



I recently made a purchase for \$7.06. As I handed the clerk a nickel and a penny, my mind went back to my childhood.

As a very young boy, I had the opportunity to learn the value of work by being paid for odd jobs. I would pick up the sticks ahead of Daddy getting out the lawn-mower. I would help Mother straighten the clutter in the house.

For the jobs which were above and beyond the normal chores, I would be paid. (I never got paid for the normal chores like bringing in the coal.) My wages for these tasks was a nickel and a penny. It was so good to get two pieces of money to carry in my pocket.

But here is the interesting thing. I do not remember what I bought with those coins. I do not remember even having the coins once they were given to me. I just remember working to have them. This journey to the past led me to think of the approaching CHRISTmas season.

I only remember two CHRISTmas presents from all the years of opening them. In fact the most vivid CHRISTmas memories are not of presents received but of taking the day to deliver presents in a U-Haul to families whose children had received nothing.

As we approach this CHRISTmas, be thankful for the coins in your pocket. For the ability God gave you to earn them. But most of all be thankful for the opportunity to share with others this season.

Remember CHRISTmas is a reminder of how God shared with us. There could not be Easter without there first being a CHRISTmas. And CHRISTmas would not exist without God's sharing His Son with sinful man.

I pray this year you will be able to enjoy the simple truth of CHRISTmas. And I pray God will give you many opportunities to share the CHRIST of CHRISTmas this season.

Frances and I wish you a very merry and CHRIST filled CHRISTmas season.

Your co-laborer,

Bro. Mike T.

Merry Christmas!



BRBA OCC REPORT

BRBA Center 1929
FBC, Parsons 2078
Sand Ridge 944

AREA TOTAL 4923

R. G. LEE SPRING CLASS

RGL 300 The Life of Christ
February -- March
6:30 - 9:30

Text: Harmony of The Gospels
Cost: \$85.00 plus Text



The Resource Center will close at noon December 23,

and be open irregular hours the last week of the year.

Please call if to be sure we are here if you plan to come by.



MINISTERS' WINTER BANQUET

Mark the date and reserve your plate for January 9, 2016 at Stewart's Coffee Corner. Be sure you ask your sweet-heart to attend this wonderful event with you. The Cost per person

is \$9.00. Make checks payable to BRBA.

CHURCH: Consider treating your ministers by purchasing their tickets.



BALANCE SHEET

Nov. 30, 2015
General Budget

Initial Bal. \$ 13,945.53
Church Rec. 7,833.45
Other Rec. + 1,227.74
23,006.72
Expenses - 10,829.71
Budget Bal. \$ 12,177.01

Other Funds

Designated \$ 18,434.72
DOM Disc. \$ 1,186.31
Missions Fd. \$ 1,526.22
Contingency \$ 14,031.43
Cent. Fund Variable

YTD Activity

Inc. \$ 116,600.01
Exp. 114,638.64
Bal. \$ + 1,961.37



BIRTHDAYS

9 Patricia Stanford
10 Lain Butler
10 Kevin Bromley
12 Leia Brewer
19 Jamie Brawler
20 Betty Kolwyck
23 Christie Fain
31 David Phillips

ANNIVERSARIES

09 The Doug Sanders
20 The Bob Sparks
25 The Lewis Screws

CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2015 — Nov. 30, 2015)

Thank you. Our Churches are our Association's primary source of income.

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		100.00
Beacon		1,000.00
Bear Creek	94.02	985.35
Beech Lake		400.00
Bible Hill		1,210.00
Bunches Chapel	30.00	282.00
Calvary	217.80	2,712.76
Chapel Hill		825.48
Corinth	100.00	1,100.00
Crossroads		890.91
Cub Creek Hall		
Darden		
Decaturville, 1 st	100.00	1,100.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods *	999.30	5,713.68
Hopewell	200.00	2,200.00
House of Wor.	110.21	1,101.08
Huron		1,547.42
Judson		400.00
Lexington, 1 st	1,666.66	19,999.92
Mt. Ararat	363.89	4,794.60
Mt. Gilead	325.00	3,575.00
Mt. Zion	158.39	570.32
New Beech G.		600.00
New Hope	100.00	600.00
Parsons, 1 st		4,714.00
Perryville, 1 st *	100.00	600.00
Pine Grove		4,043.08
Poplar Springs	631.00	7,653.00
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	218.00	3,537.63
Salem		373.36
Sand Ridge	949.75	10,423.71
Sardis	124.26	1,546.92
Sardis Ridge		150.00
Scotts Hill	295.35	3,305.58
Southside		
Twin Oaks	181.92	2,804.54
Union	592.77	7,394.30
Union Grove	275.13	2,875.69
Wildersville		200.00
TOTALS	\$ 7,833.45	\$ 101,330.33

* multiple checks

Church News

CALAVRY - On Nov. 1st we observed the Lord's Supper. Our 60th Anniversary was celebrated in Nov. The Celebration was begun with a great service with Rev. Randy Poole preaching. The day ended with food & fellowship. On Nov. 15th Dr. Mike filled in for our Pastor who was on vacation. We had Thanksgiving supper Nov. 18th. Our church prepared 133 shoe boxes for OCC. For the community Thanksgiving meal we proved the corn. Dr. Don Lancaster will be the guest speaker for our Lottie Moon Christmas Emphasis. Greg Stanford, pastor.

CHAPEL HILL - October was a busy month for us. There was a community stew, bake sale for the fire department, Hallow Him Festival, and the Associational Meeting which we attended. In Nov. we packed 213 OCC shoe boxes. Our Thanksgiving meal was on the 15th & breakfast on the 29th. Dec. will bring the Children and Youth program on the

13th. There will be a special service for Christmas. Tommy Smith, pastor.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP - In Nov. 1 was saved & baptized. Our Thanksgiving Dinner went well & everyone enjoyed the food & fellowship. OCC shoeboxes were packed during one of the ladies meetings. We have the Christmas Play coming soon. Please pray for our sick members. Jeff Todd, pastor

PERRYVILLE - Our Youth & Adults been very busy. In Sept. they went to the Jackson Fun Center for bowling & skating, in Oct. held a spaghetti fund raiser, a lock-in, & some volunteered to attend a fundraiser for Ms. Chloe Monroe. They also attended Judgment House in Decaturville for Bible Study. We appreciate the Youth Leaders who took them. There was a lunch in appreciation of Bro. Rodney on Nov. 1st. Several attended the event at the Dec. Co. Fairgrounds. We had a good turnout for the Shoebox packing party.



On the Tuesday Night/Wednesday Morning of Thanksgiving Week the Disaster Relief Skid Steer and Trailer were sto-



len. Please keep your eyes open and notify the Sheriff's Department if you think you have any useful information.

The Youth are selling Rada knives to raise money for YEC. The Children have begun practice for the Christmas program. Please pray for our sick. If you are looking for a church home come worship with us. Rodney Hardin, pastor.

TWIN OAKS - In Sept. the men cooked another good breakfast. On Oct. 11th we had a Gideon speaker. Oct. 17th was a hay ride & cookout. We collected for OCC. Nov. 29th was our Youth Sun. Dec. 5th will be our Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner & gift exchange. Dinner starts about 5 pm. Dec. 20th will be our Christmas play. Bobby Crowe, pastor.



VBS DIRECTORS

Remember to order your VBS Sampler Materials through the Associational Resource Center. Our Mission Fund is supported mainly by the commission from the VBS items.

NINE CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs	Mt. Ararat
Calvary	New Hope
Crossroads	Sardis Ridge
Fellowship	Rock Hill



Check "Upcoming Events" on www.brbaweb.org for changes and additions

December

- 7 Pastors' Conf. - Marty Comer
- 14 Pastors' Conf. - Mike Hayes
- 21 Pastors' Conf. - Micah Renfro
- 24 Christmas Holiday
- 25 Christmas Holiday
- 28 Pastors' Conf. - Greg Ross

January

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday
- 4 Pastors' Conf. - Jeff Todd
- 9 Ministers' Winter Banquet
- 11 Pastors' Conf. - Michael Penny
- 14 Financial Issues Seminar- Jackson
- 18 Pastors' Conf. - Danny Ray
- 19 R. G. Lee Class
- 25 Pastors' Conf. - Jerry Jones
- 26 R. G. Lee Class

February

- 1 Pastors' Conf. - Jimmy Burroughs
- 2 R. G. Lee Class
- 8 Pastors' Conf. -
- 9 R. G. Lee Class
- 15 Pastors' Conf. -
- 16 R. G. Lee Class
- 18 Executive Board
- 22 Pastors' Conf. -
- 23 R. G. Lee Class
- 22 Assoc. VBS Team Training
- 29 Pastors' Conf. -

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