



FINANCE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Due to the loss of a number of families and a poor economic situation, budget giving was down for 2009. However, with growth from new families in 2010 we should again experience growth in giving.

Our faithfulness to missions at home and around the world has been reflected in our budgets over the years—and 2009 was no exception. As in the past, we continued our emphasis on local missions and youth. There can be no doubt our pastor fully demonstrates a continuing concern for our outreach and mission efforts. This, coupled with his concern for the financial commitment and health of our congregation, make him a special pastor.

Our church is financially sound; in fact, prior to arranging for a loan to complete financing for our new parking lot, we had no indebtedness for number of years. October 2009 marked the first twelve months of the loan retirement. During this period \$17,000 of the \$57,000 loan was repaid due to the generosity of our congregation. We look forward to the day when we are once again debt-free. However, there will surely be other projects and the probable need for future loans.

With a thrust for missions comes challenges. A screening and hiring process is now underway for a collegiate minister to serve sizeable student populations at Kent State University and the University of Akron. Even though a major portion of funding for this person will come from the North American Mission Board and Summit Association, State Convention and Broadman will be responsible for the balance. This will present a serious challenge in the 2010 budget plans—but as God is in this endeavor, our financial needs will be met.

We are fortunate to have an able, faithful and committed treasurer, Bailey Moore. He spends many hours performing the duties required of a person serving in that capacity. In addition, he provides the Finance Team and the congregation with timely information regarding financial matters. He ably administers the handling of church funds.

Now, more than ever, it is exciting to be part of a vibrant congregation and look forward to what God has in store for us in the years ahead.

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