

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each year the T. Lamar and Martha T. Robinson, Sr., Scholarship Fund Committee receives applications from members of Pisgah A.R.P. Church who meet the following requirements:

1. Less than twenty-five years of age;
2. Graduated from high school;
3. Attending or plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college or trade school;
4. Actively pursuing a college degree or trade school diploma;
5. Maintaining a "C" average or better;
6. Applicants are restricted to two-year, four-year, or trade school degrees.

Application forms are available in the church office. The forms must be completed and returned to the church office on or before July 15.

The Scholarship Trust is open for contributions from anyone.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Envelopes	\$ 30,499.00
Honorariums/Memorials	\$ 641.00
Plate Collections	\$ 172.55
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 118.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH	\$ 31,430.55
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	\$(29,315.46)
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSE. FOR THE MONTH	\$ 2,115.09

2011 ANNUAL BUDGET \$416,729.00 or \$34,727.42 per month

GENERAL FUND YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Total Contributions	\$ 339,783.51
Disbursements	\$(341,223.60)

YEAR-TO-DATE G/F RECEIPTS vs DISBURSEMENTS \$ (1,440.09)

BLDG./CAPITAL IMPROVE. FUND RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Envelopes	\$ 2,355.00
Honorariums/Memorials	\$ 60.00
Sunday School Offering (First Sunday Only)	\$ 38.50
Interest Earned	\$.06

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	\$ 2,453.56
DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	\$ (4,180.88)
BCIF RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS (for the month)	\$ (1,727.32)

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Bonclarken/Carson Cottage Maintenance Fund	\$ 797.12
ARP World Missions	\$ 100.00
Appalachia Mission Fund	\$ 250.00
Crisis Assistance Ministry	\$ 50.00
Rachel Boyce Circle	\$ 100.00
Thanksgiving Offering for Synod	\$ 195.00
Pisgah ARP Basketball	\$ 314.00
On Election Clean-Up	\$ 25.00
Use of Building - Falls Family Reunion	\$ 50.00

TOTAL DESIGNATED RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH \$ 1,881.12

SESSION SUMMARY

December 18, 2011

Alan Teague opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer. Minutes from the last monthly Session and Deacon meetings were reviewed and approved. The treasurer reviewed the monthly financial report.

Letters of Communication: Rev. Lewis requested nominations for Synod and Presbytery Committees. None were presented. Request from Heather Forbes to take the Handbell Choir to play for Morningside on December 21. Motion made to approve, was seconded, and approved. Reminded of ARP Officer Training to be held at First ARP, Gastonia, on February 18.

Worship: Aubrey Craig - Reminded of first quarter Communion on Jan. 1.

Christian Education: Stan Burriss - Our toddler class has expanded so much that we need to split it into two groups, less than 2-years-old and 2-3 year-olds. Committee recommends the split and will begin to look for teachers to fill this two (2) hour need in the classroom. Personnel Committee will begin securing teachers.

Stewardship, Evangelism, and Spiritual Care: Luther Clark - Committee recommends we buy and install the calling system they have investigated for the church. Recommendation was approved.

Program: Mark Lowe - Upward basketball practice is starting and is still in need of coaches. Keep up your promise as a Prayer Partner for this group of athletes and coaches. We are still in need of a 4th team crew leader for our midweek program.

Personnel: Alan Teague - No activities to report.

Executive: Curtis Hopper - Pictorial Directory is in the works. Distributed 2012 assignments for Session's committees. Committee recommends Claude Clark for Vice-Moderator and Kevin Adams as Clerk. Review of election procedures will continue into next year. Personnel Committee brings Laura Bumgardner's name to be on CE Committee for 2012/13. Approved.

Trustees: Lamar Robinson - No activities.

New Business: Bonnie Gibson plans to retire in 2012. We need to review and address our methods of how we handle the hiring, turnover, and job descriptions, training, etc. We also need to review equipment, hardware, and software needs to meet our current requirements.

DEACONS' DILEMMAS

Thirteen Deacons, five newly-elected Deacons, and Alan Teague, Jane Falls, Ed Carson, and Rev. Rick Lewis were present for our December meeting. Max Wolfe had our devotions and opening prayer, using a selection by Max Lucado, Proverbs 22:4, on "Respecting The Lord."

Gus Anthony, Chairman, welcomed our newly-elected Deacons - Robbie Foy, Henry Oates, Treasure Teague, Doc Thompson, and Maxy Wolfe to the Board, and thanked everyone for their support and help during the past year.

Treasurer's Report - Ed Carson - Ed gave the following report as of the end of November, 2011: Against expected **receipts** of \$382,001.62, we have received \$339,783.51, or \$42,218.11 under budget. At this same time last year, our **receipts** were \$354,552.16, leaving us \$14,768.65 under last year. Against expected **expenses** of \$382,001.51, we have spent \$341,223.60, making us \$40,777.91 under budget. At this same time last year, our **expenses** were \$349,612.11, leaving us \$8,388.51 under last year.

The General Fund balance available at the end of the month was \$19,577.36. **The General Fund balance** at this same time last year was \$8,937.84, making a difference of \$10,639.52.

The Building/Capital Improvement Fund payment was \$4,180.88. Out **BCIF** receipts were \$2,453.50, giving us a negative balance of \$1,727.38.

Week Day School receipts for the month were \$5,371.81. Expenses were \$4,243.79, giving them a positive balance of \$1,128.02.

Synod Payments - Since July we have been unable to make our full payment to Synod, and have been making only partial payments.

Pisgah Women's Ministries donated \$4,200.00 to make one FLOC payment.

A motion was made and passed that we make a \$3,000.00 payment against the balloon payment on the Bonclarken House.

We are in need of additional drivers for our church bus. If anyone would be willing to get their CDL license so that they could drive the bus, please contact someone on the Board. Because our bus meets the passenger and weight requirements, we must now have DOT certification for the bus and drivers.

Max Wolfe, Sr. closed our meeting with prayer.

CIRCLE NEWS

THE RACHEL BOYCE CIRCLE met December 4 in the fellowship hall of the Elliott Center. We had our Christmas party after church services. Rev. Lewis had prayer and the members and their spouses enjoyed the meal and fellowship after the meal. Myra Carson played the game, "The Night Before Christmas." Our circle members will give a gift to each of our college students and Sunshine Friends. I would like to thank the circle members for their attendance and help during the past year and also thank each lady who taught our Bible Study, the Book of Hebrews. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year.

Edith Falls

THE SUZANNE ELLIOTT CIRCLE met for our Christmas social on December 5 at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Ann Teague. Fifteen members were present for a delicious covered dish meal. Ann Teague gave a brief reading by Peter Marshall and returned thanks for the meal.

Following the meal, a brief business meeting was held. Julie Mooneyhan had a very touching and inspiring devotional on Mary, the mother of Jesus. Ann Teague read the minutes of our November meeting, and Suzanne Elliott gave the treasurer's report.

Kathy Spencer's newsletter was reviewed, and she thanked everyone for the support she has been given during the past year. Kathy was also thanked for her hard work and enthusiasm as our president of the PWM this year. Tracy Adams was thanked for her work as circle chairman, and Julie Mooneyhan will serve as our chairman for 2012.

Secret Pal gifts were distributed and names drawn for our new Secret Pals for 2012.

A good time was had by all!

JANUARY MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Andrew Brunson
4 - Matthew Riedle
6 - Yannick Burklin
7 - Milad Doss
9 - John Marsh
10 - Theo Shepard

14 - Micah Turner
20 - Julie Moore
21 - Jacqueline Jale Brunson
21 - Kay Burklin
22 - Esther Galletta

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**Fund Raiser for Appalachia Mission
Trip**

**Saturday, January 14
6:00-8:00 P.M.**

**Bring your family out for a fun night of
friendly competition. Enjoy hot chocolate
and
light snacks. Donations will be accepted.**

Games provided by Senior Highs

**(VALENTINE BANQUET TICKETS will go
on sale on January 14!)**

THANK YOU

We want to thank you for your concern, prayers, and calls during my surgery. Happy New Year to all!

Love,
Pete, Dot, and Family

MIDWEEK RESUMES

Join us for the midweek meal and congregational meeting on Wednesday, January 18. The meal begins at 5:30 and the program at 6:15. Panhandler Team # 4 will prepare the meal and the Mary Kennedy Circle (A-L) will provide desserts.

FIFTH SUNDAY SABBATH SCHOOL

The ABC/Young Adult Classes will host our fifth Sunday Sabbath School on January 29, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Everyone will meet at 9:00 in the fellowship hall for breakfast.

FIFTH SUNDAY CAM DONATIONS

Please begin bringing your fifth Sunday food donations for Crisis Assistance Ministry. A box is in the lobby of the Elliott Center for these items.

PISGAH POST NEWS

HOSPITAL PATIENTS... Elsie Kenley

THE SYMPATHY of the Pisgah Congregation is extended to Mary B. Kane and family in the death of her mother-in-law, Bertha Holladay Ritchie; to Donna Whitley and family in the death of her father, George P. Flora; to the family and friends of Emery A. Hunt who died December 23; and to Linda and Everette Mooneyhan and family in the death of their aunt and great-aunt, Georgia Watkins.

DID YOU KNOW THAT our guest musician on December 25 was Ben Jones, Band Director at Ashbrook High School.....Our 2012 Upward Basketball Season begins on January 7. Games will be held every Saturday until February 25. The congregation is invited to attend a game to experience what is happening on Saturdays at Pisgah. The game times are 9:00, 10:30, and 12:00.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 1 - Kathy Spencer
Tracy Foy Worley | 15 - Claire Morgan |
| 2 - Mitchell Lowe | 19 - Everette Mooneyhan |
| 3 - Luther Clark
Sharron Starnes Ledford
Curtis Hopper
Kyle Gamble | 20 - Aiden Dorsey |
| 4 - Doug Brown
Sydney Messer | 22 - Larry Cloninger |
| 11 - Belinda Lewis
Jessica Reller Spence | 25 - Ansleigh Greene |
| 12 - Trish Grigg | 26 - Robin Starnes McCarver |
| 13 - Sarah Gardner | 27 - Annie Robinson |
| | 28 - Kenny Lutz
Barbara Mauney
Marcie Spencer |
| | 29 - Christine Lowe
Ethan Greene |
| | 30 - Chris Dula |

HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES!!

- 12 - Mr. & Mrs. Max Wolfe, Sr.
- 22 - Dr. & Mrs. L.L. Anthony
- 22 - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buchanan