



*2012 Report For
The Tomlinson Run
Church Of Christ*

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

2Corinthians 8:1-5

- The work of the Lord is supported by the freewill offerings of Christians, as instructed in the New Testament
 - 2Cor. 8:1-5 - “Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.”

Matt. 6:1-4

- The members of this congregation do so with purpose of heart pleased to do the will of God without public acknowledgement
 - Matt. 6:1-4 - “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”

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 - “For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.”
- 2Tim. 2:2 - “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Supporting The Preaching Of The Gospel

- 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 - “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”
 - 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?

Supporting The Work Of The Church

- Every member of a local congregation has a Christ-ordained role and purpose
 - Eph. 4:11-13, 16 - “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ... 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Supporting The Work Of The Church

- 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 - “And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God. So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed... 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>For 2010</u>
• Dennis Adams	Shippensburg, PA	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
• John Gibson	West Lafayette, Ohio	500.00	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	
• <u>John Humphries (India)</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>	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

TR 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
- 130 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

- 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

Bible Study Resource Library


- 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, and the long term storage room
- Work has also 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

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!”