

Outreach Ministries Committee
January, 2012

Sometimes we do not see the whole picture of our support for helping others in our community and around the world. At a recent outreach committee meeting, I recapped the total spent on all outreach causes. They make for an impressive view of our missional focus at Cherry Log Christian Church.

Gilmer food pantry	-- \$7256.00
Food Pantry in Fannin	-- \$3400.00
Garden for Others	--- \$ 378.96
Local Benevolence	-- \$17419.19
Other designated outreach (Staycation and other programs)	-- \$2463.92
Disciples Women Blessing Box offering	-- \$798.21
Disciples Women other outreach support (Craddock Center, Georgia Women's Ministries, CCGA)	-- \$3,015.38
Week of Compassion	-- \$3,114.00
Special Disciples offerings	-- \$195.00
Blanket Offering	-- \$3,408.00
Disciples Mission Fund	-- \$35,557.50
Total outreach support in 2011	-- \$77,006.16

Balance left in all designated outreach accounts: \$5490.32

Our committee voted to disburse checks to Fannin and Gilmer food pantries, \$250 each for their respective Sack Pack/Snack in a Backpack programs for school children.

On February 5th, the youth will receive the annual Souper Bowl (\$1 per worshipper). The consensus was to give all undesignated amounts to Food Pantry in Fannin. The white gifts donations on Christmas Eve all went to Gilmer food pantry (\$250-\$300 estimated value).

February 19-26 is the annual Week of Compassion offering. Materials are in hand – posters, envelopes, bulletin inserts, coin banks for children. The plan is to have 3-4 'moments for mission' speakers during the offering time in worship. Material is available in the leader's guide. There is also a children sermon which could be done February 12th and hand out the children's banks. There was a placemat in the sample packet which would be a good promotion at the Wednesday night dinner on February 15th. There is a sharing calendar in the leader guide that we would like to send out via email and have some printed copies available in the narthex or in Cherrylogue as room permits.

Roxanne Neal has agreed to ask several persons in the congregation to form a task group to review Staycation and Sam Starr ministry proposals and report back to the March meeting. We need to define the types of projects we are willing and able to undertake. There is also the need for culling the tools to eliminate unsafe or unusable tools and to create a wish list for needed items. A combined ministry

would address both local mission work and outside work including work in Tuscaloosa for tornado relief. Once the structure is determined, a promotional dinner could be held to recruit and promote these ministries. A promotional email could be sent out to attract other subcommittee participants. Time frame for the Tuscaloosa trip might be April, with June for the Staycation local event (tentative).

The garden for others harvested turnips after church on January 15th. 106 bags of turnips and mustard greens were divided between Gilmer Food Pantry and Food Pantry in Fannin. Potatoes will be planted in March.

There is still a great need for volunteers for the Clothes Closet on Thursdays from 1-4 pm.

Our next meeting is March 5 at 3 p.m.

Bill and Cheri Thompson, Chairs