

# FBC ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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## Pastor's Report 2008

**P** – *Partner in the gospel ministry of First Baptist Church.* The first preaching series I did here was on the book of Philippians. In chapter 1 verse 5 Paul describes his relationship with the Philippians as a partnership. I feel that way with you. It is a privilege to partner with you in so many excellent ministries.

*Preaching.* This past year I preached a series on the names of Jesus and names of God. I also began a series in the book of Hebrews. In 2009 we will finish the book of Hebrews right before Easter and then I hope to preach through the book of Ecclesiastes and subsequently will do a series this summer on the names of the Holy Spirit. In the fall I hope to launch a series on the Book of Acts. I love preaching. An ideal week for me is to accomplish a significant part of the study for the sermon on Monday and then allow the passage to percolate in my heart throughout the week.

**A** – *Administration.* You have graciously surrounded me with a team of capable administrative help. Jennifer Sortore keeps the church office running and always with a smile. Jennifer Lavrey not only does an excellent job administratively with the music/worship, she also is an accomplished participant. A church is an organism consisting of vital relationships but it is also an organization which needs capable administration. Janice Snyder as our church treasurer does an invaluable job.

**S** – *Shepherd.* It is my privilege to be a member of a council of elders. While I am the visible one, often we truly have a shared pastoral ministry. If this fellowship depended on me alone to do all the shepherding, we would be anemic. Visitation, counseling, and discipleship are the formal aspects of shepherding, friendship is the informal aspect. We truly are a church where everyone is a minister.

**T** – *Teaching.* For the past 4½ years I have been teaching a curriculum called *Bible Training Centre for Pastors/Leaders*. This curriculum was developed for training pastors in developing countries. A group of four participants have been faithful in their attendance for nine modules and we are planning to complete the tenth module this spring. The course is designed to be taught in a progression where one class is the prerequisite for the next. I'm not sure if I will start the process over again, but I will definitely have a ministry training opportunity next fall. I also enjoy teaching Sunday School. This fall I taught a new members class. This next spring I will be teaching a class called "Soul Talk." It's about having relationships with others that encourage spiritual growth.

**O** – *Outreach.* My primary outreach vehicle has been involvement at Franklinville Central School. I coach, substitute teach, and am a member of the TBA Foundation. My school ministry is not only a perfect fit using my past training in education, it also gives me great joys and challenges. I'm glad I get to do life with those who are outside "the holy huddle."

**R** – *Relationships*. I consider relationships to be my top priority. Of first and foremost priority is my relationship with the LORD. My spiritual life is not professional; it is personal. This next year I plan to read the Bible chronologically using a reading schedule I found on the Internet. Due to my Attention Deficit Disorder I read a variety of spiritual books as well as my Bible. I attended an excellent conference in Colorado in August called *The School of Spiritual Direction* and I hope to attend Part II in August 2009.

Second to the LORD is my wife. Molly and I are enjoying the partially empty nest. Our growing children bring us great joy and still keep us on our knees; that will never change. I try to have lunch with my boys once a week at Houghton. We enjoy spending our Sunday afternoons and evenings as a family. Being near my mother was one of the reasons why we moved back to New York State ten years ago. We so enjoy being near her and having her participate in this fellowship.

*Rest*. I try to take Sunday afternoons and evenings off as my Sabbath. It has become an essential time to be together as a family. Ryan and Christie and Jonathan will not always be near us, so these days are especially meaningful.

It is hard for me to believe that I have been at FBC for ten years. It has been said that a pastor/church relationship is a lot like a marriage. If that is true, I am happily married. It has also been said that churches and pastors develop the same personality. The longer we hang out together the more I become like you and you become like me. For my part, that's a good thing.

Thanks for allowing me to be a pastor at First Baptist Church in Franklinville. I look forward to what the LORD has in store for us together in 2009.

Gratefully,

Pete

## 2008 First Baptist Church Highlights

Submitted by: Jennifer Sortore

### Church services were held as follows:

Jan – June; Sept – Dec – Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am  
July & August – No Sunday School and Worship @ 9:45 am

- ❖ Communion was served the first Sunday of each month. The Jr.-Sr. High Youth met regularly on Sunday's at 6 starting in September with our new youth leaders Carol and Joey Farrand. Rainbow Club for grades K-3 met on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm with Cindy Schwedt as leader. Seekers for grades 4-6 met each Wednesday from 3:15-4:45 pm with Pauline Guckert as leader. Jim Pfeiffer led an adult Bible Study on Wednesday nights at the beginning of the year and Amy & Stu Burton have held an Adult Bible Study at their house from October-present. The Christian Proactive Seniors meetings were held on Monday's at Noon each month. The Elders, Deaconesses, Trustees, and Christian Education Boards met monthly. Other committees met as necessary. An Elder's meeting was held on Sunday mornings and led by Peter Spear from 7:30-8:30 am. Counselors-in-training/Elementary Camp was July 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Middle School Camp was held July 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Rec-N-Hob was held July 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. The Camp Director was Amy Burton, assisted by Peter Spear. The Food Pantry, coordinated by Nellie Sweet and staffed by volunteers, was open the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. We also have started the Clothes Closet ministry again beginning in September with Kym Lewis as the head coordinator. Along with the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet a Free Soup Kitchen was offered the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month starting in November and coordinators were Sandy Burton and Bessie Burroughs. We also have an ongoing Shut-in Ministry led by Pat Wright. Pat takes a tape and a bulletin from the worship service to the shut-ins. We also mail a weekly "Home Touch Newsletter" to the shut-ins. There are alternate ladies that go when Pat is not available.

*JANUARY* – On January 20<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Meeting and tureen dinner were held following the morning worship service.

*FEBRUARY* – A Youth Bible Study group was held by Carol and Joe Farrand that met every Wednesday at 6:00pm here at FBC and was well attended. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, a Valentine's Banquet was held for the adults. It was well attended and all who came enjoyed themselves! On February 22<sup>nd</sup> a Youth Group all nighter was held in Bath, NY and was sponsored by the Family Life Network. The kids had a great time sledding, playing games and having yummy snacks.

*MARCH* – Palm Sunday was on March 16<sup>th</sup>. On March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we held Maundy Thursday here at FBC at 7:00pm. Our Easter Service took place at our normal worship time on the 23<sup>rd</sup> here at FBC.

*JUNE* – On June 15<sup>th</sup> the Board of Christian Education helped celebrate Father's Day by preparing a breakfast for all to enjoy! The last day of Sunday School was on June 8<sup>th</sup>. A mini VBS was put on by Carol Farrand for children in grades k-5. Summer worship hours began on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am. On Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm Rainbow Club & Seekers met one last time at the Ischua Valley Country Club for bowling and a pizza party.

*JULY* – We had our three weeks of camp all fun filled and bursting with fellowship and love for Christ. Elementary camp was the 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, Middle School 19-24<sup>th</sup> and Rec N Hob 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

*SEPTEMBER* – All of our ministries, Rainbow, Sunday School, and Bible Studies, began their fall kick-off. Seekers unfortunately did not start back up due to scheduling problems and getting an assistant to help Pauline.

*OCTOBER* – On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> the Youth Group attended Fright Night at Circle C. A Harvest Dinner was also held for the Youth at Joey & Carol Farrand’s home on November 1<sup>st</sup>. On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> a brief congregational meeting was held following the morning service regarding the use of the Hanson Funds to be used by the Board of Trustees. The Camp Ministry Team organized a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Christian Proactive Seniors changed their name to the Golden Eagles.

*NOVEMBER* – Collection of Operation Christmas Child boxes that our church family individually assembled were collected... Our Annual Harvest Dinner was held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> with a great turnout. A bake sale benefiting FBC’s Clothes Closet was held on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Information began being circulated about starting a fund to go towards getting a wheelchair van. A new building committee was also formed.

*DECEMBER* – On December 12<sup>th</sup> we had a family gingerbread house making night which again was a big success and a great time of family fun and fellowship. Missions organized a collection of goods for Cayce’s Charities and this was a great success. Bell ringers of our church family volunteered their time in front of Shur Fine on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. A children’s musical “The Christmas Spelling Bee” was a fun filled night on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Carol Farrand did a great job at directing and organizing this event. The Youth Group had a Christmas Fun Night on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Amy and Stu Burton organized a night of Christmas Caroling on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We had our Christmas Eve service on the 24<sup>th</sup> where we were blessed to hear beautiful music from our church family.

### Clerk’s Membership Report 2008

Membership January 1, 2008 215

Gains 5

Losses 7

Deaths

Agnes Cornell  
Bob Ulmer  
Erik Peterson  
Gene Gena  
Ann Stevens  
Rita Vrooman  
Dot Brant

Baptisms

Dylan Burton  
Jean Trietley

Right Hand of Fellowship

Marie Bargy  
Anne Krotje  
Shane Krotje  
Ken Childs  
Mary Malinowski

## Report from the Council of Elders 2008

**Education** – As a council we are continuing to study the book, *Biblical Eldership*, by Alexander Strauch. We typically cover several pages each week and have good discussion. The purpose of our study is to learn more about being biblical elders.

**Leadership** – This has been a challenging year in the leadership area. Discipling Peter Wheatley required a large investment of the elders' time in the spring and summer. We learned some invaluable lessons about accountability, mentoring, and authority. The decision to have a youth ministry led by parents is the right approach for our church and community.

**Direction** – Adding on to our current facility has been a topic of discussion. Various options have been explored and lots of dreaming and constructive criticisms have been offered. A committee has been formed to explore the next steps in our desire to expand our facility with the goal of enhancing our ministry.

**Encouragement** – Some of the greatest moments we have had as an elder council is spending time with members of the flock listening and offering counsel. This has taken place as an entire council or as a small group. Our council has great wisdom in the collaboration of our walks with God. We consider ourselves privileged to be asked to join a brother or sister in their spiritual journey.

**Relationships** – As individual elders we meet outside of our weekly meetings. We minister together, pray together, and just share life together. In a very real sense the health of a church is in direct proportion to the relational health of the leadership.

**Shepherding** – We spend time each week at our meetings praying for the flock and the concerns we are aware of. We have been called upon to anoint with oil those who are led by the Lord to do so. Elders visit the flock on a regular basis and we desire to expand our visitation ministry more in the coming year. As elders we are involved in just about every aspect of the family life of our flock. Formally or informally, all of the elders are involved in some type of teaching ministry. The picture of a biblical shepherd watching over his flock is a picture we desire to emulate here at FBC.

If anyone desires to meet with us we are available to meet at our mutual convenience.

Pressing on,

The Council of Elders:

Pete Spear    Russ Hatch    Toad Songster Jim Higgins

Jim Pfeiffer    Steve Lavrey    Rick Hughes    Tom Kopp    Bill Schuyler

## **Board of Christian Education**

Annual Report 2008

Board members this year were Joanne Dingman, Carol Farrand, Jill Haskell, Ellen Hatch, Laura Kopp, and Jennifer Lavrey.

The Board provided Sunday school teachers, curriculum and supplies for students age 2 through adults. Rainbow Club, led by Cindy Schwedt, met throughout the year. Seekers, led by Pauline Fox, met in the spring, but has not been able to meet all fall, due to the lack of an available helper. Various Bible Study groups have met throughout the year, along with Youth Group, led by Peter Wheatley and Joey & Carol Farrand in the spring and led by Joey and Carol and Shane & Anne Krotje in the fall. The Board also provides Jr. Church for children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade during the Sunday morning worship service. Jr. Church is attended by over 20 children on most Sundays.

Mother's Day and Father's Day were celebrated with special breakfasts during the Sunday school hour.

We presented gifts to five First Baptist graduates: Jen Sortore (college) and Jason Fox, Emily Hatch, Morgan Johnson, and Adam Kottwitz (high school). Sunday School teachers and other group leaders were recognized with personal thank you notes from the board, as well as some donations to the church library.

Due to our church resources (people, time and money) being committed to Camp JYC, we did not hold a regular VBS program this year. Instead, we ran some "mini VBS" programs during the Sunday school hours for the month of June. This was very well received.

We kicked off the fall season with a fellowship hour to introduce the new Sunday school teachers. Since our fall Sunday school offerings were being designated to help our local volunteer fire department, we had a fire truck visit. The kids had a great time exploring the truck. In December we had the honor of sending a check for \$725 to the Franklinville Fire Department.

Bibles were presented to 11 children who started third grade: Taylor Balcom, Conner Burrell, Dylan Burton, Jacob Fish, Allyson Haskell, Wake Kless, Isaac Kopp, Taigan Lavrey, Amy O'Neal, Sabrina Skinner, and Caleb Watts

At the end of October we sponsored a Harvest Party. After a potluck meal, we ate donuts from a string, made turkeys from Oreo cookies, went on a hayride and bobbed for apples.

In December, Carol Farrand directed the annual children's Christmas play. This was a musical called "The Christmas Country Spelling Bee". The children did a wonderful job and we all enjoyed birthday cake and punch after as we celebrated Jesus' birthday together.

Our Sunday school classes are overflowing. This is a blessing to our church.

Submitted by:  
Ellen Hatch, Chairman

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT 2008

“The Trustees shall hold in trust all property of the church and shall be responsible for the upkeep and management of the same.” The Trustees, along with help from the Lord, have been active this year doing many little things and some major projects. Toilets in both the men's and women's restrooms were fixed. A support railing was donated and installed in the women's restroom. The baseboard heater in the nursery was fixed. Ceiling holes along with exposed wiring, located in the fellowship hall, was a major obstacle to overcome, but with design help from church members, the problem was resolved. Annual spring parking lot repair was done.

Thanks to Ed Griffin, code required emergency lights were installed in the sanctuary and fellowship hall areas. Said lights consisted of five emergency lights and three emergency exit lights. Six fire extinguishers were recharged during the spring and signs showing their locations were placed in position.

Trustees had two productive work days during the year. One work day was during the summer and the second was during the fall. Along with Trustees and volunteer help from the church, many fix-up projects were accomplished. Those projects were as follows: fixed roof leak of rental house located on Franklin Street. Fixed kitchen and bathroom windows to open property at same location, minor fixes, Pete's office, new roofing installed dover Main Street foyer entrance along with new gutter installed for the foyer. All church hand rails ere tightened and secured. Parking and handicap signs were reworked. Timer light for front sign was put into working order. Touch up painting of the outside of the church along with painting the windows was accomplished. The book slot to the library door was fixed. Many of the sanctuary pews were found to be loose and were tightened.

This fall our furnace, which services the fellowship hall, quit working and consequently had to be repaired. At the same time it was determined that the thermostat located in the fellowship hall was also out of order. It was decided by all concerned to replace the computerized thermostat with a less complicated and as efficient, digital thermostat.

There are many Trustee projects lined up for 2009. One of the major projects which is currently under way is new doors for the front entrance. The ongoing heating problem in the library will be resolved. Ceiling fans in the sanctuary will be repaired. Due to light bulbs for overhead lights in sanctuary being hard to find, new lighting is being considered. Also painting of the sanctuary and new carpet for the sanctuary is being considered. Lots of prayers are needed.

As usual Mit and Barb Farrington are doing an excellent job of taking care of both inside and outside of the church, plus they keep the Trustees aware of repairs that need to be done. Please be sure and thank them for all of their work.

A new push mower and vacuum cleaner were purchased during the year.

Seamless gutters did not get installed as planned due to problems getting contractors to do the work. With the Lord's help the church will find a way to get them installed.

This has been a good year. As a church, we look forward to 2009 to conduct the work of the Lord in an effective and efficient manner.

Bill Steffenhagen, Chairman



## Food Pantry Report -2008

Families Serviced: 150

Averaged 80-90 families per month

Monetary Donations: \$14,086.56

Expenditures: \$12,892.54

### Monetary Donations:

Franklinville Central School-Parent Teacher Association

Franklinville Central School-Student Association Class of 2008

Lippert Guardian Angels Fund

First Baptist Church of Franklinville

The Presbyterian Church of Franklinville

St. Philomena's Church of Franklinville

Ischua Valley Country Club

The IOOB Club

The Conservation Club

Girl Scout Troop 1985

Monthly donations from loyal supporters of the community and members of our own church family and many anonymous donations throughout the year.

### Donations of Food:

Weekly donations from our Church Family

February- 100 Day Celebration-Franklinville Central School Food Drive

May- Letter Carrier Food Drive

April-Girl Scout Troop 1985-Food Drive

November-Christmas Spirit-Food Drive

West Valley Nuclear Services Co.-INC. Food Drive

December- Girl Scout Troop 1985-Food Drive

Steve and Cheryl Suba

St. Philomena's Church Food Drive

Produce donated by Walter Hofmann

Our thanks to everyone for your help and prayers. Please continue...

In His Service,

Nellie Sweet

## First Baptist Church Library Budget 2008

For the year 2008, The Budget provided the following purchases:

**New Books:**

28 Adult Books

1 Children's Book

**New DVD's:**

2 DVD's for Adults

18 DVD's for Children

**Memorials:**

7 Memorial Books for Adults

1 Designated Purpose

**Supplies:**

Book cards

Catalog cards

Book pockets

DVD Tower (holder)

**Donations:**

Many, many Adult Books

Again we say thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve Him.

Our staff this year consisted of Sarah Blotner, Tate Ulmer, Ida Gardner and Myself.

Submitted by,

Pat Wright  
Church Librarian

# Youth Group

Annual Report 2008

Prepared by Carol Farrand

The teens in our church have had many new leaders over the last few years, with Joey & I being one of them and Shane and Anne Krotje coming along side us. This year has been a very active year with many activities. We continue to meet from 6-8pm on Sunday evenings for the most part. We average between 15 to 20 teens each week. We all get together for the first half hour and hangout and eat snacks. Then we venture to the sanctuary for a time of worship which includes praise and worship music with a devotional. We then end the evening with some sort of group activity. We have played human battleship, sardines, human tic tac toe, questions and name game. These are just a few of the teen's favorites.

This year through the fundraisers the teens worked and the donation of the church we were able to attend some of the following activities:

Snow Camp @ Family Life Ministries – 12 teens and 3 Adults

Easter Egg Hunt/Party @ The Farrands – over 20 teens and 5 Adults

Spring Fling @ Houghton – 20 attended

Camp JYC – Many of our teens attended

Camped out @ JYC/Kingdom Bound @ Darien Lake – 23 teens and 5 adults

Kless' End of the year party at the lake – 23 teens

Back to School Party @ the Farrands

Fright Night @ Circle C Ranch – 20 teens and 3 adults

Harvest Bash @ Church/the Farrands – over 20 teens and many adults

Maple Festival setup/fundraiser

Christmas Party @ the Burton's

Snow Camp involved us packing all our stuff and the kids into 3 vehicles and heading to Bath, NY for a sleep over and evening and day of sledding and fun with awesome messages from the FLN staff. We were able to play Human Fuss ball. We then spent the night at Carol's sisters and attended am worship at Buena Vista Wesleyan Church where I was raised. The Easter Egg hunt was just a fun get together. The kids had to find over 200 eggs and had a good time eating pizza and hanging out. The fundraisers that you all graciously supported helped us with our big trip to Kingdom Bound a Christian Music Festival held at Darien Lake. We all met at Camp JYC and spent two nights in the cabins. We all traveled together to KB with the help of some parent drivers. We enjoyed a wonderful day at Darien Lake listening to the speakers and musicians and taking in a ride or two. On the second day of our adventure we were invited to the Kless' home for a fun filled day on the lake. THANKS KLESS'!!!! We hosted a back to school bash with pizza and outdoor games. Fright Night was very fun! Several of us went to Circle C and played laser tag, ventured into the walk of fear, and just had fun playing table shuffleboard and 4-square. The evening ended with a Road Show put on by Wayne and Wes Aarum. The following week we had a Harvest Bash which started here at church and culminated at the Farrands. Teens and adults came dressed in costume and awards were given. We carved pumpkins, ate a full turkey dinner (thanks Pastor Pete for all your help!) Had a hayride from church to the Farrands, walk of fear @ the Farrands (Thanks all parents who helped!!!) and dessert and hayride back to church. The Maple Fest Committee asked us to help

the vendors with carrying in there products and then we were able to have a hotdog fundraiser for the venders; we sold over 150 hotdogs, chips and soda. We have been asked again this year to do the same. We had several hotdog days and a chili day here at church that were very successful!! With these we were able to send everyone to Kingdom Bound for Free. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!! The end of the year was enjoyed with a Christmas Party Hosted by Amy & Stu Burton. It was a real “humdinger” (ask Stu J) Thank You Burtons.

Although we have been blessed to be able to attend some exciting activities mentioned above I think the highlight of the whole year was Camp JYC Rec-N-Hob week. It was the closing campfire and Stu had shared the plan of salvation and given an opportunity for kids to come forward. We were down by the pond and one youngman stood up and went forward. This young man has been coming to youth group for the last two years and is unchurched. Joe was able to lead him to the Lord and he is still attending on a regular basis. Praise Be to our God!!!!

As you can see it has been a very busy year for the youth of our church. It has been Joe’s and my blessing to serve as the youth leaders. Please pray for our teens. Our goal for 2009 is to be able to do many of the same events that we did last year and more. We are looking for a wonderful year ahead. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

*God Bless -*

*Joey & Carol Farrand*

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## **Deaconesses Board – 2008**

The Board of Deaconesses served Communion monthly and prepared dinner for families who had lost a loved one. We prepared and served meals to families after funeral services with the help of many willing helpers.

Two new ventures have been started by Janice Snyder and Sandy Burton. On the first and third Wednesday of each month we offer a free Soup Kitchen here at FBC from 5-6:30pm. Free homemade soup and bread are offered to our church family and the community. This is a great opportunity and everyone is welcome to come for a time of food and fellowship. We hope that more people will come for food and fellowship in 2009. Also meals are prepared and delivered to anyone who has been sick, in the hospital or for another reason. If you are in need of a meal please feel free to call Janice Snyder or Amy Burton and please don’t hesitate to take advantage of this offer. It is our goal to show Christ’s love to others.

Pat Wright, one of our members has a ministry where she delivers each weeks sermon and bulletin to shut ins. We praise the Lord and serve Him with gladness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beulah Gasper

## SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS REPORT 2008

Seekers in Sneakers meets after school on Wed. from 2:45-4:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall for children in grades 4-6. From March to June we saw 21 different children with 6-12 attending weekly. The Bible lessons and activities center on a month long theme. We learn how to relate the Bible to present day situations. We may learn through lessons, games, videos, a special guest or other activities.

### Year Highlights:

February: Joined with Rainbow Club for a pizza party

March: Made Easter baskets for families of Olean's Genesis House

May: Held a "Fun Time Night"

June: Closed with a Bowling Party and Rainbow Club joined us

July: Many Seekers attended Camp JYC several teenagers returned to be our helpers

The ongoing pop can/bottle collection helps generate extra funds. Kristen Tascone, who's been our faithful assistant for 10 years, moved during the summer. As of this writing we have not been meeting this fall or winter. There were many reasons behind this decision. I appreciate all the Prayer Warriors who have a tremendous impact on this ministry. I receive wonderful support and encouragement from the Church Family. This ministry wouldn't be able to go forth without all of you behind us. Heading this group can be a challenge but it's also a tremendous joy and blessing. I always enjoy watching God work in and through this ministry. It's a great honor to serve Jesus and may the Seekers ministry bring Him honor and glory!

In His Service With You,

Pauline Guckert Fox

## **Rainbow Club Annual Report for 2008**

Rainbow's Club meets every first and third Thursday of each month from 6-7pm. We've had an attendance of around four to five regularly. We started in September with our theme focusing on "New Beginnings". In October we learned about Ezra and her courage to take a stand. We also have been using the useful information bulletins in the foyer of the church. We've read "Noah's Ark." How very interesting that was! We made small arks as our craft project.

During November we celebrated Thanksgiving. Our memory verse was taken from Psalm 118:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for the is good, His love endures forever." We made a craft turkey to highlight our theme. We also have been learning about the "Fruits of the Spirit." (those pamphlets are the greatest!) I've been using them and returning them.

In December we learned about Jesus' birth. We've done some activity pages and coloring pages learning more about Jesus' birth. Our memory verse was taken from Luke 2:10. The second part of the December meeting was taken from Isaiah 9:1-21 "For unto us a child is born." We made a Christmas tree advent craft. It was a lot of fun.

It's been going very well so far. The kids that usually come are Hanna, Taigen, Jacob and David. I'm looking forward to teaching your children about Jesus, reading from the Bible and learning more about God. It's a wonderful experience for me. Thank you to everyone for allowing me to be with your kids an teaching them about God. Thank you for all your prayers and putting your trust in me for doing Rainbow's Club. I love the kids and enjoy it very much. Thanks again and I hope everyone has a very happy safe holiday season.

God Bless You All!

Cindy Schwedt  
Rainbow's Club 2008

## Financial Secretary's Report 2008

**Deposited in general fund:** \$146,548.50

Current expenses	\$107,259.30
Plate offering	\$ 35,568.10
Church School	\$ 934.10
Misc.	<u>\$ 2,787.00</u>
	\$146,548.50

**Deposited in building fund:** \$ 1,725.00

**Deposited in camp fund:** \$ 51,165.69

**Deposited in capital imp.:** \$ 7,876.50  
( New Fellowship Hall)

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Hughes  
Financial Secretary

## **Nominating Committee Report for 2009**

### **Camp Ministry Team (Camp treasurer and assistant are members of team)**

Beulah Gasper 2009	Pat Wright 2010	Mary Malinowski 2010
Sandy Burton 2009	Rick Hatch 2010	Denise Cornell 2011
Rich Hobson 2009	Joey Farrand 2010	Stu & Amy Burton 2011

**Camp Treasurer and Assistant** – Ellen Hatch

### **Christian Education**

Laura Kopp 2009	Ellen Hatch 2010	Carol Farrand 2011
Jill Haskell 2009	Joanne Dingman 2010	Jennifer Lavrey 2011

**Church Treasurer and Assistant** - Janice Snyder & Eleanor Gorecki

### **Deaconesses**

Dot Songster	Janice Snyder	Sandy Burton
Pat Wright	Beulah Gasper	

### **Elders**

Russ Hatch	Jim Higgins	Rick Hughes	Jim Pfeiffer
Tom Kopp	Toad Songster	Pete Spear	Bill Schulyer

### **Finance Committee (a representative from each board and committee)**

Camp; Christian Ed; Deacons; Deaconesses; Elders; Missions; Trustees

**Financial Secretary & Assistant** - Sue Hughes & Betty Bentley

**Flower Committee** - Diana Keller

**Librarian**-Pat Wright

**Nominating Committee**-Elders

**Pastoral Relations**-Chairpersons of each board & committee

### **Missions**

Tate Ulmer 2009	Judy Forward 2010	Janice Dominessy 2011
Ida Gardner 2009	Diana Keller 2010	Pauline Fox 2011
Lucy Griffin 2011		

### **Trustees**

Randy Hatch 2009	Nancy Pfeiffer 2010	
Bill Steffenhagen 2010	Tom Songster 2011	Ed Griffin 2011

### **Head Usher and Assistants**

Nate Cornell   Randy Hatch   Beulah Gasper   Allan Fish