



*2013 Report For
The Tomlinson Run
Church Of Christ*

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 14
- We sent more support to overseas preacher training works with Jack Maddocks
- We have completed our resource library for teachers and members

2Corinthians 8:1-5

- The work of the Lord is supported by the freewill offerings of Christians, as instructed in the Word
 - 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.”

2013 Attendance

- Average attendance was 120 on Sunday
- 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
- Average attendance for past years:
 - 2012 -- 130
 - 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

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

2013 Contributions

- 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 = \$111,423.69
- Expenditures = \$128,591.71
- Difference = - \$17,168.02 (- \$330.16 per week)

Supporting Evangelism in 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>For 2010</u>
• 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	1,800.00
• T Munesh	Kurnool, India	50.00	776.40
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• Total monthly support for 2013			\$13,376.40
• In addition, we sent one time support to the following preacher:			
• <u>Jack Maddocks (India)</u>		<u>\$1,000.00</u>	
• Total		\$1,000.00	Total Support \$14,376.40

Supporting Evangelism in 2013

- Total for 2013 = \$14,376.40
- Total preachers' support decreased last year by \$10,423.60
- 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
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•	Total Monthly for 2014		\$800.00

Supporting Local Edification in 2013

- Two Gospel Meetings (Buddy Payne and Bob Waldron)
- 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, classroom/office 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

2013 Expenditures

- 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

- Average of 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 taking correspondence courses from the website
- I receive emails every week about the website

Bible Study Resource Library

- 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!”