

Wyoming
Avenue
Baptist
Church

Repairing

Broken

Walls?

2006
Annual Report

Are we repairing broken walls?

Do we seek out the Lord,
are we eager to know his ways?

Do we do what is right,
and hold firm to God's commandments?

Do we look for God's wisdom,
and desire his presence among us?

**We say we worship the Lord
and humble ourselves before him.
But do we really?**

Where is the joy and blessing of the Lord?

Let the following passage from Isaiah
be used by the Spirit to convict us and
focus our hearts and minds once again
on the true purpose of "religion" –
of our calling together as God's people.

¹ “Shout it aloud, do not hold back.
Raise your voice like a trumpet.
Declare to my people their rebellion
and to the house of Jacob their sins.

² For day after day they seek me out;
they seem eager to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that does what is right
and has not forsaken the commands of its God.
They ask me for just decisions
and seem eager for God to come near them.

³ ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,
‘and you have not seen it?’
Why have we humbled ourselves,
and you have not noticed?’
“Yet on the day of your fasting,
you do as you please
and exploit all your workers.

⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife,
and in striking each other with wicked fists.
You cannot fast as you do today
and expect your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,
only a day for a man to humble himself?
Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed
and for lying on sackcloth and ashes?
Is that what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD ?

⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe him,
and not to turn away from your own
flesh and blood?

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.
“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

¹⁰ and if you spend yourselves in behalf
of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.
You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.

¹² Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
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Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

¹³ “If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath
and from doing as you please on my holy day,
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the LORD's holy day honorable,
and if you honor it by not going your own way
and not doing as you please or
speaking idle words,

¹⁴ then you will find your joy in the LORD,
and I will cause you to ride on the
heights of the land
and to feast on the inheritance of your
father Jacob.”
The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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and your night will become like the noonday.*

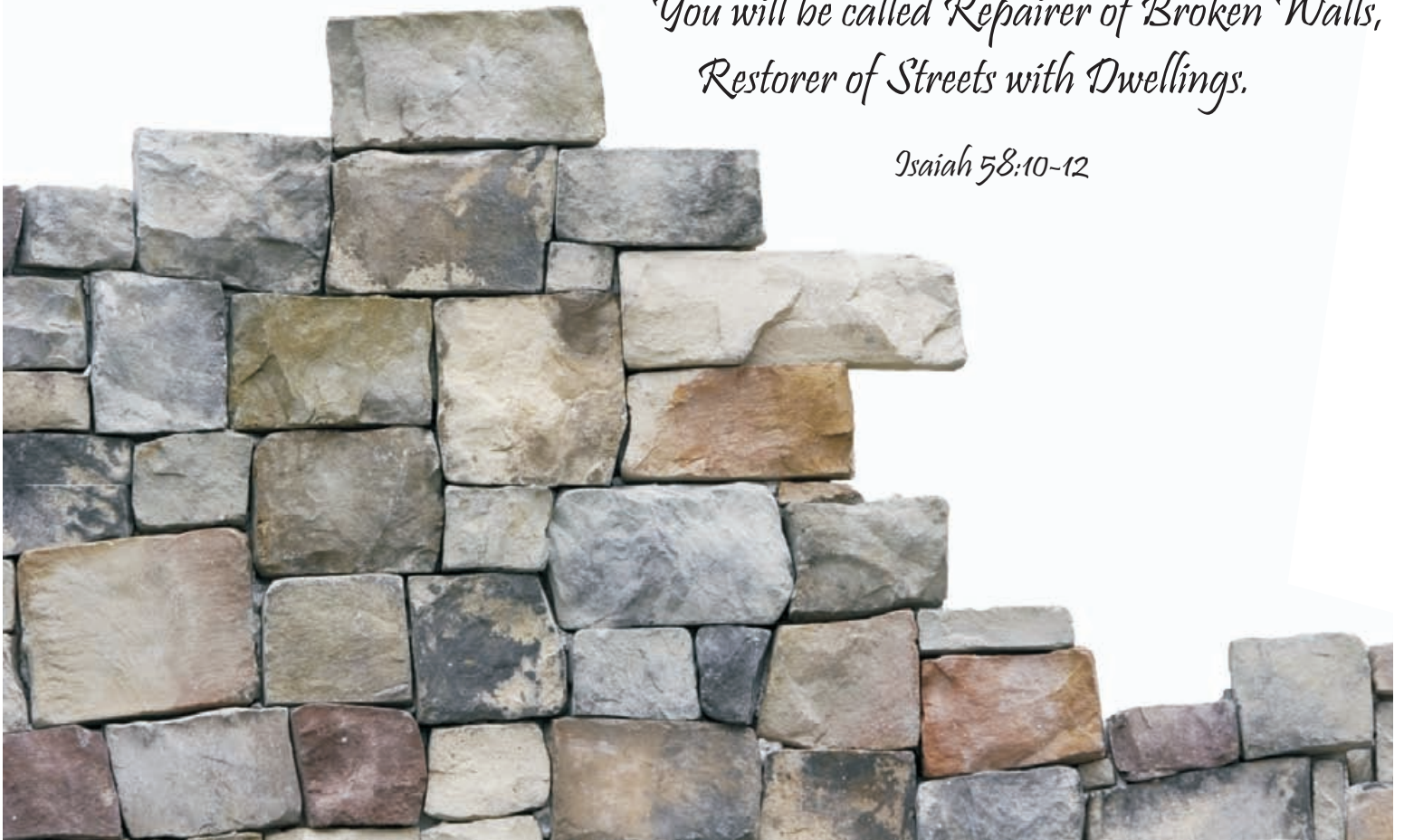
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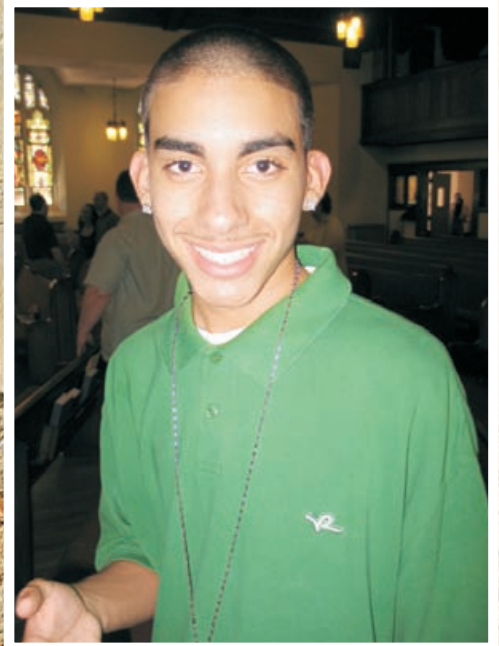
Isaiah 58:10-12





Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22



Prepare Ye,
the Way of
the Lord



Report of the Pastor

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:9-14

My dearest and much loved brethren
at Wyoming Ave. Baptist,

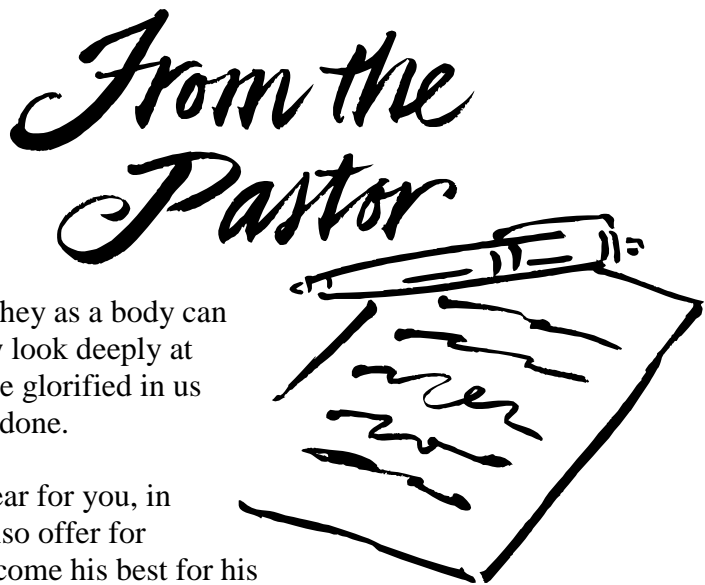
Can you hear the passion and the heart-burden that the apostle Paul shares with this church concerning his heart and how they as a body can experience the full blessing of God as they look deeply at those spiritual truths for which God may be glorified in us and from which his kingdom work can be done.

Praise his name. My prayer will be this year for you, in line with these encouraging words that I also offer for you. May the Lord be blessed and you become his best for his glory.

I trust and pray that this Christmas and New Years were times of deep reflection, praise to our God and King for all that he has blessed us with, and that even though you and your family went through various trials and the testing of your faith, that you persevered and received his love, peace, comfort, and hope in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 10:23 says this, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Praise the Lord for all of the love, help, encouragement, prayer and support that many of you actively showed to our family in support of our ministry here with you. Words can never express how much this meant to us. May the Lord bless you a hundred-fold for this.



Praise the Lord for the Second-Mile Men's Ministry that has been such a blessing to those who attend consistently. We have studied God's word together, prayed, worked together, laughed, and yes, cried. We experienced a men's retreat that some still have not gotten over – I know I haven't. It was a blessed time in fellowship, and I thank God for all the men who helped and made that very special.

Praise the Lord for the women's ministry that has gotten started, and also meets at our home. Women who are now coming together to encourage each other in their walk in the Lord in an environment where love, peace, joy, forgiveness, and hope can grow. They plunge in for themselves and push each other into the word of God.

Praise the Lord for the open-air meetings that we held this summer. They were very successful as men, women, teens and children attended. The gifts of the body of Christ here at Wyoming were evident as many of you experienced and participated. The gospel was preached, the word of God was sown, and testimonies went out from God's people. Songs were sung to give him glory and praise, and the Lord was pleased to bring some to himself.

Praise the Lord for the Muslim Ministry outreach. This year we were encouraged to put together the Responding to Islam conference in English and Spanish, and they were a success. Praise God for Jen and Maher who have stepped up to the plate to do much of the hard work, and to begin to reorganize the ministry and develop a strategy to reach Muslims for Christ in our community and city. God has brought together many of the old team members and others to be together in prayer and discussion to help birth this new strategy. I have turned over to this young couple the reins to head up this work. I am serving more as an advisor and an encourager as the group continues to move forward, and will continue to be involved as much as possible.

Praise the Lord for the ministry among law enforcement officers. The ministry continues to be strong. There was a time when many of the officers would not give me the time of day, but now they seek me out for prayer, counsel, and advice. They invite me to participate in their weddings, and to perform some of their loved one's funerals. We have given Bibles and tracts to the officers, and I also provide Bible tracts for officers who supervise cell rooms, and they give them to the prisoners. I continue to do police suicide prevention training. Some of you are aware that we lost four officers to suicide in 2006, and our hearts desire is to avoid these are people are equipped to support one another and protect each other.

Praise the Lord for the ministry that is going on at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. A couple that prayed to receive Christ last month continue to trust the Lord for strength and peace as they go through this difficult time. The opportunity that I have to share the gospel with many of the patients is a blessing, as well as being available to pray and anoint with oil, and be able to share caring words of life. It provides me opportunities to read scriptures and devotional thoughts to them.

I also praise the Lord for the opportunity I have with many of you to visit either by the phone or home visits to encourage and pray for you as you face many challenging days ahead. May you continue to grow in his grace and be a blessing to those around you. As God has comforted you, may you continue to comfort others.

Praise the Lord for the faithful who come out on Friday night as we join both young and old for a time of celebration in worship, prayer to seek God's working in our lives and community, and to study God's word to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We also spend time in our various groups in fellowship.

I also praise the Lord for the other events that we have shared together throughout the year in our church, such as our National Police Week, that celebrates community and law enforcement, thanking them for their wonderful work. For our Christmas musical and drama, for our International Family Fall Festival. For our Thanksgiving service that we had in service and testimony – for the many food baskets we distributed, and for the wonderful dinner that was prepared for those in our community.

Praise God for the outpouring of love from our church to those who so tragically lost family members. We had the funerals for Manny and Omar, and it was a blessing to see the support of our congregation and fellowship for those families. God blessed as we had close to 2,000 people attend our church and hear the gospel as we mourned together.

Well, brethren, if I keep on going, I will never stop. God is awesome in all he does for his glory. Please give him a praise offering from your hearts.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Luis Centeno

**An Annual Report Presented To the Christians
of Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church 2006
By assistant Pastor Rev. Daniel Ndimantang**

"Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another...let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Ephesians . 4:25, 31-32).

Writing an annual report is perhaps more challenging because of my audience than because of the content since it calls for integrity, vision and perception. It is my desire that you conclude that these criteria were met when you have finished reading this report.

On the morning of January 12th my car was badly damaged during a snowstorm. Even the expert advice from brother Maher and the cheerful donations from Rev. Luis Centeno did not, unfortunately, help me put the car to use. For months, the car was a liability rather than an asset since I could neither repair it nor drive it for ministry. I didn't have enough money for repairs, nor to buy another car. My ministries came almost to a halt except for the many phone calls I made. We had some rides from some members in the Body to buy our groceries but not much for ministry or for my classes at Biblical Theological Seminary. It seemed as though I was subjected to a momentary nightmare.

In February, however, God provided a car for us through the generosity of Glenside New Life Presbyterian Church. Some friends of our organization, "Comprehensive Vocational Academies International," prayed and consulted their now deceased Elder Ron Taylor, who was then responsible for their car ministry, to see if there was any car available for me.

That request bore fruit, for in fewer than three weeks Elder Taylor called me to announce that a car was ready for me to take. The news served like a spring of refreshing water to a caravan, and the dawn of day! Right away plans were set up for me to drive the car from the parking lot of New Life on March 14th at 2:30 pm. Paper work was quickly done, as if delay would have led to the loss of the car.

My regular ministries kicked into full gear right away. Other friends not only prayed for a car for me, but also lent their helping hands both in cash and kind (offers of the use of a car), but didn't wish their names to be mentioned in this report.

Throughout the year, my ministries were carried out on two fronts: within and outside the church.

Within the Church: Generally I participated in the men's Bible study on Wednesdays and the general Bible Study on Fridays. I attended the two weekly subsidiary meetings of the leadership team held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which provides opportunities to shape and be shaped in the overall ministries of our church.

Sundays are days in which part of the educational program is used for teaching new-member classes and/or baptismal candidates classes. Rev. Marnito Selorio has been very involved with the baptismal candidates. He and I helped prepare the three candidates of our one and only baptismal service. They were Dina, Jean, and Courtney who were baptized on May 7th 2006. We did not have any new membership classes.

Over a dozen regular worshipers in our services, fellowships and Bible studies have not yet come to the point in their lives to respond to the challenge of becoming members of "Wyoming". Let us encourage the person next to us to become a member if he or she has not yet taken that step.

Meanwhile, a baptismal class is currently underway with one candidate. The day for the baptismal service will be announced soon. You may encourage those who, for whatever reasons, are still sitting on the fence with regard to baptism so they may truly demonstrate biblically their genuine faith in Christ Jesus.

Outside the Church: In particular, this arm of the ministry entails **regular visitations**, **immediate intervention** to provide support and assistance to any of our members in unforeseen circumstances and **outreach** with the gospel to Muslims and others.

A. Regular Visitations: At the start of 2006, we had five of our members who were shut-ins in retirement homes, Howard Hinkle, Mrs. Betty Mitchell, and Mrs. Mary Hampton in the Baptist Home on Roosevelt Blvd., Allene Murray in Chestnut Hill Lodge and Betty Beattie in Richboro. We visited, and encouraged them, and administered the Lord's Supper each month of the year. For most of them my visits were their only connection with the outside world. But alas, as the year was running out our brother Howard Hinkle slept away into eternity on Thursday night August 17, at age ninety-two. May his soul rest in peace with the God of peace.

B. Immediate Interventions: Quite often, one of our members fall sick and are rushed to the hospital without my knowledge. However, Mary Rice gives me such information soon after she gets it. I praise God for her expertise in passing on this kind of information. Sometimes it is Rev. Centeno who informs me. In either case, I always respond urgently by visiting that member in the hospital. Sometimes a person needs a ride to or and from the hospital. We may never fathom the value of such services until someone in the Body of Faith stands with you and for you in your hour of distress and need. I still remember when at different times and situations Rev. Luis Centeno and Mr. Walter Rice Sr. were committed to ministering to me in such hours. Praise God that He does have oil to pour both on troubled waters and troubled oils.

In September, my car required costly repairs to pass inspection. We could not make it financially. As the Lord would have it, Jean Schwartz lent us her car for all of September while she was away on a mission trip to Pakistan. Her response to my appreciation was, "No, Pastor Daniel, it was only a privilege that I could in that way contribute to your ministry in Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church." Mr. Walter Rice Jr. was also generous when I borrowed his car both for ministry and personal ends. After all, ministry is always a joint effort.

C. Outreach to Muslims and Others: Both Rose and I, are endeavoring to continue ministering to Mrs. Fatiha, her husband, son, and daughter. We exchange visits at least twice a month. She and her children were the first people to visit us when we moved into the parsonage. A similar relationship is also maintained with a Cameroonian couple and their three boys. It is our prayer that these Muslim families would both hear and see Christ in us by our relationship.

D. Good News Bible Club: Rose organized a Good News Bible Club for children in our neighborhood. Some missionaries of Child Evangelism Fellowship were on hand to assist us. Besides this summer program, Rose also teaches kids at the Friday evening Bible studies in the church and at Sunday School classes on Sundays.

Vision 2007

While pressing on with our present scope of activities, it is our prayer that we may be able to distribute Christian literature to every home that has no prohibition within the limits of Front and D streets and Wyoming Ave and Roosevelt Blvd.

We earnestly desire your fervent prayers.

Humbly submitted by
Rev Daniel Ndimantang
Assistant Pastor

Muslim Ministry Report

The year 2006 was an exciting year for us. As you know, Jen and I got married in March. We were also accepted as missionaries with American Missionary Fellowship, serving the Feltonville community to reach Muslims to Christ. We sponsored two Responding to Islam Conferences in October, one in English and the other in Spanish. The theme was *"Loving Your Muslim Friend Across the Street and Around the World."* We had great turnouts for both conferences and were encouraged to network and collaborate with brothers and sisters with similar burdens for Muslims.

Jen and I have had many opportunities during the past year to speak at churches, Sunday Schools, youth events, and universities to share the need for believers of Jesus Christ to step up and learn to love Muslims because they are increasing within our communities. In thinking about our role, a theme that I want and need to live by is: "Share the Gospel at all times but use doctrine only when necessary". In other words, don't spend time arguing with a Muslim about doctrine, but win them to Christ through the power of His love, which is the Gospel lived out in our lives. God is doing amazing work within my heart and I am excited to see what He is going to do through us as we remain faithful to Him.

Not only has Jen kept herself busy as the Muslim Ministry "administrator," she has had four ESL students, Aisha (Moroccan), Consuelo (Colombian), Tan and Xuan (both Vietnamese). They have been a joy for her to get to know not only as students but as friends. She has gone to lunch numerous times with Xuan and her son, and has opportunities to spend time with Consuelo in her own house. Along with ESL, Jen has worked as the church secretary three days out of the week.

We hope for God to strengthen our relationships with Muslims as Pastor Lou, Ben, and I continue to visit the mosque weekly and as I spend two days out of the week with my brother at my dad's mechanic shop, hoping to win my family to Christ. Pray for my family and pray for Jen's desire to reach the Asians in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Maher Salhani

Report of the Sunday School Superintendent

Wyoming's children's ministries have had a breakthrough year in several ways! More Feltonville kids are learning about God and His love here at Wyoming than ever before, with more new people involved than ever before!

SUNDAY MORNING

From January through August we continued in our established pattern of having kids from Kindergarten to sixth grade meet for KidsPraise at 9:30, for worship and introduction to the day's "Bible Point." At 10:30, the younger ones, Kindergarten through third grade, went downstairs for playtime and snack, and after that divided into two groups for their Bible lesson and crafts for the rest of the morning. Some Sundays the fourth through sixth grade group left the church service after the greeting time and had their own learning time. On other Sundays, they continued to worship with their families. This format, while providing a lot of programming for the younger ones, left the older ones out much of the time, and was difficult to staff. In addition, it was becoming clear that most of the children were not present at 9:30, some not arriving until 11:00.

Out of the need to solve these and other problems, several alternative formats and materials were explored. We chose what is called a large group / small group format, using materials called "Living Inside Out," which was started in September. No programming is offered at the 9:30 hour, and kids are asked to worship with their families at the beginning of the church service until the time for



them to exit. Then we all meet upstairs for our own singing and Bible point time, afterward breaking up into small groups of five or six kids, each in its own age group, and each with its own small group leader. This is the breakthrough that has changed Sunday morning 100% for the better! Each month, there is a VBS-like theme and room décor to draw the kids in and engage their imaginations. Adults and youth from the congregation are asked to volunteer to lead a small group for one month, using the new materials that require no preparation on their part. This change has had some wonderful benefits. Not only do we have all of the kids, including the older ones, being taught every week, but they are getting to get to know other adults in the church, and those adults are getting to know them, and what it is like to work with kids, without being concerned about the training and skill it takes to prepare a lesson "from scratch." Also, the two directing staff members, while having to do the decorating and setup every week, are having more fun doing it, and actually get to be freed up some Sundays during the small group time to attend the remainder of the service. The kids are enjoying the format, and learning their verses and songs with much more enthusiasm than before!

A big, big, THANK YOU goes to all of the small group volunteers. Without you, this program would not be possible. An invitation goes out to anyone who has not taken a turn with a group yet, to join us for a month and see for yourself how much fun children's ministries can be! Of course, those who have done it are welcome to return!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School was "Fiesta!" talking us to a Mexican fiesta to learn of God's love. Our format was the same as last year, with no graded classes for older children. Small groups of about five children of mixed ages, or "crews," traveled from one activity to another over the course of the morning, led by their crew leader. These crew leaders were youth visiting from a Chinese church near Baltimore, Maryland. The visitors also helped by leading in the games, and by making up the acting troupe who presented our closing program. New this year was a "hands-on" missions project. The children put together blankets during the course of the week, brightly printed with the message "Jesus loves me!" in English and Spanish. A few blankets were purchased by individuals to help fund the project, and the rest of them were given to the Philadelphia Park racetrack ministry, to warm the children there with Jesus' love. Special thanks goes out to those who contributed in various ways to decorate, provide the unusual snacks, and present the Bible in exciting new ways. Really, really special thanks goes to those who had to "step up" with little notice when the Director was in the hospital.



FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

On October 31, we had our third "Fall Family Festival," giving the kids in our community a fun and safe alternative to knocking on doors for candy. The kids' activities included carnival booths of games where everyone was a winner and there were lots of treats! There was even a 'jumping castle!' Fun was had by all! The youth had their own unique program going on at the same time. Young and old were treated to an evening of fun, games, prizes, great music, and fabulous food! Thanks to all who made it possible.

COOKIE DAY

In November, the Sunday Bible School sponsored the annual cookie day, producing hundreds of cookies for the Whosoever Gospel Mission, the Philadelphia Park racetrack ministry, our shut-ins, and our pastors. Thanks to those who came and made it a success.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS" DAY

The kids decorated a tree in the Welcome Room for everyone to enjoy. We asked the congregation to bring baby gifts to honor the Baby Jesus on His day. After all, what's a birthday party without presents? The "presents" were taken to Alpha Pregnancy Services, where they will be used by moms and babies in need, right here in Philadelphia. Many thanks to everyone who brought something for this gift to the Baby King.

THE CHALLENGE

As always, we end the year with great opportunities ahead of us. As the numbers of children coming to our programs increase, the need for workers increases. The children are there, waiting to be taught and nurtured, some having spiritual needs that we can only begin to imagine. Please consider how you might fit in to the many opportunities for service. We ask the congregation for your continued support, through prayer, and in bringing out children, and joining us in the work.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Crockett
Sunday School Superintendent

Youth Leader's Report

This past year has been one of transition for our youth ministry. Emma Cormack, who was with us for the past two years, moved home to Scotland in July to prepare for an eventual return to college. The teens, especially the girls, miss her presence and friendship very much.

I'm overwhelmed by the responsibility placed in my hands, and I'm often stressed and tired – and cranky. But my teenage friends in this youth ministry of ours are taking good care of me. And what brings particular joy to my heart is that they are learning to take care of one another. We've talked about the difference between a "youth group," which exists for its own benefit, and a true "youth ministry," which works for the benefit of those around us, with each teen learning to follow Christ and minister the gospel of grace in his daily life. As this year progresses, I hope to involve more of the teens in leading and serving in our week-to-week studies and gatherings, helping them take responsibility for the faith that is their heritage.

We've had the privilege again of being part of the "ONE" ministry that is led by Nes Espinosa from Bethel Temple and Dennis Winton from Lighthouse Family Center. We have participated in the quarterly youth rallies, most recently at New Life Church on the Boulevard, that are an exciting (and loud!) time of games, talent, praise and worship, and solid biblical teaching.

We also had the privilege of attending the ONE fall retreat at Camp Men-O-Lan. We heard from Tommy Carrington about the need to exterminate the sin that is in us. Sin is not child's play – this is no game, and life itself is on the line.

I want to thank Bobbi Jo for the great help that she has been able to provide. While it's sad not to have her always around, she has been invaluable to this ministry. Jason started helping as well, but got sidetracked by his knee injury. Pray that he would be able to return to us (if that's God's plan), and that wherever he ministers he would bear much fruit.

Pray that the teens would seek to follow the Lord, and that he would put his heart in them and give them faith beyond their years.

Respectfully submitted,

Walt Rice, Jr.

Report of the Board of Deacons

BAPTISMS

During 2006, we interviewed and subsequently baptized four women and one man who have chosen to follow Christ. Please pray for this brother and these sisters as they continue to grow in the Lord, and that God would protect them from the attacks of the enemy who actively seeks to tear us all away from the body and from Christ himself.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEES AND PRAYER

This year saw the establishment of a monthly church lunch to go along with a monthly congregational prayer meeting. These meetings have a different flavor each month, but they have been a time of blessing as we learn to pray together and care for one another. We want to strongly encourage you to be a part of every opportunity the body has to pray together. It may not always be true that the family that prays together stays together – but I can state with assurance that if we don't pray together, there's no way that we'll survive as a church.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Whosoever Gospel Mission, with help from some of our members, is engaging our community through a very successful after-school program on Wednesdays. With more than 25 kids each week, it is certainly a joy to see so many kids having fun and hearing about the love of Jesus. Pray for God's continued provision and mercy for this ministry, and that he would be bringing children to himself for the glory of his Kingdom.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

At Pastor Lou's direction, two fellowship groups have started, one for men, and one for women. We appreciate Pastor Lou's leadership to get something moving after the Board's plan for a discipleship program fell by the wayside for various reasons. It is still our intention to encourage the members of the body of Christ to be active in each other's lives and to encourage and teach one another as we all learn to be better disciples of Christ. The men's and women's group are an excellent start toward this end, and we pray that God would bless them exceedingly and raise up many more men and women of strong faith and dedication to the Lord.

SOCIAL DANCING

The issue of social dancing in the church has been a serious distraction from gospel ministry for the pastors and the deacons, and a matter that most of the Board feels should not cause such division. At the congregation's direction, the Board has considered and put forward its understanding of and policy regarding the issue of social dancing – yet at the same time stepping

back with sadness at the division that would be caused by even this very thoughtful and biblical policy. The statement, the policy, and a note from the Board is found later in this report in the Church Business section.

WORSHIP SERVICES

The Deacons discussed and approved the idea to hold two worship services, one retaining a “traditional” style, and the other being new in design. While musical style is the easiest division to which many gravitate, it has not been the focus of our considerations.

The new service was to have started in January, but because of the other issues the Board of Deacons is dealing with, we simply have not had enough time to think through the many details of the plan that need to be weighed and decided.

We have been blessed, however, to incorporate immediately one of the major ideas for the new service into our existing service, which is the time for congregational prayer. I think we have all been blessed as we have set aside time each Sunday to pray in small groups and fellowship together in this way. May God continue to use this to draw our hearts together as one body, and to him, our one Lord.

PASTORAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

In April of 2006, the Board of Deacons created the Pastoral Support Committee, charged with the following:

In order to aid the pastor and the boards of the church to discern, communicate, and implement the overall vision and direction God has for our church, we hereby charge the Pastoral Support Committee, a special committee of the Board of Deacons, with the following responsibilities:

- *Renew our commitment to the Great Commission, clearly articulating the contextual mission of our church in our community, and the direction in which we see God, through the Holy Spirit leading us. (Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 9:20-23)*
- *Protect and uphold our pastor as he seeks to lead us according to God’s will, standing with him on all public issues and privately challenging and being challenged through prayer and examination of God’s Word. (Proverbs 27:14, John 17:23)*
- *Strive to make the love of Jesus Christ the clear and evident characteristic of our church. (John 13:35)*
- *Work to implement godly leadership, rooted in the Word and prayer, full of the Holy Spirit, of good reputation and worthy of respect. (Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3)*
- *Through teaching and preaching, disciple and shepherd God’s people in all of the above, with patience and compassion. (Matthew 9:36, 1 Peter 5:1-4)*

The members of this committee are:

- *Pastor Luis Centeno*
- *Pastor Daniel Ndimantang*
- *Pastor Marni Selorio (Chairman, Deacons)*
- *Coz Crosscombe (Dir. Ministry Development)*
- *Walt Rice, Sr. (Moderator)*
- *Walt Rice, Jr. (Vice Chairman, Deacons)*
- *George Parcell*

In addition to the implementation, composition, and supposed illegitimacy of the committee, the above purposes above have been strongly challenged by some in the congregation. Let me be clear that

(1) We need to protect our pastor, because he is under attack from within and without, from the “powers” of this world and the powers of darkness. We all must stand with him and hold up his hands as he wages battle.

(2) We must do better at loving one another. To say that we must strive to make the love of Christ clear does not say that we don’t love each other, but the alternative seems to imply that we don’t need to love more. We must strive harder to love one another.

(3) The leadership of this church, including me, is sick and diseased with sin and discouragement and difficulties. We must constantly refocus our hearts and minds in the Word of God and in prayer. We must seek more of the Holy Spirit, and endeavor to live lives worthy of respect.

The Board of Deacons has committed to these purposes, and whatever our disagreements on structure, these goals are what we must seek as leaders and as God’s people.

A FINAL NOTE

One of the greatest disappointments for me is that no one person can ever speak for this board. There are things that I have stated above that I’m sure there will be disagreement with, and perhaps public disagreement. Pray for us, that we would be united in the Spirit – not in our own individual wills, but in the will of the Father above.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Rice, Jr.
Vice-Chair, Board of Deacons

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees

Some of the tasks accomplished through the Board of Trustees in 2006 were:

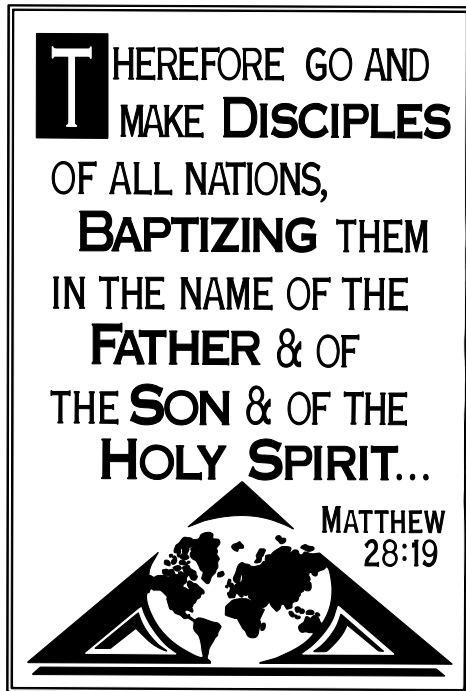
- The installation of carpeting in the primary room, outside the ladies room, and on the steps from the primary room to Fellowship Hall at no cost to us. A big “thank you” to John Ramos and some of his friends.
- Whosoever Gospel Mission approached us about having an after-school club on Wednesdays. We said we would be happy for them to do so. They started in the fall and continue every Wed. from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Attendance has been running from 25 to 30 children each week. Heather and Jen Rice lead the program, with able assistance from Rev. Ron and Caroline Hammack, Walt Rice, Sr., Courtney Rice, and Melissa Hauber (now Rice).
- The Air Conditioning project is progressing. The large unit was positioned on the roof last summer with a crane. Through the generosity of a work group from Holland, Michigan.
- New light fixtures were installed in the back hallway leading to the office.
- The roof on the tower was replaced last summer.
- Coz, Maher, and myself built a walk-in closet for the Pre-School, measuring 20 feet by 30 inches.

Looking forward, we are also currently investigating the pointing of the whole church building at a cost of around \$12,000.

Respectfully submitted,

George Rice, III
Chairman

Report of the Board of Missions



The Board's aim was to contact each mission person, family, or agency we support by sending a personal note asking for their prayer needs, prayer answers, an updated picture that we could display, as well as any news they would want to share. Although not 100%, we received a good response.

The mission conference covered the five Sundays in October with different Boards or groups preparing lunch for each Sunday. We thank one and all for your cooperation.

A thank you note was sent to each of the 10 speakers for the conference, as well as a small monetary gift.

Thank you for your generosity in helping to make Sunshine Mountain a success. Both Alpha Pregnancy and the Race Track were recipients.

More than 25 baskets of food were distributed at Thanksgiving, thanks to you. Plus, our food cupboard has helped many in the community this year.

We were able to meet our budget this year. Your giving is gratefully appreciated for the support of our missionaries.

One final note. Our missionary Sue Brodish expresses her grateful thanks to Wyoming for your support of her through her many years in Germany, and asks for our continued prayer support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hinchcliff
Chair

P.S. Even your pennies in the jar help greatly!

Membership Changes in 2006

The following people were baptized at Wyoming and accepted into membership:

Eudovina (Dina) Figueroa
Jason Martinez
Ojilvia Martinez
Jenette Muñoz
Courtney Rice

The following people were removed from membership at their request:

Kenneth Crockett
Steven Crockett
Bruce Laverty
Susan Laverty

The following members passed away and were removed from the rolls:

Howard Hinkle
Mathilda (Tillie) Kleis
Evelyn Mance
Charles Mathues

Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church

Average Monthly Attendance, 1996 through 2006

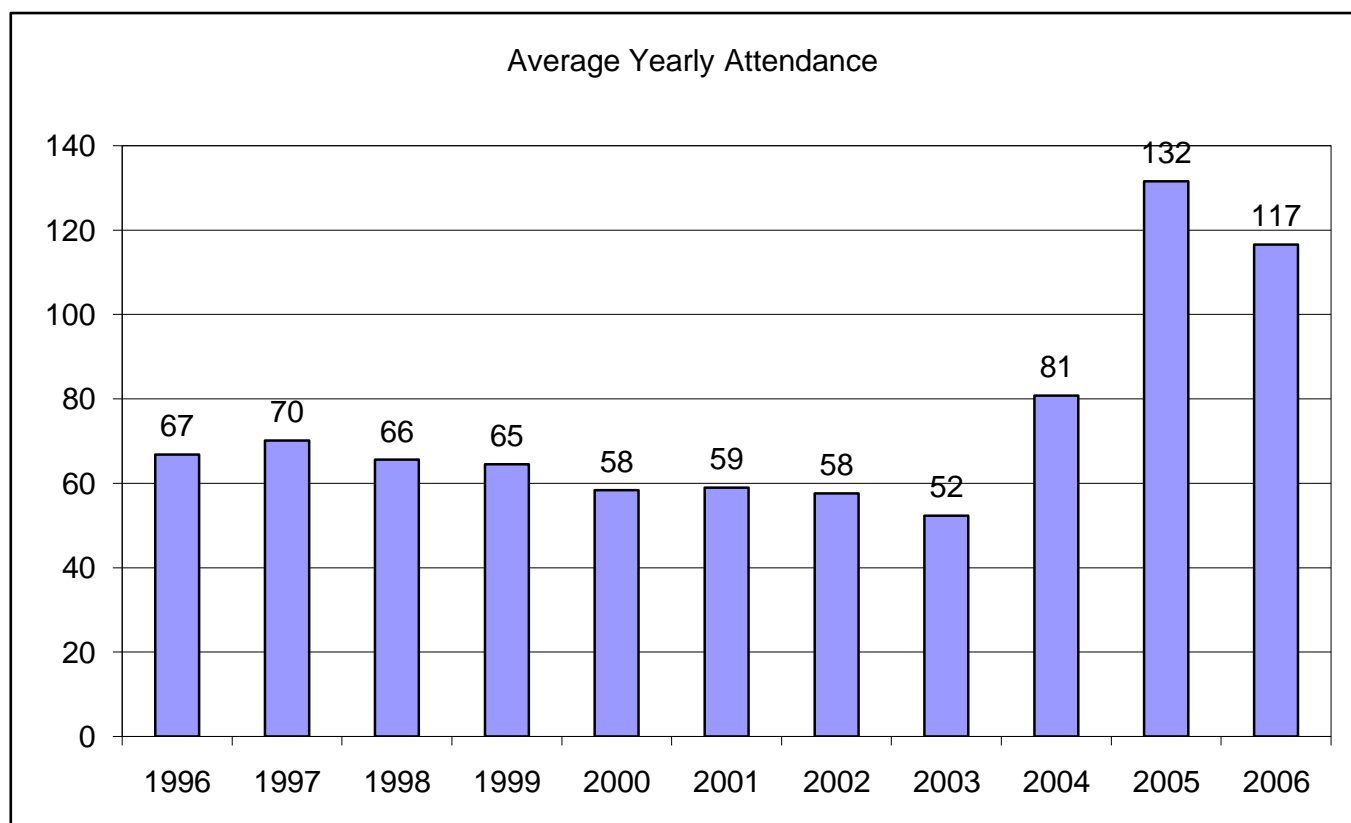
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Sunday Morning											
January	68	68	59	63	61	50	56	65	49	93	120
February	66	71	68	64	60	49	58	50	62	120	93
March	68	80	62	70	63	55	61	54	68	156	126
April	75	68	79	72	62	66	58	68	66	119	159
May	79	69	57	63	65	58	58	59	66	128	138
June	67	64	56	64	63	59	57	53	82	127	113
July	69	62	63	52	57	65	51	43	82	135	122
August	69	56	68	55	52	59	46	49	93	96	86
September	66	65	63	60	55	78	65	49	99	126	111
October	61	94	68	65	58	56	60	46	95	179	124
November	62	71	70	70	51	57	57	52	97	154	94
December	52	74	74	76	53	56	64	42	112	154	101

Year	67	70	66	65	58	59	58	52	81	132	117
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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Holy Thursday					37		47	44	30	80	
Good Friday					30		36	21	57	144	
Easter					80		64	89	86	222	248
Thanksgiving Eve					38		23	22	51		75
Christmas Eve					84		66	56	141		168
New Years Eve					26		22	31	65	40	50

Membership:

Plus	0	8		1	2	2		2	4	13	5
Minus	-13	-7	-1	-5	-6	-6			-4	-4	-8
Inactive			-41			-27					
Members	192	193	151	147	143	112			104	113	110



Church Business

Looking Forward

*A report of the Pastoral Support Committee of the Board of Deacons
to the Diaconate and the Congregation, October 29, 2006*

As we reflect upon our ministry in this church over the past few years, we remember the parable of Jesus: *"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."* (Matthew 9:16-17)

We have hoped for a miracle of God's Spirit to awaken and renew this church, and indeed we have seen significant renewal in many ways. But we find that wisdom calls us to sew a new garment and to make new wineskins, that God's people in Feltonville, all of us, will not simply be "patched up," but will be radiantly arrayed, and the new wine of his blessing will not run out and be wasted. Thus, with great hope, we feel it wise to begin a new season of ministry in our church.

We desire to build a church to glorify God in obedience to his call to impact our community and our city with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It must not be "business as usual" or "the way we've done it." Everything must be turned upside down, and everything must be "made new." *"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'"* (Revelation 21:5)

We desire to "re-plant" Wyoming as a new church, in this place. One response to God's call would be to start a new church in a new place. But he has put amazing people and resources here, and we feel that with the willingness of the congregation to free its leaders to begin again, God can work to birth a new church and a new work in this place. Practically, this would be a re-launch – with renewed vision, a new name and worship service, and a much-simplified organizational structure.

Sunday would have two worship services. One would be a traditional worship service using hymns and traditional structure. The second would be a new service, new in name, style, and structure. The two services would have regular opportunity to interact and fellowship together at church dinners and other special events.

The implementation of a second service has already been approved by the Board of Deacons, and will begin in January of 2007. The other parts of this recommendation continue to be in discussion by the Diaconate, who will present their final recommendation at a future meeting.

Proposed Amendments and Resolutions

In the spirit of “Looking Forward,” we propose that the following be adopted by the Deacons and the congregation, in the process described for by-law amendments.

- All of the boards, committees, and officers of the church will be consolidated, vesting their responsibilities and authority, spiritual and legal, in one Church Board. The Church Board will consist of 6 men or women not employed by the church. The Senior Pastor will serve as an additional, ex-officio member, with full voice and vote.
 - By consolidating, we hope to encourage and build more solid relationships and cooperation between the ministry team and the congregation through its representatives. We hope to provide the right environment for the development of clear vision, direction, bold decisions, and a unity of heart and mind that is visible to the congregation and the community.
 - We recognize that joining so many responsibilities together is probably not the most appropriate long-term model, but we feel it is necessary at this time to move our church forward.
 - Note that the goal is not to eliminate dissension or disagreement, but to provide the appropriate environment and relational setting to seek the Lord’s guidance, study the Scriptures, and deliberate in the gentleness of wisdom. To protect against any appearance of secrecy, we do recommend that the Board make available its minutes, and open its meetings to observers, as much as issues of propriety and privacy allow.
 - It is not expected that the members of this Board will do all the work in the church, rather they will coordinate and direct it, bringing as many members as possible into active service in the church in various roles, as the Lord provides.
- The members of the Board will be elected annually by the membership of the church. Nominations must be submitted in writing three weeks before the meeting, signed by the member presenting the nomination and an additional member seconding the nomination. The nomination will attest to the nominee’s clear Christian testimony and character for leadership, as described in 1 Timothy 3 and elsewhere in the Scriptures.
 - The change in nominating procedure is (1) to prevent the Board from becoming exclusive, permitting members of the congregation to directly nominate candidates, and (2) to establish a clear expectation of Christian character for our leaders – character that must be attested to by those nominating, and affirmed by the congregation.
 - We affirm that our standard MUST be godly character, and not particular accomplishments or level of dedication to working in the church. We must acknowledge and encourage the great sacrifice of the many laborers serving in our church – but we must not make elected leadership the vehicle of such service, and in so doing, ignoring the Bible’s requirements.

- The leaders and staff of the church will begin to plan a new worship service and provide for the continuing of a traditional service.
 - The Deacons have in the past been opposed to the idea of two services, because it is felt that two services will cause division between two groups in the church. The assertion, however, is that the divide already exists and is causing enough tension in our church that we are not able to effectively minister to our community, reaching people for Christ and welcoming them into our fellowship.
 - Therefore, we recommend that for the near future, the leaders of the church work on creating a new worship service separate from the current service, and focus their attention on making the service a place where God continues to be worshipped in a way that is biblically sound, but also in a way that is culturally relevant in our community.
 - We recommend that the church continue a “traditional” worship service to provide a comfortable setting for worship for those who desire such an environment, while at the same time providing opportunities and encouragement for the various parts of the body to interact, fellowship, and serve each other.
 - What joy it would be if the people of God raised up in opposition to this and said to the leaders, “We do not want to be separate in this way – change and do whatever is right and necessary to incorporate the newcomers in our midst and reach the lost for Jesus. It may not be the way I like it, but we will praise God together!”
- While the official, corporate name of the church will continue to be Wyoming Ave. Baptist Church, the Board will select a new name under which the church will minister publicly.
 - The Pastor and many on the ministry team believe it is necessary to accompany the new ministry of this church with a new name. We are not entirely enthusiastic about such a change, because we value the history and tradition of this church and the sense of belonging that comes with the name “Wyoming Ave. Baptist Church.” However, we see that our resistance to such change is primarily one of self-interest and pride. Therefore, let us not glory in our own name, but let us glory in God’s Name, and His work among us – past, present, and future.
 - Therefore, we stand behind the recommendation to make all things new and to be called by a new name. We do not condemn the old, but we cannot forgo the new, or we forfeit our call and our ministry. A new name without real change is without benefit, thus we must focus on real change, and permit the Pastor and the Board to choose an appropriate name when the time is right. It is expected that they will seek input from the congregation on the new name.

Proposed Amendment

The following was read at the October meeting and is ready for action by the church:

I propose an amendment or rewriting of the bylaws to reduce by half the members serving on all boards, including, but not limited to the Board of Deacons, Trustees, and the Board of Missions.

This will allow more members of our church to give their time to ministry rather than the constant, consuming business of the church.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Crockett*

October 29, 2006

Position Statement on Dancing

This position statement and the following policy was adopted by a 2/3 majority of the Board of Deacons at its meeting on January 8, 2007. However, because the Deacons cannot present a unified answer to the congregation, the Board adopted the following statement by unanimous consent:

“The following is our research and response to the issue of dancing in the church, but in deference to some [on the Board and in the congregation] who would still have overwhelming objection, and with concern over the resulting divisiveness, we feel that at this time in the life of the church it seems wise to establish a policy that prohibits all forms of social dancing.”

With respect to dance as a cultural expression:

- ✠ The human ability and inclination to dance are rooted in creation. God gave us bodies that are instruments of sense and motion, and made us capable of responding to musical themes and rhythmical movement. This capacity finds expression in every human culture through religious, artistic, and social dancing. God, in the wisdom and splendor of his creativity, made us creatures of faith, artistic sensitivity, and sociability – each of which find valid expression in various forms of dance.
- ✠ However, along with every other created human capability, dancing suffers from our fallen and sinful condition. This fallen condition affects the entire context of dance – religious, artistic, and social – including the setting, music, and motivation of the participants, as well as the structure of the dance itself. What has been intended for good has been corrupted by the evil of our own hearts.
- ✠ Because dancing is rooted primarily in God’s creation, not in the corruption of the fall, we believe that Christians are not to reject dancing, but are called to redeem this ability to God-honoring use. The challenge of a redeemed use of dancing is indeed a difficult one, and includes the entire context of dancing, particularly its motivation, setting, and music.

With respect to specific forms of dance:

- ✠ It is biblical and fitting that God’s people use appropriate liturgical dance forms for the expression of their deep feelings of praise to God. The God who gave us bodies responsive to music and capable of rhythmic movement does not require that we ignore our bodies in worship or that we praise him only with our minds and voices (Ps. 150:4).
- ✠ The natural tendencies of younger children towards dance that are largely uncorrupted by our fallen nature may be enjoyed and encouraged in all settings.
- ✠ Like painting, sculpture, and music, artistic dance forms such as ballet are legitimate avenues of expression for the Christian who pursues them in acknowledgment of Christ’s redemptive claims.
- ✠ The folk dances of many cultures, including various square dances, generally reflect a joyful use of music, rhythm, movement, and social involvement which can be redeemed by a Christian community that makes a sensitive effort to control the ingredients of music, motivation, and context.

- ✠ Ballroom and “traditional” social dances present a greater challenge to conscientious Christians. While many of these dances present positive potential for genuine artistic skill and healthy social interaction, they also present negative potential. They often are sexually suggestive; they allow partners to make physical contact indiscriminately on a very casual and superficial basis; and the entire context in which such dances are held often reflects the hedonistic values dominant in our culture. Christians should not participate without the exercise of genuine Christian maturity expressed in a determination for a thorough redesign of these dances and their context.
- ✠ Much of contemporary dance, such as practiced in nightclubs, is marked by features that are sharply in conflict with Christian standards: blatant sexual suggestiveness and a use of musical and lyrical themes that flout Christian values. Christians should firmly reject these forms as they appear in our culture.
- ✠ With regard to social dancing, we must use the discriminating wisdom of the Spirit of God to (1) reject those contemporary dance forms in which there is nothing that can be redeemed, (2) clean up and redirect a number of contemporary dances so as to create an acceptable version for Christian use, and (3) create uniquely Christian forms of social dancing as an alternative to those presently available.

*Much of the material above is adapted from “Dance and the Christian Life,”
a report of the 1982 Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.*

Church Policy on Dancing

We recognize the extreme difficulty in judging our hearts and motives (and those of our guests) and our limited experience with dancing and its rightful, redeemed uses. For these reasons, we find it wise to adopt the following guidelines:

- ✠ Social dancing at church events should be limited to (1) dancing between married couples, and between parents and their children, and (2) group line and square dances that do not permit intimate physical contact between the participants.
- ✠ In most instances, dancing should be a directed, group activity. An unmonitored “open floor” often creates an environment conducive to unwholesome dance.
- ✠ Close attention must be paid to the context of dance to draw a clear distinction between the environment of the world (close physical contact, dimly lit setting, loud or intoxicating music, dance that is sexually suggestive) and the environment of the church.
- ✠ The church and its leaders should not merely be permissive of dancing, but must take responsibility for the manner and the context in which it takes place, as must church families that sponsor dancing at occasions such as wedding receptions.

Church events include all occasions sponsored by the church, whether or not they take place at the church, and all events that take place on church property, whether or not directly sponsored by the church itself. None of these limits are intended to prevent the appropriate expression of religious, artistic, and dramatic dance within the services and programs of the church.

Financial Reports and Budgets

Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church

2006 Financial Report and 2007 Budget

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
Income			
4000 - Unrestricted Contributions			
Regular Offerings	81,200	78,435	86,000
Sunday School	2,000	1,668	1,600
Total 4000 - Unrestricted Contributions	83,200	80,103	87,600
4400 - Restricted Income			
Bible Courses & Conferences			
Parenting Seminar (Contrib)		55	
Parenting Seminar (Fees)		95	
Responding to Islam (Contrib)		130	
Responding to Islam (Fees)		1,805	
Total Bible Courses & Conferences	3,000	2,085	3,000
Building Fund			
Air Conditioning		80	
Stone Pointing & Concrete Work			6,000
General Building Fund	12,000	12,373	12,000
Total Building Fund	12,000	12,453	18,000
Children and Youth Ministries			
Vacation Bible School		230	
Youth Ministry		642	
Youth Retreat (Fees)		300	
Children and Youth Ministries - Other		6,635	
Total Children and Youth Ministries	1,200	7,807	4,500
Diaconal & Community Ministries			
Christmas Toy Sale (Donations)	700	92	200
Christmas Toy Sale (from Sales)	300		300
Fellowship Fund	1,800	2,191	2,000
Special Events and Dinners			
Family Fall Festival		999	
Missions Conference Luncheons		410	
Police Awards Ceremony		1,250	
Thanksgiving Dinner		270	
Special Events and Dinners - Other		101	
Total Special Events and Dinners	1,400	3,030	3,000
Total Diaconal & Community Ministries	4,200	5,313	5,500
Directed Ministry Staff Support			
Ministry Staff Gifts		370	
Support for Daniel Ndimantang	3,000	200	200
Support for Emma Cormack	1,200	1,549	0
Supt for Coz & Joyce Crosscombe	48,000	54,890	50,000
Total Directed Ministry Staff Support	52,200	57,009	50,200

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
Grants			
Mustard Seed Muslim Outreach	9,000	9,000	0
Total Grants	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Memorials Committee Funds	1,000	0	1,000
Missions			
Missions Fund (General)	12,800	13,580	13,100
Philippine Missions	1,600	100	600
Special Offerings		217	250
Total Missions	<u>14,400</u>	<u>13,896</u>	<u>13,950</u>
Total 4400 - Restricted Income	97,000	107,563	96,150
4700 - Pre-School Tuition	23,000	18,110	20,000
4900 - Other Income			
127 Rent	1,500	871	1,000
Facilities Use Fees	600	797	600
Flowers Income	900	799	800
Investment Income	400	453	400
Mission Work Groups	5,000	9,714	7,500
Outside Fundraising for Gen Bgt	10,000	0	0
Workday/Meeting/Practice Meals	100	0	100
Total 4900 - Other Income	<u>18,500</u>	<u>12,635</u>	<u>10,400</u>
Total Income	221,700	218,410	214,150
Expense			
4001 - Reconciliation Discrepancies		-1,160	
5000 - Church Home			
5010 - Building Improvement & Maint			
Air Conditioning	3,000	695	2,000
Door Latches & Locks	100	119	100
Electrician	0	693	600
Exterminating	100	0	100
Fire Extinguisher Maint	200	0	200
Grounds Maintenance	200	50	50
Handicapped Access Ramp	250	0	250
Maintenance Supplies	1,400	0	250
Parsonage Maintenance	0	530	300
Plumbing	500	1,880	500
Pre-School Classroom Closets	0	446	0
Roofing	0	3,200	0
Second Floor Offices	200	0	200
Showers	1,000	1,515	250
Stone Pointing & Concrete Work	0	0	6,000
Telephone System	400	0	0
5010 - Building Improvement & Maint - Other	500	302	500
Total 5010 - Building Improvement & Maint	<u>7,850</u>	<u>9,430</u>	<u>11,300</u>

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
5030 - Utilities			
5031 - Church Electric	5,000	4,691	5,500
5032 - Church Gas	16,500	14,569	16,500
5033 - Church Telephone	500	919	950
5034 - Church Water and Sewer	500	562	600
5036 - Annex Electric	550	483	550
5038 - Annex Oil	1,200	1,476	1,500
5039 - Annex Water and Sewer	300	220	250
5042 - 127 Utilities	2,600	2,842	3,000
Total 5030 - Utilities	27,150	25,760	28,850
5045 - Insurance	10,630	11,406	12,000
5050 - Sexton's Salary	5,000	8,381	2,000
5051 - Hospitality Supplies	1,300	2,149	2,300
5055 - Licenses and Permits	250	209	250
5060 - Memorials Committee Funds	1,000	0	1,000
5065 - Real Estate Taxes (127)	800	778	800
5070 - Security Monitoring	800	865	875
5090 - Miscellaneous	200	65	200
Total 5000 - Church Home	54,980	59,043	59,575
5100 - Church Ministries			
5110 - Pastoral Ministry and Staff			
5112 - Staff Salaries (from Church)			
Asst Pastor Housing Allowance	4,500	4,666	4,500
Asst Pastor Salary	7,500	7,517	7,000
Pastor's Salary	19,500	19,500	20,000
Total 5112 - Staff Salaries (from Church)	31,500	31,683	31,500
5114 - Staff Salaries (from Missions)			
Asst Pastor Salary (Missions)	4,500	4,500	5,000
Dir Ministry Dev Sal (Missions)	300	300	300
Jen Salhani Support (Missions)	150	150	150
Muslim Outreach (Missions)	150	150	150
Youth Director Sal (Missions)	200	300	0
Total 5114 - Staff Salaries (from Missions)	5,300	5,400	5,600
5116 - Staff Salaries (from Grants)			
Muslim Outreach (Payroll Exp)	746	779	320
Muslim Outreach (Salary)	9,754	10,182	4,180
Total 5116 - Staff Salaries (from Grants)	10,500	10,961	4,500
5118 - Staff Salaries (from Directed)			
Asst Pastor Salary (Directed)	2,771	238	184
Dir Ministry Dev Sal (Directed)	39,895	47,188	41,400
Youth Director Sal (Directed)	1,662	2,249	0
Total 5118 - Staff Salaries (from Directed)	44,328	49,674	41,584

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
5120 - Staff Ministry Expenses			
Coz's Ministry Expenses	6,000	4,565	6,000
Pastor's Ministry Expenses	1,200	1,532	1,300
Pastor (Asst) Mileage Expenses	1,500	959	800
Youth Dir Ministry Expenses	200	100	0
Total 5120 - Staff Ministry Expenses	8,900	7,156	8,100
5126 - Pulpit Supply		250	250
Total 5110 - Pastoral Ministry and Staff	100,528	105,124	91,534
5125 - Bible Courses and Conferences			
Parenting Seminar		120	
RELOAD Youth Worker Conference		115	
Responding to Islam Conference		1,973	
Total 5125 - Bible Courses and Conferences	3,000	2,208	3,000
5130 - Children and Youth Ministries			
Church Support of Pre-School	0	5,783	2,468
Sunday Bible School	1,200	1,539	1,600
Vacation Bible School	1,300	2,071	1,800
Youth Group	200	38	200
Youth Retreats	1,200	650	1,000
Total 5130 - Children and Youth Ministries	3,900	10,081	7,068
5140 - Diaconal & Community Ministries			
Christmas Toy Sale	1,000	300	800
Support for Needy Families (Fellowship Fund)	0	430	250
Evangelism & Outreach Materials	2,200	349	2,300
Food Cupboard (Fellowship Fund)	1,750	1,870	1,750
Shut-in Mailings (Fellowship Fund)	50	40	50
Special Events and Dinners			
Annual Business Mtg Dinner		311	
Church Dinners		412	
Family Fall Festival		999	
Missions Conference Lunches		610	
Police Awards Ceremony		1,250	
Special Events and Dinners - Other		275	
Total Special Events and Dinners	2,500	3,857	3,900
Total 5140 - Diaconal & Community Ministries	7,500	6,845	9,050
5150 - Worship Ministry			
Communion Supplies	100	18	50
Flowers	550	711	750
Music Supplies	550	783	600
Piano Tuning & Repair	200	130	150
Total 5150 - Worship Ministry	1,400	1,642	1,550
5185 - Mission Work Group Expenses	2,600	7,957	6,000
Total 5100 - Church Ministries	118,928	133,858	118,202

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
5200 · Church Office			
Bank Service Charges	100	365	300
Computer Programs & Books	50	150	50
Copiers	2,000	1,905	2,000
Misc.	100	0	100
Offering Envelopes	100	359	250
Office Supplies	800	733	800
Pastor's Secretary	3,500	2,917	875
Postage	150	178	150
Total 5200 · Church Office	6,800	6,608	4,525
5300 · Pre-School Program			
5310 · Teachers' Salaries	20,500	22,126	20,500
5330 · Payroll Expenses	1,568	1,753	1,568
5350 · Pre-School Supplies	400	14	200
5360 · Advertising	200		200
5399 · Support from Church	0	-5,783	-2,468
Total 5300 · Pre-School Program	22,668	18,110	20,000
5400 · Support of Other Ministries			
5410 · Missions Fund (General)	6,825	7,225	6,825
5420 · Cameroon Mission Trip	0	624	0
5430 · Disaster Relief			
Hurricane Katrina Relief	0	64	0
Total 5430 · Disaster Relief	0	64	0
5440 · Philippine Missions	1,600	770	600
Total 5400 · Support of Other Ministries	8,425	8,682	7,425
5500 · Payroll Expenses	5,279	4,528	4,342
Total Expense	217,080	229,669	214,069
Net Income	4,620	-11,258	81

Missions Fund 2006 Report and 2007 Budget

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
Our Local Missionaries			
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Ndimantang	4,500	4,500	5,000
Mr. and Mrs. Coz and Joyce Crosscombe	300	300	300
Miss Emma Cormack	200	300	
Mr. Maher Salhani (American Missionary Fellowship)	150	150	150
Mrs. Jen Salhani (American Missionary Fellowship)	150	150	150
Individual Missionaries			
Miss Vicky Beattie, Zambia, Africa (SIM)	450	450	450
Rev. Jack Cordell, Race Track Ministries, Philadelphia (ABC)	450	450	450
Rev. Thomas Huckel, Hananeel House, Philadelphia	450	450	450
Rev. and Mrs. Duthene Joseph, Haiti (UFM)	450	450	450
Rev. and Mrs. Barry Owen, Taiwan (CBI)	450	450	450
Miss Rebekah Poteat, Togo, West Africa (ABWE)	450	450	450
Philadelphia Institutions			
Alpha Pregnancy Services	450	450	450
Good Shepherd Ministry (ABC)	450	450	450
Grace Settlement House (BCM Int'l)	450	450	450
Whosoever Gospel Mission	525	525	525
Other Institutions & Missions Organizations			
Anadarko Christian Center (ABC)	300	300	300
Christ's Home For Children	300	300	300
Christ's Home For the Aged	300	300	300
Kodiak Baptist Mission (ABC)	300	300	300
Mission Aviation Fellowship	300	300	300
Murrow Indian Children's Home (ABC)	200	200	200
Pocket Testament League	200	200	200
Others			
Missions Conference Expenses	675	610	675
Visiting Missionary Speakers	250	750	750
Student Aid	100		100
Total General Budget	\$12,800	\$13,235	\$13,600

Fund Balances, December 31, 2006

	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	-\$5,992
Building Fund	
General Building Fund	\$0
Air Conditioning	\$1,185
Total Building Fund	\$1,185
Missions Fund	
General Missions Budget	\$1,071
Disaster Relief	\$517
Philippine Missions	-\$100
Cameroon Missions	-\$1
Homeless Outreach	\$100
Total Missions Fund	\$1,588
Grant Funds	
Mustard Seed	\$4,500
Robert Wood Johnson CHLP	\$2,000
Total Grant Funds	\$6,500
Deacons' Fellowship Fund	\$62
Christmas Toy Sale	\$1,062
Cormack Support	-\$95
Crosscombe Support	\$4,154
Ndimantang Support	-\$104
Endowment Fund	\$21,337
Uncleared Items and Liabilities	\$2,744
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$32,441
Checking Account	\$14,916
Certificates of Deposit	\$14,851
Petty Cash	\$270
Employee Advances (owed to the church)	\$2,403
TOTAL ALL MONETARY ASSETS	\$32,441