

2013 Report For The Tomlinson Run Church Of Christ

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2013 Was A Hard Year For TR

- We saw a significant decrease in our attendance
- We had a large decrease in the contribution
- In 2012, we struggled with a nearly unprecedented number of serious health conditions among the members and their families; but, in 2013, we experienced the passing of five dear souls: Lorene Morris, Jack Strum, John Nuzum, Helen Swords, Wesley Lloyd
- Two persons were baptized: Frank and Loretta Reed

Ongoing Works Engaged In By This Church

- 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 sent more support to overseas preacher training works with Jack Maddocks
- We have completed our resource library for teachers and 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

2013 Attendance

- Average attendance was 120 on Sundays
- Represents a decrease in attendance of 10 per week over 2012
- Highest attendance was 148 on August 18th
- Lowest attendance was 99 on February 3rd

- Represents a decline in attendance of 28 over the past 8 years (2005); however, we would have to go back 11 years (2002) to find lower attendance.
- Average attendance for past years:

2012 -- 130	
2011 -- 138	2004 -- 135
2010 -- 130	2003 -- 127
2009 -- 125	2002 -- 112
2008 -- 138	2001 -- 113
2007 -- 133	2000 -- 114
2006 -- 142	1999 -- 106
2005 -- 148	1996 -- 101

2013 Contributions

2013 offerings = \$111,423.69 -- Average weekly = \$2142.76

Representing an decrease of \$50,353.88 from 2012

Our weekly average contribution has not been this low since 2003

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

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	2002 -- 1,936.79
2005 -- 2,295.19	2001 -- 1,808.98
2004 -- 2,218.73	2000 -- 1,616.97
2003 -- 1,936.90	1996 -- 1,238.37

Contributions = \$111,423.69

Expenditures = \$128,591.71

Difference = - \$17,168.02 (- \$330.16 per week)

Supporting Evangelism in 2013 (Reduced the amount of support in August)

Name	Location	Monthly	For 2013
Dennis Adams	Shippensburg, PA	\$300.00	\$300.00
John Gibson	West Lafayette, Ohio	200.00	4,200.00
Joel Williams	Eshowe, South Africa	200.00	2,600.00
Mike Vierheller	East Cambridge, Ohio	200.00	3,600.00
Ethan Longhenry	Venice, California	150.00	1,900.00
T Munesh	Kurnool, India	50.00	776.40

Total monthly support for 2013 \$13,376.40

- In addition, we sent one time support to the following preachers:
- Jack Maddocks (India) \$1,000.00
- Total Support \$14,376.40

Supporting Evangelism in 2013

- Total preachers' support decreased last year by \$10,423.60
- Total for 2013 = \$14,376.40
- Average Monthly for 2013 = \$1,198.03
- As a percentage of 2013 total expenditures = 11.2%
- Compared to 2012 = 15%

Supporting Evangelism in 2014

Ethan Longhenry	Los Angeles, CA	150.00
John Gibson	West Lafayette, OH	200.00
Mike Vierheller	East Cambridge, OH	200.00
Joel Williams	Eshowe, South Africa	200.00
T. Munesh	Kurnool, India	50.00

Total Monthly for 2014 \$800.00
As a percentage of 2014 estimated expenditures = 7.3%

Supporting Local Edification in 2013

- Two Gospel Meetings (Buddy Payne in the Spring and Bob Waldron in the Fall)
- 3 TR men who preached here by appointment - \$75.00 per lesson
- Gary Berdine preached 8 sermons, Zach Rhodes - 1, Theron Smith - 1
- Paul R. Blake's salary as evangelist plus medical insurance
- Bible class books and supplies
- Total for 2013 = \$76,566.81
- As a percentage of expenditures = 59.5% (Increased by 2.5% over 2012)
- Combined with support for preachers elsewhere, the amount going directly for evangelism and edification is \$90,943.21
- As a percentage of total expenses = 71% (decreased by 4% over 2012)

2013 Expenditures

- Total expenditures = \$128,591.71
- Total for preaching and teaching = \$90,943.21
- Remaining expenses = \$37,648.50 (Increased over 2012 by 10%)
- Scheduled expenses: building cleaning, cleaning and maintenance supplies, lawn care, snow removal, insurances, heating oil, electric, telephone, postage, furnace repair, building and parsonage repairs, website, office supplies, and miscellaneous purchases.
- Our largest maintenance expense in 2013 was installing new windows in the annex and putting storm windows on the auditorium - \$7,350.00

Benevolence

- There were no large benevolent efforts, collective or individual, in 2013

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

- Dan Petty - May 2014
- Bill Feist - Fall 2014
- Mark Copeland - Spring 2015
- Doug Roush - Fall 2015
- Edwin Crozier - Spring 2016
- Jason Hardin - Fall 2016
- Donnie Rader - Spring 2017
- Andy Diestelkamp - Fall 2017
- Joseph Casimier - Spring 2018

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

- 42,500 visits per month; over half million in 2013
- Average 1,300 new visitors each month
- Highest month - December - 66,700 visits
- 1840 study guides, outlines, charts, bulletins, audio sermons, reference works, classbooks, search engine, links, contact information, etc.
- At present, there are 7 people the taking correspondence courses from the website
- I receive emails every week about the website

Bible Study Resource Library Contains

- Over 4000 Bible Periodicals
- 260 Books
- 800 Sermon CDs
- 5000 Sermon Cassettes
- 40 Lecture CDs; 20 Videos; 10 singing instruction CDs
- Four singing kits
- A grief library of 25 books and CDs
- 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
- Electronic equipment: cassette duplicator, overhead projector, multi-printer, electronic typewriter, multimedia projector, cassette player, cassette/reel-to-reel/MP3 to CD copier
- Two computers 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

Caring for the Building

- The Jeff Rhodes family takes care of the building. 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 2014

- Studying Evidences in the Adult Bible class on Sunday mornings.
- Incorporating materials from the Indepth Adult Bible class on Monday nights into our Wednesday Adult Bible class.
- Trying to overcome the hardship of 2013 and recover our positive spirit and get back to work building the Lord's Church in this area.

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