendance. We have had several new young families make this their service of choice.

Our growth has once again necessitated that we do a new church directory, so towards the end of the year we all put on our "Sunday Best" and said "Cheese!"

We responded to the leading of the Lord once again to lock in for "Seven Days of Seeking" in prayer and fasting, holding prayer services three times a day.

We wrapped up the year with a powerful season of Advent and a beautiful Christmas Eve service.

I have been so blessed to serve the Lord here in Pittsfield and very excited for what he has in store for us in 2012.

As we yield to the leading of His Holy Spirit, we find His strength to fulfill our destiny in Christ. What a journey. Let's walk it together.

Michael S. Ten Eyck, Pastor of First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

Associate/Youth Pastor's Year End Report

This year has been very blessed and very busy so I will seek to highlight the more major things I have served in over the year. Before I continue, I would like to recognize my youth leaders who have been very faithful and committed to serving in both the high school and Jr. high youth groups: Aly Cooley, Ruth Hulford, Matt Sealock, Jen Miller, Kayla Spangler, and Spencer Boren. Carrie Greening also helped over the summer. Without these individuals, I would not be nearly as effective and I am very thankful for their work in the Lord!

I have continued to enjoy building relationships and speaking God's Word into the lives of our youth. This year I have had the pleasure of seeing God not only grow our youth in numbers but also in their relationship with Him. We've had some great additions to our youth group. Also this year Mitchell Barton joined our church and Morgan Plattner, Carmen Long, and Rodney Gordley were baptized.

Our children's church program has been running strong and our teaching focus has been on the Old Testament Walk Thru. This series covers the main storyline, people and topics of the Old Testament. The kids have done a wonderful job on their memory work and now have a valuable understanding of the Old Testament.

I also enjoyed planning and preparing our youth for our Easter Sunrise Service. Both LIFE and CYF students participated and I was very proud of their work and worship to God in this event.

One of the biggest highlights of this year was our mission trip to Bolivia. I had the opportunity along with six others from our church to experience and participate in God's work in South America! Our church teamed up with Operation Restoration founded by Roger and Isha Hulford. While in Bolivia, our team engaged in various activities ranging from construction, playing soccer with the kids, leading worship and drama, and doing street ministry. It was a great experience!

This year our church continued our summer outreach program for elementary aged youth in our school district. I worked with several others in planning and organizing this program throughout the summer. Our volunteers for this program were great! Thank you!

This year I also teamed up with some of the other local youth pastors to organize and host a youth rally sponsored and funded by the Pike County Ministerial Alliance. We went to the surrounding high schools and Jr. high schools and presented assemblies for three days and finished up with a youth rally at Crossroads on a Wednesday night. We had a good service that night and Crossroads was packed with youth!

This was my second year in helping at MVCSC. I co-deaned high school week and will be dean again in 2012. I had a great time and I am looking forward to serving again!

I have sought to meet and build more relationships with the youth in our community this year by having open gym at Crossroads this past summer and I also coached a soccer team this past fall. Through this involvement and similar activities, more youth outside our church have begun to participate in our youth programs!

We also had a wonderful end to the year with our New Year's Eve lock in for high school students. We had a dance, inflatable stations, games, food and a gospel message. It was a great event and I hope to do it again!

God has done some wonderful things in our church and our youth groups this year and I am excited about seeing what He will do in the coming year! May God be glorified in our church!

Luke Justice

Associate/Youth Pastor of First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

Moderator's Year End Report for 2011

It has been said that the purpose of "time" is to keep everything from happening all at once. Well I'm sure "time" existed in 2011 in the usual amounts but it was so filled with activities and events that we wonder where it went. Our time at First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois in 2011 was filled with spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others and strengthening the faith of Christians.

In my role as Moderator, I tried to follow the organizational framework set forth by our Constitution and Bylaws that would allow our Pastor, our Associate/Youth Pastor, the members of the various Departments of Ministry and the many other volunteers to do their work. Each person took his responsibilities seriously and contributed toward First Christian Church's mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through reaching, teaching and empowering. In accordance with our Bylaws, the Chair of each Department of Ministry prepared a summary of their department's activities and those reports are included in this annual report. I encourage each member of First Christian Church to read these summaries and to show their appreciation for the efforts put forth by those involved. I would like to highlight here just a couple of special activities and events of First Christian Church.

Our young people really stepped out in faith this year in their mission work. Ruth Hulford lived in Bolivia with her missionary parents from the time she was 3 years old until she moved to the United States to attend college in 2004. In the summer of 2011 Ruth returned to Bolivia with a few friends – Lori Schweighart, Alicia Cooley, Kayla Spangler, Luke Justice, Matt Sealock and Spencer Boren. Those 7 young people served as missionaries to Bolivian children. They worked to improve the facilities at Operation Restoration, which Ruth's parents manage, and helped bring the Gospel to children being served there. In addition, some of this group, along with some of our high school youth, made a couple of trips to impoverished areas of St. Louis bringing food and personal items to those in need and sharing the Gospel with them. The young people served on a more local level as well, reaching out to others just a few steps from our Church.

We celebrated First Christian Church's 175th anniversary in October of 2011. Mike Boren headed a capable group that did considerable research on our past. The group organized programs that were entertaining and informative as they presented our heritage in ways that helped us understand and appreciate our history.

As we look to the future, First Christian Church's Long-Range Planning Committee is continuing to carefully and prayerfully try to anticipate our future facility needs and determine how we can best prepare to meet those needs.

At year end 2011 and early in 2012 we are pushing to get our mortgage on Crossroads Center paid off. We owed \$1,025,000 on the mortgage and the additional loan in 2004. Now, 7 years later, there is a balance of only \$162,369. Our goal is to get that paid off before 2012 is over.

We are very fortunate to have Michael Ten Eyck as our Pastor and Luke Justice as our Associate/Youth Pastor. God is working through them and in 2011 they brought the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to many lost souls and they helped deepen the faith of those who were already Christians. Their lives set great examples of how God rewards those with a Christian faith. And they set the tone in making work fun and have been instrumental in keeping morale high for all involved in First Christian Church.

The Executive Committee consisted of Pastor Michael, Larry Wigington, Ann Ferguson, Bobby Smith and me. They were wonderful to work with and took their responsibilities to the Gospel very seriously.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who put in so many hours serving at First Christian Church. As you know, my thanks will certainly not be your greatest reward, but that is what I can offer. For those members and friends of First Christian Church who tend to be on the sidelines, I want to encourage you to think about and pray about the priorities in your life. Get involved! As this is being presented to the Church, it is still early in 2012. You

have plenty of time to help with this year's activities and projects. Read the summaries of activities of the various Departments of Ministry at First Christian Church that are included in this annual report and decide where you can help. You'll never regret it.

Noble D. Harrison II
Moderator of First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

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2011 OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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* Vice-Moderator: Larry Wigington, 285-1632
* Secretary: Kathy Curfman, 285-5213
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Joyce Lemons, 285-4862

Ending Wayne Baughman, 285-2948
12/31/13 Wayne Chamberlain, 285-4933
Kay Sealock, 285-4991
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12/31/11 Edna Baughman Christie Mendenhall
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator:	N.D. Harrison
Vice-Moderator:	Larry Wigington
Elder Chair:	Ann Ferguson
Trustee Chair:	Bobby Smith

STAFF

Pastor:	Pastor Michael Ten Eyck
Associate/Youth Minister:	Pastor Luke Justice
Director of Music/Program Coordinator:	Helen Earls
Financial Secretary:	Rebecca Rhodes
Custodian:	Maria Owens

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Christian Education:	Teresa Bauer
Christian Men's Fellowship:	Wayne Baughman
Christian Women's Fellowship:	Yvonne Stauffer
Crossroads Center:	Helen Earls, Joyce Lemons
Evangelism:	Betty Hayden
Fundraising:	Joyce Lemons
Long Range Planning:	Julie Boren
Music/Worship:	Sandy Wigington
Nominating:	Joyce Lemons
Outreach:	Michelle Gates
Property:	Bobby Smith
Shepherding:	Faith Saxe
Stewardship:	Wayne Baughman
Summer Outreach Program:	Betty Hayden
175 th Anniversary Committee:	Michael Boren

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TRANSFER IN & NEW MEMBERS

Phil Sandidge 1/9	Russell Johns 5/29	Sammy Smith 6/26
Georgia Sandidge 1/9	Sandy Sinks 5/29	Chris Schlieper 7/17
Judy Ferguson 1/30	Steve Allred 5/29	Richard Hobbs 8/21
William Slayden 2/13	Brandy Allred 5/29	Sara Hobbs 8/21
Angie Hires 3/13	Cody Allred 5/29	Mitchell Barton 8/21
Lori Pults 4/3	Cheyenne Allred 5/29	Neval Boyd 10/9
James Martin 4/17	R.J. Allred 5/29	Carrie Boyd 10/9
Carrie Martin 4/17	Kevin Hittner 6/26	Ryan Culton 10/9
Trevor Martin 4/17	Megan Hittner 6/26	Rhodora Pursley 10/16
Reid Martin 4/17	Kadin Hittner 6/26	Jenna Varble 10/16
Gwendolyn Martin 4/17	Keaton Hittner 6/26	Mitch Zipprich 10/16
Chelsea Martin 4/17	Morgan Plattner 7/17	Dave Bryant 11/27
Martin Stauffer 5/15	Bev White 6/26	Gina Bryant 11/27
Rick Wombles 5/15	Eddie White 6/26	Radell Tedrow 12/11
Mary Boehm 5/15	Wendy Smith 6/26	Rodney Gordley 12/11

BAPTISMS

William Slayden 2/13	Bethany Dunham 8/21	Jenna Varble 10/16
Lori Pults 4/3	Brandy Allred 7/10	Mitch Zipprich 10/16
Rick Wombles 5/15	Cheyenne Allred 7/10	Dave Bryant 11/27
Mary Boehm 5/15	Cody Allred 7/10	Gina Bryant 11/27
Liz Childs 5/22	James Martin 7/10	Kevin Hittner 11/27
Martin Stauffer 5/15	Reid Martin 7/10	Rodney Gordley 12/18
Megan Hittner 6/26	Trevor Martin 7/10	Carmen Long 12/25
Angie Hires 6/19	Morgan Plattner 7/17	

LOVED ONES WE LOST

Bev Littleton 1/18	Eileen Syrcle 4/5	Ivan Knapp 10/20
Max Zumwalt 1/23	Mark Lehr 6/30	Steve Tice 7/31
Alberta Cox 3/10	Kaye McGlenn 7/11	Hyla Kennedy 9/2
Peg McComber 3/16		

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Last year the church office strived to keep pace with the ever growing world of technology. After the media vault crashed in June and the discovery of electrical issues, we updated our network backup system to ensure information will always be saved. John VanAntwerp spearheaded this project and we are forever grateful to him for sharing his knowledge and expertise with us. In the fall we updated our website which is now more user friendly and full of information. Jennifer Miller led this project and we encourage everyone to visit the site. My computer decided one day this fall to not power up so a new one was purchased. The 2012 budget has room to possibly start phasing in new computers so we are proactive rather than reactive to computer needs. The growth of our church family is evident with the increased flow of information to process and the volume of paperwork each week. Thank you to the volunteers who are so quick to respond when help is needed to get the job done.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Rhodes, Financial Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Members: Teresa Bauer Chairman, Renita Ten Eyck, Faith Saxe, Sunday School Teachers, Wednesday Youth Staff, VBS Staff, Helen Earls Program Coordinator, Pastor Michael Ten Eyck, Associate/Youth Minister Luke Justice and CYF Leaders and L.I.F.E. Leaders.

Children's Worship and Children's Choir continue. The Children's Choir sang at several services and was included in the Christmas Cantata and Easter Sunday Service.

In May we once again honored our teachers and volunteers for their time and love given to the many youth of our church and community.

In June we honored our graduates. We started a new gift that included a Bible for the children entering the 5th grade. We chose to continue with the Bible in the 3rd grade also. Bibles and Halley's Bible Handbooks were given as per our usual graduation times.

The MVCSC was utilized many, many times this year. To show our support, we furnished the Crossroads for their spaghetti dinner which has become their annual fund raising event and provided volunteer staff to cook and assist. Michael was dean during High School week at the camp. Once again our youth made a good showing at the summer church camp sessions. Thank you to the CMF who help fund their attendance.

Sunday school classes promoted in August. Teaching staff noted only minor changes during the course of the year. We made class adjustments again as our numbers and staffing deemed necessary. Curriculum was changed and has been going smoothly with all staff and students.

Teresa Bauer and Amber Apps co-chaired another successful week of VBS. Fun was had by all children/staff attending. They have agreed to co-chair VBS for 2012.

Wednesday Youth continues to be a huge success. We did make some changes to the new year of Wednesday Youth. Classes are more manageable. We adopted a rotation type program that is much like VBS rotations.

2012 promises to be another exciting and busy year for the committee. Goals include: Inspiring and developing more adult volunteers to lead Sunday school classes, Children's Worship and Wednesday Youth. Children's Choir will continue to be active in services as they learn materials. Continue to increase High school attendance at CYF and Sunday school. Continue the search for transportation options.

Note that the goals of Christian Education tend to be the same each year, but with our continued growth these are awesome goals to have.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Bauer, Christian Education Chairman

CYF & LIFE

We have a great group of youth this year! God has grown our youth group both numerically and spiritually. This year we have done some combined meetings and programs with both the LIFE and CYF students. Some events where both LIFE and CYF participated were Christmas caroling, "See You at the Pole" prayer rally and event, and serving together for family meals at Crossroads. We also have continued a monthly youth group meeting called "Family Night" where both LIFE and CYF students and their parents attend together. These meetings have been well attended and it is great to see the families together worshipping and learning. Another opportunity in which our whole youth group can participate is "bless-a-block" where our youth serve and bless our community through various services. Some service we've done already include painting a house, landscaping, putting together shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and passing out 20 Thanksgiving dinners to local families in Pittsfield. CYF and LIFE also were in charge of the Easter Sunrise Service and did a wonderful job! The youth conducted every aspect of the service: music, offering, prayer, announcements and greeting, drama presentation and the sermon. We had 24 youth participate. It was great to see the whole youth group working together!

CYF and LIFE also combined for a basket auction fundraiser. This was an enormously successful event and we were able to raise funds for youth events, mission trips and youth conferences. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this fundraiser!

One change we made this year was to have separate meeting times for our CYF and LIFE groups. LIFE meets every Sunday from 4:30-6 and CYF meets every Sunday from 6:30-8. We've also added a meal time from 6-6:30 where the kids can mingle and eat together.

Here are a few things to highlight specifically for the LIFE group this past year. The Jr. highers formed a band lead by Kay Sealock and performed some songs for the Christmas Eve Service. We went to six flags during the summer and had a blast. Also many students in LIFE participated in our worship and drama teams. Most of our big events and fundraisers will be coming up soon in the spring of 2012.

CYF was also very active this year as well. Our biggest fundraiser for CYF, the Valentine Dinner, was once again a huge success. This fundraiser allowed CYF to go on three mission trips to the Dream Center in St. Louis this year. Our youth came back challenged and enthusiastic about their faith and how they can serve Christ. While ministering through the Dream Center our students did door-to-door evangelism and prayer ministry. They also helped serve at Kidzjam (a children's program). CYF also hosted two 5th quarter parties for high school youth after home football games. A group of CYF students also had the opportunity to attend the dare2share conference in St. Louis where they were challenged and trained to share the gospel with their friends and family!

God has blessed both our high school and Jr. high youth groups with great students. I am looking forward as God continues to develop their faith and use them and their talents in our church, community, and their schools!

Luke Justice
Associate/Youth Pastor of First Christian Church of Pittsfield, Illinois

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Elected officers were President, Wayne Baughman; vice-president, Michael Smith; Secretary, Michael Boren; Treasurer, Hamer Tate. Devotion leaders, Richard Stauffer and Michael Boren.

Bobby Smith was elected Layman of the year for 2011. We had interesting speakers and meals that were served by the ladies circles.

Successful fund raisers again this year were the Spring Fling dinner for the CWF and our food stand for the Pike County Color Drive. We provided funds for the church softball team, campers at MVCSC, the Bolivia mission trip and a spring youth rally at Crossroads.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael B. Boren, secretary

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CWF has had a very busy year. The ladies within the three Circles continue to study to improve their spiritual life and continue to serve our church and community. Each Circle serves one of the men's dinners to raise money, and each Circle donates money to the Mission fund, which is then donated to Pike County Unmet Needs. The Circles support the Wednesday Youth program by providing and serving the snacks each week. We also sponsor a Red Cross blood drive and provide meals to families that have been blessed with a new baby. The Bereavement Committee of the CWF provides a meal or Memorial gift to families that have lost a loved one.

This year the CWF was the recipient of a generous donation to the Bereavement Committee. We also were gifted with the estate of Margaret Withus, which was sold at auction. Our main fund raisers remain the Pike County Color Tour, the Bazaar, and the Love Raffle. With the proceeds from these events, we have been able to support Quanada of Pike County, Mounted Angels, Pike County Hospice, Crossroads Center, Two-Rivers Food Pantry, FCC Outreach, the Church general Fund, Wed. Youth, and Crossroads kitchen fund. Additionally this year, we have contributed to individual families in need, fed the work crews, supported the Mission trip to Bolivia, donated to the Joplin fund, sent cards to the Boy's Camp, and funded the Youth Rally. We hope to continue to contribute as the need arises and the Lord provides.

Respectfully Submitted,
Yvonne Stauffer, CWF President

CROSSROADS CENTER

January was very busy with Pike County Youth League Basketball games and practices. We had games every Saturday and Sunday through January 16. We had ball practices on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for most of the month. CMF met for their regular dinner meeting on the 18th. Our Wednesdays were busy with Wednesday Youth, Family Meal, and Oasis. The Winter Ball was held on January 22. The gym was staffed by volunteers during weekdays for walkers. We had a 5th Sunday Celebration in the gym, with Jerry Williams as guest speaker, followed by a dinner in the dining room on the 30th. Our youth met almost every Sunday evening.

In February, CYF had the annual Valentine Dinner on Feb 13th and the Red Cross Blood Mobile sponsored by CWF was in the gym on Feb 7th. Our regular Wednesday activities continued as usual. There were several rentals: FS meetings in the dining room and meeting room on the 10th, the Republican Party dinner meeting in the dining room on the 18th, and the Farmers State Bank dinner meeting on the 25th. We had a soup-to-go fund raiser on the 27th and several basketball practices for teams playing in other leagues. The gym was staffed by volunteers during weekdays for walkers. Our youth met almost every Sunday evening.

March was a very busy month. We had a land auction in the dining room on the 4th, a wedding reception in the gym on the 5th, the Girl's Basketball Banquet on the 7th, a hospital luncheon in the dining room on the 12th, a birthday party dance in the gym the night of the 12th, a birthday party in the gym on the afternoon of the 13th, a 5th Quarter Party on the 20th, a Youth Rally on the 23rd, a Tea Party/ 912 meeting on the 24th, and an auction in the dining room on the 26th. We also had some basketball practice rentals and had a Volleyball league on Monday evenings. All Wednesday activities continued throughout March as well as walking hours. Our youth met almost every Sunday evening.

April continued to be busy. We had an election in the dining room on the 5th, served the Pike Press Scholars Banquet on the the 7th continued the co-ed volleyball league on Monday evenings in the gym, had PHS Prom in our gym on the 16th which is a 3 day event with all the decorating, and we hosted and helped with a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp at Crossroads on Sunday the 10th. We set up the tables in the gym and the serving lines in the dining room. It was another huge success. April 17th was Palm Sunday and began a very busy Holy Week. We had our Sunrise service in the gym followed by breakfast in the dining room on Easter morning the 24th. Spring Fling was in the dining room on the 26th. Our Wednesday activities continued with the last one for the season on the 13th. We finished early this year because Easter came later in the month. Our youth met almost every Sunday evening as always.

In May the volleyball league concluded on the 2nd, Oasis continued on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the gym, CMF had their regular meeting in the dining room on the 17th, we served the Senior Honors' Banquet on the 23rd, and CWF had their salad supper and meeting in the dining room on the 24th. LIFE had a lock-in on the 27th.

In June, we continued with "Oasis" on Wednesday nights. We continued with a lunch outreach project on Mondays with lunch being served in Pittsfield every week and taken out of Pittsfield to a different location each week by another team. Luke started open gym on Monday evenings. We had a Celebration Sunday on the 12th followed by a meal. We had two rentals – Tea Party meeting on the 2nd and a birthday party in gym on the 26th. We had a benefit fund raiser on the 25th.

In July, we had "Oasis" on Wednesday evenings. Our lunch outreach program continued for the entire month and ended on the 25th. Luke continued with open gym on Monday evenings. We had three rentals – two anniversary parties, one on the 9th and one on the 23rd, and a gym rental on the 25th. We kicked off VBS on Sunday the 31st and it ran through Friday, Aug 5th. We served supper every night. We had a swimming party on Friday night from 8-10 p.m. after the program.

In August, we were very busy. We had "Oasis" on Wednesday evenings and open gym continuing on Monday evenings. We served concessions and hosted the Colgate Country Showdown sponsored by WBBA on the 6th and had VBS meals going on all week the first week. We rented the meeting room for 3 days to THR & Ass for the 9th – 11th, we served the Farmers State Bank dinner for 200 people on the 18th and did 2 days of luncheon meetings for Whitetail Properties on the 25th & 26th. We did the meals for both days. The Youth Groups under Luke's leadership kicked into high gear with both groups meetings every Sunday night.

In September, we continued to have "Oasis" on Wednesday evenings, Pike County Youth League sign ups, rental of gym on the 7th & 8th to Tea Party for meetings, 5th Quarter Party on the 9th, CMF dinner on the 20th, and started basketball practices for Pike County Youth League. Our Wednesday Youth program and Family Meal resumed on the 14th. We also rented both sides of the building for the Senior Expo held every other year on the 29th. The CYF and LIFE groups both met on Sunday evenings.

In October, Pike County Youth League games started on the 22nd and continued every Saturday and Sunday and most Friday evenings until the end of January with the exception of Christmas weekend. The gym was booked every week day evening but Wednesdays for practices. Our Wednesday activities continued throughout the month and the "Wednesday Oasis" service continued. We had a shower in the meeting room on the 1st, Celebration Sunday followed by a meal on the 2nd, a fund raising concert in the

gym on the 15th , served a dinner meeting in the dining room on the 22nd , and held a banquet in honor of our 175th Anniversary Celebration of our church on the 29th . We started providing supper for the youth groups on the first three Sunday nights of the month. LIFE meets from 4:30 to 6; CYF meets from 6:30 to 8 and we feed them all together in the dining room from 6 to 6:30. Our cooks are heading this up with help from the parents.

In November, Pike County Youth League used the gym every Saturday and Sunday with 3 Fridays also booked for games. We were booked every week day evening except Wednesdays for basketball practices. Our Wednesday Youth, Family Meal, and “Oasis” services continued. Our annual turkey dinner was held on Wednesday the 16th with great success! The Youth had a basket auction at the turkey dinner which was also a big success. We also held 2 weeks of marriage tune-up classes on Wed evenings. We served the Girls Volleyball Banquet in the dining room on the 15th , rented the dining room for a Business Bazaar on the 20th , and had the CMF dinner on the 21st .

December was also extremely busy with the CWF Bazaar on the 2nd , PCYL on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, practices on the week day evenings, Christmas caroling and supper on the 11th with the biggest turn out ever, Children’s Christmas program following family meal on the 14^h , cantata and cantata dinner on the 18th , a fund raising concert sponsored by our youth on the 19th , Elders dinner meeting on the 20th , our regular youth group meetings, our regular Wednesday activities, and a lock-in for our high school students sponsored by CYF on the 31st . This was a huge undertaking for Luke and his assistants and was a big success! All who attended had a good and meaningful time. All of our Christmas programs and services were well attended. Cantata and Christmas Eve were standing room only with 325 at Christmas Eve and 330 at cantata. Christmas morning service had about 240 in attendance.

Rentals and bookings were steady this year. Also, sadly, we used our dining room to serve many funeral dinners this year. We are grateful to have such a warm and lovely room to minister to our families at their time of loss. This continues to be a very important service and we are thankful for our CWF ladies and their willingness to serve.

A very big heartfelt thank you goes out to Joyce Lemons who chairs the Crossroads committee, to all her committee who cook and serve throughout the year, and to the many volunteers who help in so many ways throughout the year to make this all possible.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Earls

ELDERS

In January the elders met and elected Ann Ferguson as chairperson for the coming year. Elder training in January covered Mathew 23, developing a servant’s heart. We all gleaned many ideas from the study.

The elders met monthly with praise to God for his faithfulness and prayers for concerns in the congregation. Each elder has a list of congregation members to serve. Special efforts are made to keep in touch and contact those in need of prayer. We visited home or hospital as the need arose.

Ten of our twelve elders are involved in teaching and reaching our congregation and youth in Bible study. We have good attendance at 4 services weekly and have 45 new members and 23 baptisms. As new members join they are assigned to one of the elders.

Our jail ministry continues with N.D. Harrison and Wayne Chamberlain conducting a study each week. Several baptisms have occurred at the jail. PRAISE GOD.

We had 7 members travel to Bolivia for a mission trip. Elders prayed for safety and the word being extended to those in the mission. The Hulford’s are pastors there. Lori Schweighardt also made a mission trip to Swaziland and brought a film presentation to the elders. Blessings to all who made these trips possible.

During Luke's teaching the youth the book of Proverbs, the Tuesday Bible study group partnered with the study and prayed for each youth by name, each week during October. Praise be to God, through Solomon, for these words of instruction and wisdom to guide our youth.

At the end of October we all were in agreement that George Balsman should be honored with the deacon emeritus award during our 175 year celebration.

Doug Harvey from the Disciples Heritage Fellowship visited the elders twice. He attended a Long Range Planning meeting and the elder's dinner. His words of encouragement are always welcomed. His guidance to our group is very valuable.

We have been involved in Michael's sabbatical planning and are updated monthly.

As new members are assigned to an elder, we will start a mentoring program. Mentors will be selected from elders and deacons during their time off from serving. This will begin after January 1.

We have had an exceptional year of growth and feel the Holy Spirit calling us to grow his Kingdom to a greater level. PRAISE GOD.

In His Service,
Ann Ferguson, Elder Chair

EVANGELISM

Serving on the Evangelism Committee in 2011 were the following: Charlotte Dunham, Faith Saxe, Yvonne Stauffer, Sandy Wigington, Eleanor Jenkins, Carole Elledge and Betty Hayden.

The Evangelism Committee started the year hosting Jerry Williams in January. Jerry filled the pulpit on Sunday and a celebration meal was after the 10:30 worship service.

The committee along with Worship/Music and Shepherding Committees hosted several celebration Sundays this year. Each one had a fabulous attendance.

Goals for this committee this coming year will again be promote our church and invite all those wishing to seek God to come and join.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Hayden, Evangelism Chair

LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Long Range Planning Committee continues to evaluate the facilities of First Christian Church as they relate to safety, growth and program issues. This year we examined detailed maps of church property and buildings. We also facilitated a meeting between the committee, the elders and Doug Harvey of Disciples Heritage Fellowship.

Members of the LRP committee are: Julie Boren, chair; Cindy Chamberlain, Keith Elledge, Kathy Hull, Walter Lamb, Joyce Lemons, Faith Saxe, Jeremy Schoenherr, Kay Sealock, Bobby Smith, Hamer Tate.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Boren, LRPC Chair

PROPERTY

Property Committee met one time this year to discuss roof repairs at Crossroads Center and to discuss multiple projects to be accomplished. We decided to table all projects until the roof repairs or replacement was done on Crossroads. Now that the replacement has been accomplished, we will start doing other property improvements in 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobby Smith, Chair

SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE

Throughout the year the Shepherding Committee continues to oversee the fellowship treats for cookie Sunday. In 2011 this committee also took over organizing meals for families that have welcomed a new baby.

Respectfully Submitted,
Faith Saxe, Chair

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee met in September to review the proposed 2012 budget submitted by each committee. After review the budget was presented to the board in October and to the congregation in November. The committee decided to present the budget to the Board and to the congregation as totals for each department to reduce redundancy of review.

The committee members include Wayne Baughman, Chair & Elder; Ashley Ferguson, Treasurer; Rebecca Rhodes, Financial Secretary; Burdette Irwin, Elder; Keith Elledge, Deacon; Edna Baughman, Deacon; John Birch, member at large; Dave Awbrey, member at large.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Baughman, Chair

SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Summer Outreach seemed to be a wonderful idea to not only help the children in our community receive a nutritious lunch two times a week, but to also listen and participate with some of our local organizations that promote healthy safe children.

I again would like to thank all the volunteers that came and helped prepare food and transport it to King Park or to one of our outlying communities. Thanks so much.

A big thank you to Helen Earls, Ashley Ferguson, Rebecca Rhodes and Joyce Lemons for all your help and support. Also to Julie Myers and Brandi Pennock for transportation to our outlying communities. Thank you Tammi Kolweit not only for representing U of I Extension, but also for providing a dry goods bag for each family to take home with them.

We served around 200 meals this year to children and also Pastor Luke, Ruth Hulford and Kayla Spangler provided a message to all who attended each lunch. Hopefully the message provided a path for those children to experience God's Great Love for them.

Unfortunately the Summer Program did not once again obtain the number we wished to accomplish so we have decided to step back a while and re-think some of the issues the committee experienced.

So as this committee steps down from this service, please keep us in your prayers to help us develop another avenue to reach out to the children of our community so we can Reach, Teach and Empower.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Hayden, Co- Chr.

TRUSTEES

The 2011 trustees are Bobby Smith, Judy Losch, Wally Lamb, Chuck Barber and Darlene Smith. Bobby Smith serves as Chair and Judy Losch as Secretary.

In February, a CD of \$35,000 had matured. We put this money plus \$15,000 from the Trustee account(to meet the \$50,000 requirement) into a high yield savings account at Farmers State Bank where it will earn interest @0.7%. This was done to have the money accessible in case roof repairs are needed at the Crossroads.

In March we discussed and reviewed our property insurance. We completed a 7 page form accepting, rejecting or requesting a quote for each line item. This was sent to our insurance company.

In September we met and the church board has unanimously accepted a motion made for the trustees to pursue the purchase of a passenger van with a limit of \$8,000. We will use several memorials to cover this. Memorial money will also be used to install the new walk-in freezer that was donated to the Crossroads. More memorial money will be used to purchase a new communion service. There has been some confusion over the Balance Sheet regarding restricted and unrestricted memorials and endowments. We will look into this more in the future.

In November we reviewed the balance sheet dated 10-31-2011. It has been determined based on advice from ND Harrison, Hamer Tate's research and information from Rebecca Rhodes and letters and minutes from the lockbox that three CD's and a savings account at Farmers State Bank have been mislabeled as endowments. It was also found that only two of the restricted memorials listed in the Trustee's checking are actually restricted. We have relabeled these line items as unrestricted appropriately. Rebecca Rhodes is aware and these changes will be reflected on the next balance sheet.

Also in November we met with Matt Pahde, our representative from Church Asset Management, where we are currently insured through Philadelphia Insurance Company. Our policy expires January 7, 2012. Church Asset Mgmt is looking into alternate quotes to obtain the best prices for us. These quotes should be available for us to examine by mid-December. We also realized that our 7 page Coverage Election Form that we filled out in March had not been addressed by our insurance co. This should also be taken care of in December and we can address all quotes and changes at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Losch, Secretary

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship/Music does the decorating for Easter and Christmas as well as the seasonal decorating. The committee also decides what and purchases the gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day. This committee takes care of ordering the poinsettias and Easter lilies as well as making the contacts for advent readers.

Funds from this committee were used to purchase communion supplies, a drum cage used at the Oasis service, Elder and Diaconate Expenses, nursery and Sunday school treats, misc. supplies including seasonal items. Budgeted in this committee are funds for pulpit fills which were used four times last year. The banners that are out at the Crossroads for Oasis were funded through Worship/ Music.

This committee helps, when needed, the Evangelism and Shepherding committees with Celebration Sundays and special events, like the 175th Celebration, in preparing and serving meals.

Committee members include: Joyce Harrison, Vera Staffy, Becky Irwin, Charlotte Dunham, Ann Ferguson, Georgia Sandidge, and Helen Earls

Goals for the coming year:
Help plan and promote special events as needed.
Support growth and best use of the facilities.
REACH -----TEACH -----EMPOWER

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Wigington, Worship Chair

175th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

In 2011 the First Christian Church celebrated its 175th anniversary during a special weekend in October. A history of the church was prepared and distributed to the members. A Pike County Historical Society meeting was held in the sanctuary on Friday, Oct. 28, with reminiscences of several 50 year members, and a history of the congregation given by Michael Boren. Saturday, Oct. 29 was a dinner in the Crossroads, with an historical program and pageant given in the sanctuary. Sunday, Oct. 30, Elder Michael Boren preached at all three services, and reminded us of our Stone-Campbell, Restoration Movement heritage. The members of the 175th Anniversary Committee were Michael Boren, Helen Earls, Joyce Lemons, Kay Sealock, Carol Cooley, Yvonne Stauffer, Betty Hayden and Pastor Michael Ten Eyck.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Boren

2011 OUTREACH (LOCAL AND WORLD) YEAR IN REVIEW

DEC 31, 2010 BALANCE	\$6,186.43
TOTAL 2011 RECEIPTS:	\$19,275.94
TOTAL 2011 EXPENDITURES:	\$17,096.74
DEC 31, 2011 BALANCE	\$8,365.63

<u>PROGRAMS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENT OF EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>WORLD/ LOCAL</u>
UNMET NEEDS (25% OF GENERAL)	\$2,357.55	13.79%	L
SAMARITAN'S PURSE (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES)	\$2,242.12	13.11%	W
JOPLIN STORM AID	\$1,944.00	11.37%	W
INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS - IN HOUSE	\$1,813.00	10.60%	L
INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS - LOCAL	\$1,677.20	9.81%	L
ADOPT A FAMILY - CHRISTMAS BASKET	\$1,512.37	8.85%	L
OPERATION RESTORATION (HULFORDS)	\$838.00	4.90%	W
RUSK CHURCH OF CHRIST (KRISTIN BROKAW)	\$775.00	4.53%	W
JAPAN STORM AID	\$753.00	4.40%	W
FEED WORKCREW	\$639.00	3.74%	L
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST	\$520.00	3.04%	W
INTERVARSITY MISSION (FINISHED IN 2009)	\$520.00	3.04%	W
ALABAMA STORM AID	\$470.00	2.75%	W
GAS VOUCHERS	\$451.86	2.64%	L
PIONEER BIBLE TRANSLATORS (WELDY FAMILY)	\$245.00	1.43%	W
FOOD VOUCHERS	\$226.14	1.32%	L
FRUIT BASKETS	\$112.50	0.66%	L
	\$17,096.74	100.00%	

WORLD = 48.57% OF EXPENDITURES, LOCAL = 51.43% OF EXPENDITURES

The Outreach Committee has been very successful again this year due to the wonderful generosity of the First Christian Church of Pittsfield, IL congregation. We have been able to support many missionaries all over the world. This year, a new struggle was with the many devastating storms that occurred not only nationwide but worldwide. We supported 3 locations (Joplin, Missouri, Alabama and Japan) representing approximately 18% of our expenditures. Out of the money that is marked for "general" outreach, 25% of that is sent to Pike County Unmet Needs with the rest being used to support the various local or world projects the committee decides upon. This year, for the first time, we asked for volunteers with help for our shoebox and Adopt a Family program. The response was overwhelming and we are genuinely grateful for all the help we received with our two largest projects. This is a new tradition we will definitely continue! We collected 231 shoeboxes and gave a very Merry Christmas to 26 families.

We wish to thank everyone in the church who supported outreach either with their donations or their time and to Rebecca for all her work tracking receipts and disbursements, having materials and space ready for our projects, and of course, our endless communication!

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Gates, chair
 Angie Hittner
 Terry Smith and Ashley Ferguson (through fall 2011)
 Carolyn Barber (since fall 2011)

OUTREACH COMMITTEE
2012 GOALS

Assist congregation members in need as much as possible.

Assist community members in need as much as possible.

Continue supporting the current programs in place:

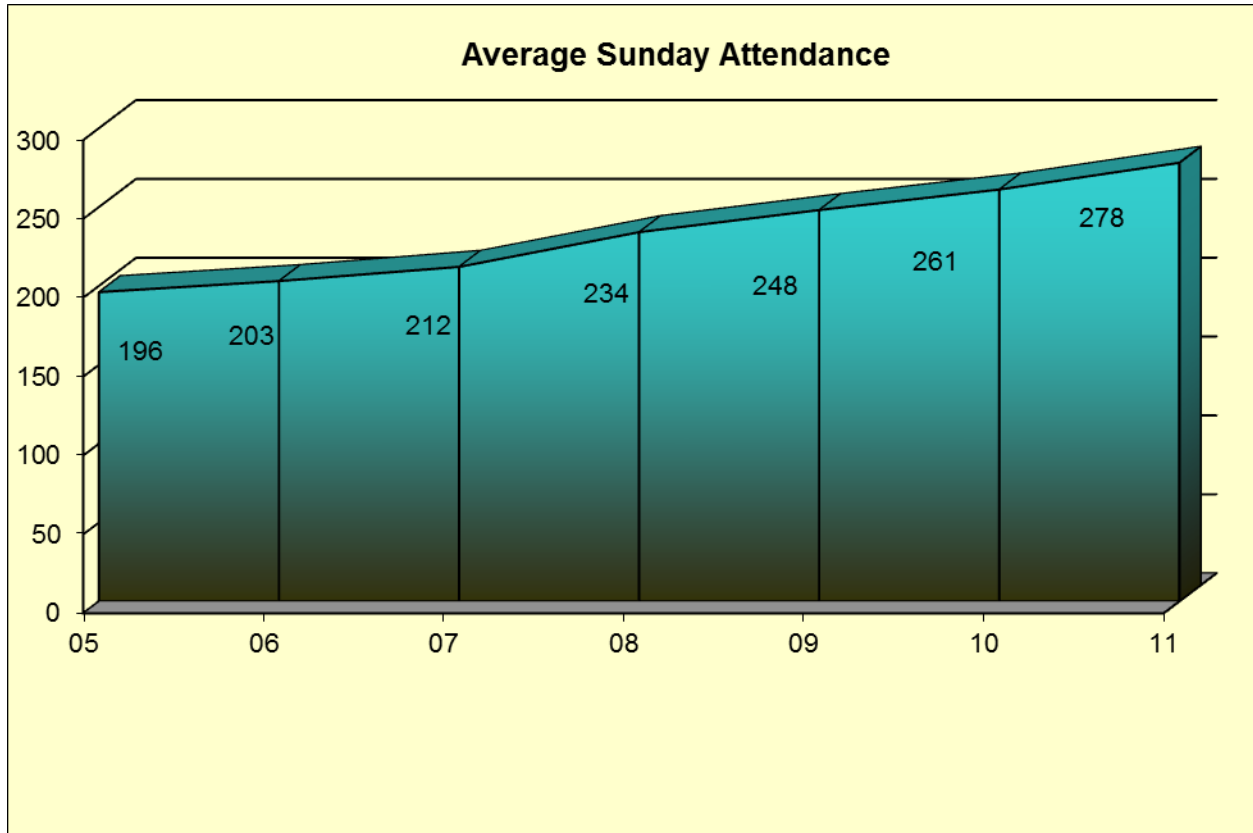
- Pike County Unmet Needs
- Pike County Christmas Basket
- Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- missionaries
- fruit baskets

Be open to new programs to assist the congregation or community.

Assist with world outreach projects as much as possible.

Average Sunday Attendance

- 2011 278 (35 Mid-Week Oasis)
- 2010 261 (45 Mid-Week Oasis)
- 2009 248 (56 Mid Week Oasis)
- 2008 234
- 2007 212
- 2006 203
- 2005 196

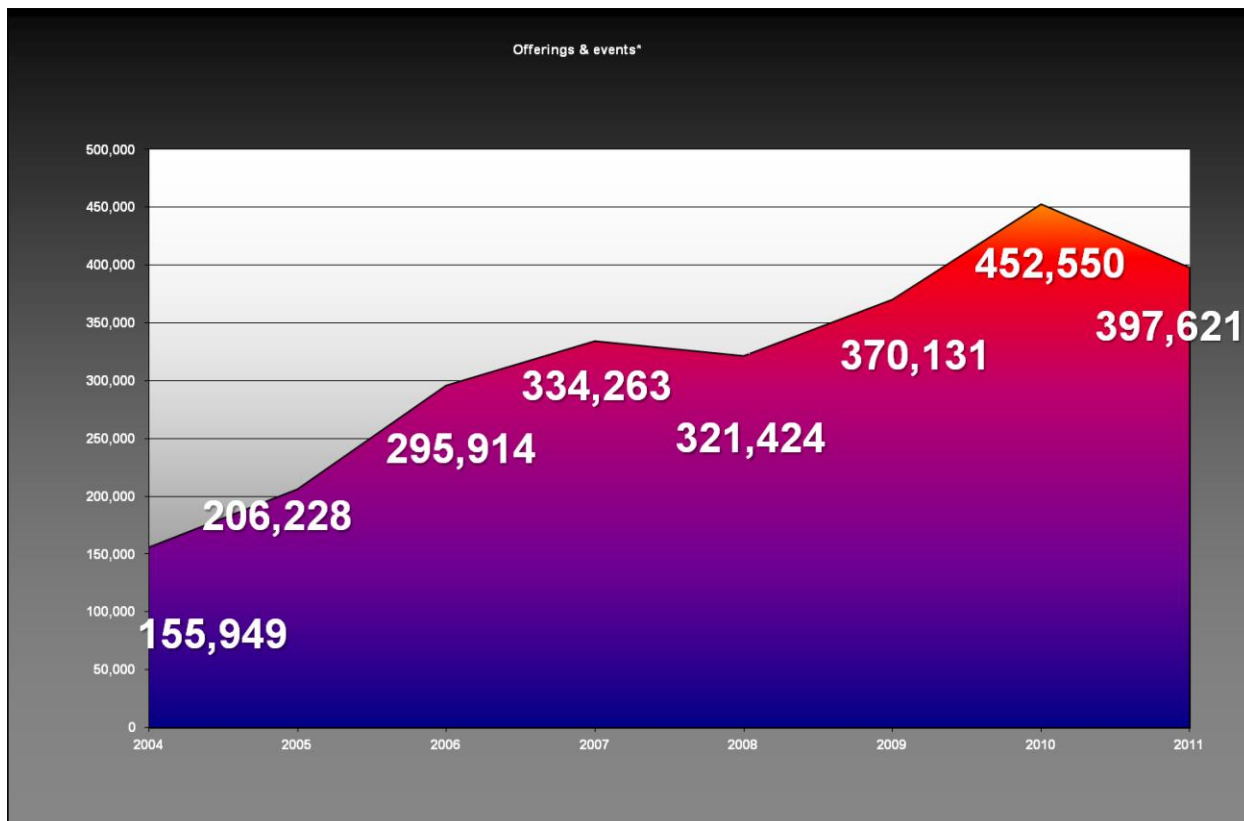


<u>TRUSTEE FUNDS</u>							
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Unrestricted Assets	\$1,986,269	\$1,870,801	\$1,930,833	\$1,927,253	\$1,941,699	\$1,935,398	\$1,904,066
Unrestricted Liabilities	-162,369	-285,645	-527,714	-600,676	-679,185	-748,978	-796,401
Restricted Assets	13,558	57,899	27,933	17,118	10,288	8,464	2,765
Restricted Liabilities		-1,179 (Property Tax)					
Endowment Assets	9,665	113,523	113,523	113,176	112,748	112,523	113,740

RECEIPTS TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH of Pittsfield, Illinois						
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Offerings & events*	\$397,621	\$452,550	\$370,131	\$321,424	\$334,263	\$295,914

* - Includes gross receipts from events less direct costs of food & supplies.

8 Year Growth

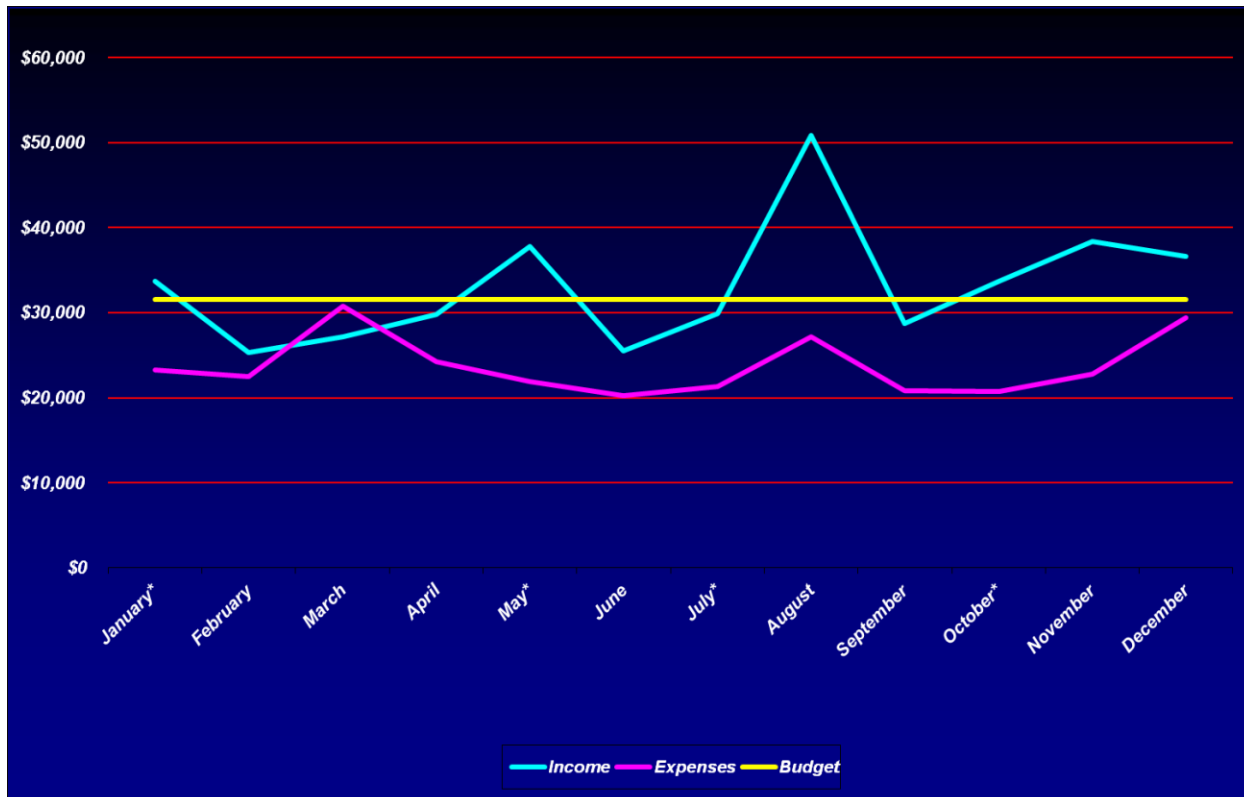


Congregational Receipts / Disbursements and Nonbudgeted 2011

	Receipts	Disbursements	Non-Budgeted	Total
January*	\$33,732	\$23,278	\$4,898	\$15,352
February	25,361	22,513	1,937	4,785
March	27,160	30,796	7,371	3,735
April	29,771	24,290	2,339	7,820
May*	37,798	21,908	5,135	21,025
June	25,560	20,208	(1,945)	3,407
July*	29,864	21,274	(4,771)	3,819
August	50,886	27,177	2,509	26,218
September	28,745	20,878	13,138	21,005
October*	33,737	20,783	(17,190)	(4,236)
November	38,402	22,746	3,019	18,675
December	36,599	29,460	2,378	9,517
Total	\$397,621	\$285,316	\$18,820	\$131,125

* = 5 Sunday Month

2011 Receipts vs. Expenditures (budgeted)
 *= 5 Sunday Months



Budgeted Expenditures Breakdown

	<u>2011</u>
Administration	\$172,385
Christian Education	10,372
Evangelism	3,702
Facility (not including mortgage interest)	75,939
Music	3,496
Shepherding	774
Stewardship	179
Worship	4,649
Subtotal	271,496

Mortgage Interest **13,817**
Total **\$285,313**

60.4% of our expenses are Administration. 89.5% of Administration expenses are wages, payroll taxes and benefits.

Investment in Crossroads Center

<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
\$1,727,374	\$1,717,627	\$1,707,164	\$1,704,529	\$1,699,456	\$1,699,456	\$1,684,748
162,369	285,645	527,714	600,676	679,185	748,978	796,401

Year End Summary

- -Mortgage principal was reduced by \$123,276 during the year
- -Equity up \$131,124 at year end
- -During the year we purchased AV Equipment, walk-in freezer, repaired Crossroads roof.
- -We paid \$59,687 principal only payments towards the Crossroads mortgage. These monies were from special donations and excess funds in operational.

Budget for 2012	
	Current
Budget Expenditures	\$372,810
Mortgage Principal	65,405
Total	438,215
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget	\$8,268

What Can We Do in 2012?

Race to the Finish!

Support the Church

- Prayer
- Attendance and Participation
- Faithful Consistent Giving
- Remember the building is here and running even when you are not