

# **2012 Report For The Tomlinson Run Church Of Christ**

By Paul R. Blake

## **2012 Was A Year Of Fiscal Growth And Physical Hardships**

- We saw a modest decrease in our attendance
- We were blessed with a very large increase in the contribution
- We struggled with a nearly unprecedented number of serious health conditions among the members and their families
- We sorrowed over the passing of brother Kester Pryor and other friends dear to disciples here
- Two families moved away: Tim & Jo Cook to Southern WV, and the Glover family to New Cumberland
- Three persons were baptized

## **New Works Were Engaged By This Church**

- We began an in-depth adult Bible class that meets once each month in the home of Randy and Pam Jones, with an average attendance of 15
- We sat at the feet of a new adult Bible class teacher: Heath Baker
- We began using video Bible study materials in the teen classes
- We sent more support to overseas preacher training works, and took on some support for a preacher in Kurnool, India, brother T. Munesh
- We began putting together a Bible study resource library for the use of our members

## **Supporting the Work of the Lord**

- The work of the Lord is supported by the freewill offerings of Christians, as instructed in the New Testament - 2Cor. 8:1-5
- The members of this congregation do so with purpose of heart pleased to do the will of God - Matt. 6:1-4

## **The Uses Made Of The Contribution As Instructed In The New Testament**

- Evangelism, teaching the gospel to the lost
- Edification, building up Christians through preaching and teaching (includes providing and maintaining a place for worship and Bible study)
- Limited Benevolence, ministering to the physical needs of poor saints

## **Supporting Evangelism**

- Phil. 4:16-17; 2Tim. 2:2
- But how are we to fund the preaching of the gospel?
- What are the scripturally authorized means and methods of supporting the work of the church?
- 1Cor. 16:1-2; 2Cor. 8:1-12

## **Supporting The Work Of The Church**

- But who is to support this work and who is to do this work?
- Do the scriptures supply a plan?
- Every member of a local congregation has a Christ-ordained role and purpose
- Eph. 4:11-13, 16
- Do the scriptures authorize a public report of the work of the local church?
- Should we keep these matters hidden or speak openly of them?
- Acts 14:21-23, 26-27

## 2012 Attendance (53 Sundays)

- Average attendance was 130 on Sunday
- Represents a decrease in attendance of 8 per week over 2011
- Highest attendance was 150 on July 8th
- Lowest attendance was 113 on October 21st
- Average attendance for past years:

2011 -- 138

2010 -- 130

2009 -- 125

2008 -- 138

2007 -- 133

2006 -- 142

2005 -- 148

2004 -- 135

2003 -- 127

2002 -- 112

2001 -- 113

2000 -- 114

1999 -- 106

1996 -- 101

## 2012 Contributions

2012 offerings = \$161,777.57 -- Average weekly = \$3,052.41

Representing an increase of \$17,358.00 over 2011

2011 offerings = \$144,419.49 -- Average weekly = \$2,777.30

2010 offerings = \$122,898.88 -- Average weekly = \$2,363.44

2009 offerings = \$112,671.89 -- Average weekly = \$2,166.77

2008 offerings = \$114,845.55 -- Average weekly = \$2,208.57

2007 offerings = \$114,609.13 -- Average weekly = \$2,204.02

Past years:

2006 -- \$2,393.45

2005 -- 2,295.19

2004 -- 2,218.73

2003 -- 1,936.90

2002 -- 1,936.79

2001 -- 1,808.98

2000 -- 1,616.97

1996 -- 1,238.37

Contributions = \$161,777.57

Expenditures = \$145,831.26

Difference = \$15,946.31

## Supporting Evangelism in 2012

Name	Location	Monthly	For 2010
Dennis Adams	Shippensburg, PA	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
John Gibson	West Lafayette, Ohio	400.00	6,000.00
Joel Williams	Eshowe, South Africa	300.00	3,600.00
Mike Vierheller	East Cambridge, Ohio	400.00	4,800.00
Ethan Longhenry	Venice, California	150.00	1,800.00

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Total monthly support for 2012 \$19,800.00

- In addition, we sent one time support to the following preachers:

- Stan Adams (Medical) \$1,000.00

- Jack Maddocks (India) 1,000.00

- Mike Vierheller (Medical) 1,000.00

- Dennis Adams (Medical) 1,000.00
- John Humphries (India) 1,000.00 Total Support
- Total \$5,000.00 \$24,800.00

### Supporting Evangelism in 2012

- Total preachers' support increased last year by \$6,200.00
- Total for 2012 = \$24,800.00
- Average Monthly for 2012 = \$2,066.67
- As a percentage of 2012 total expenditures = 17%
- Compared to 2011 = 12.8%
- Total Average Monthly Support at Present = \$1,566.67
- As a percentage of 2013 estimated expenditures = 12.5%

### Supporting Evangelism in 2013

Ethan Longhenry	Los Angeles, CA	150.00
John Gibson	West Lafayette, OH	500.00
Mike Vierheller	East Cambridge, OH	400.00
Joel Williams	Eshowe, South Africa	300.00
T. Munesh	Kurnool, India	50.00

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Total Monthly for 2013 \$1,400.00

- We sent \$1,000.00 to Jack Maddocks for his February trip to India to train native preachers
- We will send \$1,000.00 to John Humphries in November for his trip to India to train native preachers

### Supporting Local Edification in 2012

- Two Gospel Meetings (Wilson Adams and Dick Blackford)
- 5 TR men who preached here by appointment - \$75.00 per lesson
- Gary Berdine who preached 11 sermons
- Paul R. Blake's salary as evangelist plus medical insurance
- Bible class books, classroom and office supplies
- Total for 2012 = \$83,134.96
- As a percentage of expenditures = 57% (Increased by 1% over 2011)
- Combined with support for preachers elsewhere, the percentage of contributions going directly for evangelism and edification is \$109,598.86
- As a percentage of total expenses = 75% (Increased by 6% over 2011)

### 2012 Expenditures

- Total expenditures = \$145,831.26
- Total for preaching and teaching = \$109,598.86
- Remaining expenses = \$36,232.24 (Decreased over 2011 by 20%)
- Scheduled expenses: building cleaning, cleaning and maintenance supplies, lawn care, snow removal, insurances, heating oil, electric, telephone, minor repairs, postage, AC repair, parking lot repair, and miscellaneous purchases.
- Our largest maintenance expenses in 2012 were insulating the building, sealing the basement, and surfacing the parking lot - \$7,863.85

## **Benevolence**

- On a collective level, TR gave over \$2,500.00 in benevolence to disciples in need.
- On an individual basis, members at TR gave over \$5,000.00 to others in need, both locally and in Zimbabwe.
- On a private basis, I am aware of nearly \$1,700.00 given to individuals.
- This represents a level of generosity seldom seen these days

## **Policy of Financial Disclosure**

- David Dulaney, Sr., the deacon who serves this congregation as treasurer, generates a monthly financial report posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for all to read. The elders wish for all to be informed of the fact that all uses of the offerings are limited to scripturally authorized activities for the church.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- 2013
- Buddy Payne - May 19-22
- Bob Waldron - September 8-13
- 2014
- Dan Petty - May
- Bill Feist - Fall
- 2015
- Mark Copeland - Spring
- Doug Roush - Fall
- 2016
- Edwin Crozier - Spring
- Jason Hardin - Fall
- 2017
- Donnie Rader - Spring
- Andy Diestelkamp - Fall
- 2018
- Joseph Casimier - Spring

## **The Deacons**

- Paul B. Blake
- Dave Dulaney, Sr.
- Ken Fleeman
- Adam Berdine
- Steve Gorby
- Jeff Rhodes
- Heath Baker

## **The Work of the Deacons**

- Treasurer, count offering, make deposits, pay salaries and expenses
- Count Bible class attendees
- Keep Insurance policies and inspections current
- Maintain baptistery garments
- Purchase cleaning and paper supplies

- Oversee well, plumbing and septic maintenance
- Schedule Deacons in rotation to count offering
- Assist with building security
- Records maintenance/shredding
- Maintain fire extinguishers
- Assist in opening and closing the building in the janitor's absence
- Maintain fire and carbon monoxide alarms
- Schedule teachers for classes
- Conduct annual fire drill
- Keep a roster of teachers and students
- Maintain First Aid Kit and safety supplies
- Order all class materials
- Taking Bible class attendance
- Taking attendance
- Schedule readers, waiting on the table
- Prepare minutes of elder's meetings
- Record sermons and Bible classes
- Oversee lawn, cemetery and tractor maintenance
- Assist with building security
- Maintain communion preparation schedule
- Monitor and order heating oil for the building and parsonage
- Maintain communion supplies
- Oversee furnace and air conditioning maintenance
- Schedule song leaders
- Assist with building maintenance outside scope of janitorial duties
- Direct themed song services
- Assist counting offering
- Select scriptures for Sunday readings
- Maintain emergency call list
- Add prayer list and notifications to Facebook page
- Escort elderly and disabled in and out of the building
- Assist visitors to find seating and amenities
- Participate in emergency notifications
- Assistance during power failures and fire drills

#### **TR Website**

- Between 8,000 to 12,500 visits per month
- Average 302 per day
- Highest month - August - 18,311 visits
- At present, there are 9 people the taking correspondence courses from the website
- I receive emails every week about the website
- 310 sermon outlines
- 295 sets of sermon charts
- 128 audio sermons

- 18 by local men
- 468 bulletin articles
- 84 by local members
- 189 by evangelist
- 90 children's bulletins
- 6300 wise sayings
- 39 classbooks & study guides
- King James Bible
- American Standard Bible
- Calendar of events and future gospel meetings
- Multiple pages of information about Tomlinson Run
- Contact information for the elders and deacons
- Links to other helpful websites
- Findthechurch.com
- A search engine
- Maps and directions
- Plus a few hundred other aids for the Bible student

### **Bible Study Resource Library**

One of the great matters of emphasis by the elders here at TR over the past ten years has been on doing everything we can think of for our Bible classes. We held teacher training classes, reviewed all of our class material and chose the best available, adjusted our class schedules, visit the classes to observe them twice each year, talk with and encourage our teachers, compliment the students for their interest, etc. Last year we began another project that we believe will be of benefit to our teachers, students and all of the members here at TR. We were given six boxes of books that belonged to Carl Parsons. Shortly afterward, we received two boxes of materials that were used by Alvin Nuzum. As we looked around, we realized that with all of the materials we had on hand in storage, we had the makings of a good Bible study and resource library. It is still a work in progress and not quite ready for use, but we believe that when it is opened, it will make available to every disciple here the kind of Bible study resources usually found only in the personal libraries of experienced Gospel preachers. In all of my years of preaching and holding meetings, I know of only four other congregations who put together such a collection of Bible study materials for their members, and none of them more well supplied than this one. I also observed that these congregations also have a name for growing in the faith as well as in number, have raised several of their young men to be gospel preachers, and on the whole have a membership that is well versed in the scriptures.

### **It contains**

- Over 4000 Bible Periodicals
- 240 Books
- 750 Sermon CDs
- 5000 Sermon Cassettes
- 40 Lecture CDs; 20 Videos; 10 singing instruction CDs
- Four singing kits containing: 12 of each -- Sacred Selections, handmade song books, Singing the Psalms, and three New Testaments

- A grief library of 25 books and CDs donated by Ed Marino
- Five binders of sermon outlines and class notes by Alvin Nuzum
- Two filing cabinets of notes and sermons by Tom Icard
- Three filing cabinets and 15 binders of assorted class materials
- Approximately 600 class books
- 300 take-home books, class materials, and duplicate Bible periodicals
- Electronic equipment: cassette duplicator, overhead projector, multi-printer, electronic typewriter, multimedia projector, cassette player, cassette/reel-to-reel/MP3 to CD copier
- We anticipate including three computers
- Each will be loaded with Bible software and Open Source Office for use by the teachers in creating class materials, for students to use for study, and for anyone to listen to CDs or view videos
- Adam Berdine is in the process of securing and preparing the donated computers for our use
- We anticipate more Bible study resources over time.
- Donations have come from: Carl Parsons, Alvin Nuzum, Tom Icard, Mike Vandine, Ken Fleeman, Ed Marino, Paul R. Blake, the long term storage room

#### **Work has been done by**

- Heather Blake did most of the sorting, organization, and cataloging
- Randy Jones hung the shelves
- John and Carol Nuzum assembled the binders with Alvin Nuzum's materials
- Several others who have helped and given materials over six months
- We need some help with sorting and boxing the cassette library. There are about 5000 cassettes that need sorted by date and put in order in archive boxes. 10 to 12 persons could probably do the job in about three hours. We would like to ask the ladies to arrange for a work day to come here and do that. Joanne Stewart has agreed to do this, and she will have copies of the instructions. We would like for her to have at least ten helpers this coming Friday morning, weather permitting. Please get together with her to set this up. It is far too large a task for one or even a few to do by themselves. I will arrange for the tapes and boxes to be on hand and will turn up the heat so it will be comfortable. Thank you!

#### **Caring for the Building**

- John & Carol Nuzum resigned from custodial duties here after many years of service. We are grateful for their service.
- The Jeff Rhodes family has now undertaken this work. Be certain to encourage them in this.
- Eric, Sheila, and Devin Martin take care of the lawn.
- Dan Snider snow plows the parking lot.

#### **Plans for 2013**

- Studying Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes in the Wednesday Adult Bible class
- Incorporating more video Bible study materials in classes
- Having a Wednesday "short talk" service in August

Psalm 133:1 - "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!"