

Annual Report

of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church of Philadelphia

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Celebrating 120 Years of Ministry, 1891–2011

Pastor's Report

Editor's note: Pastor Luis Centeno resigned from Wyoming's pastorate as of December 31, 2010. This report is the text of his upcoming newsletter. It looks back at the past year of ministry at Wyoming, and talks a bit about Pastor Lou's upcoming direction and focus. While he is no longer our pastor, we continue to pray and invest in our brother's ministry as God leads.

Dearest Friends,

This Christmas for our family devotion with our children and grandkids we took time to look at Luke 2:25-38.

Have you ever had a moment where you felt wonderfully, delightfully and awesomely surprised, you felt that your breath was somewhat taken from you. Could you imagine that first announcement of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ by the heavenly host to the shepherds? Now imagine when they went to that lowly manger and found Him. When they looked and pierced into the eyes of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Could you imagine when Jesus was being presented at the temple and there was promised to a man named Simeon that he would not die until he saw the salvation of the Lord? Now can you imagine when he saw Mary and Joseph and how they handed him over, this child, as he took him upon his arms and pierce upon the one who would be the Savior of the world?

Could you imagine Ana, who was a prophetess fasting and praying daily at the temple now as she held him and prophesied over him and pierced upon the Lord Jesus Christ as a babe being presented at the temple?

Could you imagine how yet to this very day those who would look upon the Lord Jesus in whatever their condition in life is, if they can truly look with eyes of faith upon the Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, how their lives will be altered.

All these are moments where you feel wonderfully, delightfully and awesomely surprised, and your breath will feel somewhat taken from you. I know mine was over 40 years ago when I gave my

life to Jesus Christ. I haven't been able to take my eyes off of Him since. He still takes my breath away. He still tells me that all of this which has taken place was for me and also for all those who are in need of His deliverance and salvation of which we should be busy about proclaiming the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ and advancing his kingdom.

Read again that chapter and read again the reminder of those who beheld Him, how they have given their all. Even as the wise man that pierced upon Him and were able to surrender their gifts of thanks and gratitude to the true King who was worthy to be praised. And as they offered their gifts knowing that He was also going to die for the sins of the world. My brethren, may God richly bless you with this truth. Amen

I so trust and pray that all of you have been truly blessed and encouraged in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And that this Christmas was the fullest, richest and the most glorious of times for you and your family. As you celebrated the first coming of the son of God, Jesus Christ, who was prophesized to be born in the city of David of Bethlehem. I also pray that you and yours are in the best of God given health at this present time.

Every Christmas morning at our home, we gathered with all our children and grandkids. After breakfast our tradition has been to gather around for a time of Christmas carols, devotion and singing happy birthday to Jesus. We then take turns telling the Lord what we were thankful for this past year, from the youngest to the oldest told of the great things He has done in their life. This was a very special God given moment that words at this time would fail me to express. Elsie and I were so full of the joy of the Lord to look around seeing how the Lord was pleased to call our children unto Himself for the ministry and the mission field.

Kristie and our son in law Bill, with our five grandchildren left on 28th of December to France under G.E.M. to the mission field in Paris. They arrived safe, praise the Lord.

Our son, Pastor Jaime and his wife Vignette (also five grandchildren) have just moved into their new building and are carrying this year's theme for their church "God's exponential favor." This building which they are trying to purchase happens to be the Christian elementary school, "Timothy Academy", where they all attended as children and graduated from. How awesome is that, they are truly going to advance God's kingdom in the very area where they as children grew up in and went to school. Praise the Lord.

Our son, a Philly firefighter, Jason and his wife Lucy are growing in the Lord and have their share of involvement in their church.

Jonathan and his future wife, Lisette, are also very active in the community and church.

Josiah and wife Marlaina are very passionate about leading the young couples group from their church and will be adding on to the family our fourteenth grandchild in few months from now. Praise the Lord.

Kara is finishing this semester her last year of college with her major in Psychology. Andrew is finishing high school and has been thinking about going to college. Brandon and Amanda are very busy going to school and doing school work, they are also a blessing to Elsie and me as they are very helpful at home and in the ministry. We were greatly blessed to have

Jeremy, who is the farthest away in Florida, come join us for Christmas. He teaches and is an assistant principal in the public school there. Now Kristie moved to France as a missionary this makes her the furthest from us.

Yes Christmas was the best and yes we were able to continue to fellowship with the many friends and families whom we entertained at our home throughout the holidays, sharing with them the gospel. Praise the Lord. Time has gone by so fast I have been involved in Inner City ministries for 38 years. Did you know that I have been with the American Missionary Fellowship since 1981 which will now this May the 11th, 2011 be 30 years? Prior to that I had ministered in the Inner City with Teen Haven, Crossroads Community Center and other ministries which I was involved with back then, could you imagine that? God has been good and blessed us with fruitful 38 years of learning His wonderful goodness and grace and deliverance to those who we have shared the gospel with throughout these years.

I have just finished seven years as Senior Pastor at Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church (WABC). December 31, 2010 was my last official day. This was the most exciting, challenging, stretching and life altering time in my life. The Lord has truly allowed me the privilege to have this experience as we continue to share His gospel. W.A.B.C. continues to be a light in that community. I ask you to pray for the continual growth and blessing of this ministry in the Inner City of Philadelphia, as they search for their next pastor, that the Lord would bring them a great mighty man of God. Romans 8:28 I can truly say was my experience at W.A.B.C. All things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose. May the Lord be praised.

You are probably saying by now what's up, what will you be doing or continuing to do at this time. Well I will continue to carry on as I have been doing for many years. I will continue being a police chaplain for the 24th and 25th district. And also be providing the suicide prevention training that I do with the law enforcement men and women throughout the city. I will continue to be chaplain of the cancer treatment center of America. I will continue to do Muslim outreach. I will continue to do community outreach evangelism, mentoring, counseling, consulting and continue as part of the board and chair of the counseling center of Place of Refuge.

So what's new?

With God's divine help and assistance we seek to plant 12 new house churches and also start up a training, mentoring, and leadership development seminary which we are calling it the Nehemiah Next To Practical Seminary . We have already been involved in the new church plant which is conducted in English and French speaking, called the Northwood Gospel Center. Heading this work up is Bruce and Rebecca Eaton with Pastor Theodore and his wife, Love, along with another assistant, Pastor Joseph. This was started as a house church but now they are looking into different facility as they look forward to more growth, in order to accommodate more people than their house church can at this time.

Elsie and I along with a few others have started up the Barnabas Transformation Ministry this is also a house church meeting out of our home. And the Lord willing we would hope within this year or so, to start up an Arabic speaking church. I am claiming this by faith in the authority of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have three men already, doctor of Theology, a pastor and an elder who would like to see this come to pass. They all speak Arabic.

It was about four years ago that our son Jaime launched his church plant from our back yard where building, they were able to we have a accommodate about 40 to 50 people, whom were being ministered to, week by week until they outgrew the place. And this will also be the sight we will use for our future launching of a variety of churches as God is sending men and women to come and be trained, be prepared and mentored. Please pray that as we now look to the Lord's grace and goodness to divinely help us to orchestrate this new plant and multipurpose building to do the work of furthering His kingdom through men and women who are passionate with the gospel and who want to use their gifts and abilities in the work of the ministry.

I am looking forward to investing and mentoring many of these individuals who may be interested either in chaplain ministry in hospitals or with police or with Muslim outreach, or in any of the various other areas of expertise that the Lord has given me grace throughout the years to develop in reaching the city and community in proclaiming the gospel for Jesus Christ.

We will soon be involved in the preparations, renovations and rebuilding project that will help to house these various ministries. So we would appreciate your prayers as God continues to bring people our way who are desirous of helping us put this project together. I know that this may sound overwhelming and hard but my years of ministry have shown me that what may seem to be impossible for man is not impossible for God. To His name be the glory as we look toward those who would be volunteering and praying and providing resources for His glory to get this work done within the next couple of years. It is by his power and wisdom that all is established for His glory.

Much was done throughout this past year in 2010. We had over 285 summer volunteers who did ministry throughout the summer and resided at the church doing prayer walks, open air meetings, children's day camp, renovations of the church and community cleanup as well as distributing food and praying and counseling with people.

We have also been involved in an aggressive training for the Philadelphia Police Department. We did not in 2010 experience any line duty death of police officers. We did have six officers who were shot and by the grace of God none of them seriously enough to have died, but we also have had in 2010 five police suicides. I have been called by one of the deputy commissioners of the Philadelphia Police Department who wants to get a committee to help with curving this trend of suicides among officers in Philadelphia. Please pray as we continue to work and train and help our men and women in law enforcement with this particular crisis.

The Family Fall Festival October the 31st: We had over 2000 people that came through that evening. And as we shared the gospel and were active in the community with all of the fun and activity we earn the right to be heard, doing our good works before men that they may glorify our Father which is in heaven. And through the kindness of God and those who God called to help and volunteer led people to repentance.

The Thanksgiving Outreach: We were able to minister directly to over 300 families, about 1000 families total through the partnership with other ministries and organizations in the community.

Our partnership with the Church of the Savior, through the Angel Tree Christmas service, was great and such a blessing. We were able to present the word of God and had quite a few who came forward to re-dedicate their lives and receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The Toy store Outreach reached about 200 families in our community as we ministered and shared also with them God's word and encouragement.

Throughout this summer our street evangelism and outreach in the community was another wonderful blessing as we were able to pray with people and share with them the gospel of Jesus Christ. This past year as we ministered to people in a variety of ways, we were able to touch and plant the word of God to over 5000 people. Through our police roll call and through our chaplaincy ministry throughout the city, through weddings and funerals which are both great places to presented the gospel.

This could only be done because of He who is called Emmanuel – God with us – made it possible. Thank you for your incredible prayers and support and encouragement and visits from time to time to our ministry.

Now as we move to this next season and journey please remember to pray for us. We will also need to raise our support level as we continue the good work that the Lord has given in advancing his kingdom for his glory in the Philadelphia area.

Here are some prayer requests if you can remember to pray for us in these areas.

- Certainly I will need to raise our support. We will need \$6,000 so please pray that God will raise the people to pray as well as to give to our support.
- Also prayer for Elsie and I, that the Lord will continue to help us and strengthen us emotionally, physically, spiritually as we seek to balance out our relationship, our family and ministry.
- Pray for this new season and the added ministry that the Lord has called us to, as we continue to advance His kingdom.
- For the fields and ministries that God has called our sons and daughters into.

- The new house church plants, that God may be pleased to give us the wisdom, the resources and also the strength and victory as we launch these churches in the future.
- For the two new house church plants, the Northwood Gospel Center, pray for those dear leaders that God has raised up to accomplish His work. And as we come along side to help, mentor and encourage them.
- Also for the Barnabas Transformation Ministry, as we seek with God's strength and help to living our transform lives to encourage, disciple and mentor one another in the things of the Lord as we move forward.
- Also for the Nehemiah Next To Practical Seminary, that as we train, mentor and develop leaders, that these men and women who study and develop could be moved toward the ministry that God is placing upon their heart and be send back equipped.
- Pray for the spiritual development and growth of the various churches that we have partner with throughout the city.
- Continue to pray for the ministry of chaplaincy among police and the hospital. For God to give me wisdom and guidance to minister well.
- For the Muslim Bridge Team, that we will be able to plant an Arabic speaking church in our community.

Thank you so much my brothers and sisters. May the Lord richly bless and encourage you all as we seek to do the work that He has called us to through Christ Jesus our Lord.

If you would like to receive our upcoming newsletter by email please let us know.

Yours because He lives,

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Report of the Board of Deacons

In the past year, we've seen an amazing amount of ministry to help address the needs of our community, but the church itself seems to have come apart at the seams. We've lost about 25 people who just seem to have disappeared. And with Pastor Lou starting a new church, we've split off another 25. You can explain what has happened in many different ways, and each person has their own perception of the situation. Whatever your take, the simple truth is that we should grieve that we are divided, and pray that the Lord would bring our hearts and minds to a oneness and unity that worships him as our only King.

God gives grace, and things will heal and ministry will continue as time goes on. We continue, week by week, to see God at work in the lives of our people. This is an amazing encouragement. No matter how hard the trials may seem, or how unsure the future, to know and see that God is at work means *we are not on our own*. **GOD IS WITH HIS PEOPLE!**

The Pulpit Committee is working to discern a basic direction for the church and find a pastor. Coz Crosscombe is helping us to engage outside organizations to help evaluate where we are and provide recommendations for moving forward.

Meanwhile, we as a church need to be praying. Pray hard and diligently for God to bring healing, to provide wisdom, to grow us in the grace of his son Jesus Christ. To this end, we will be including more prayer in all of our services, and dedicating the first Wednesdays of the coming months to prayer. These first Wednesdays will also be a time to raise any questions or needs you may have, so we can respond and pray for each other.

We are all servants of God's church, *deacons*. It is a pleasure to serve as one of your Deacons. May God look favorably upon his children and bless us here at Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church.

In Christ's Mercy,

Walt Rice, Jr. Chairman, Board of Deacons

Report of the Board of Trustees



In the past twelve months this board has been pressed with countless problems throughout our church. Our sexton Bob keeps us on the ball by promptly reporting to the board of any problems we should look into, concerning the plumbing, electrical, the heating system, and so on. Our church is old, and in some areas is literally falling apart. Leaks on deteriorating heating mains and joints have become a constant occurrence.

As we are not at this time in a financial position to call professionals to renew and or repair our current problems it has become expedient for the most part for us to try to maintain our church and effect such repairs as are needed the best way we can. Repairs have been made on roofing, windows, wood, glass, and so on. But it is all done to the glory of God.

It was noted that in the booklet "Rebuilding the Walls," given to us by Pastor Lou as a spiritual guide concerning all facets of Christian living and practice, we

find these words in regard to building maintenance: "How spiritual is cleaning a toilet or building a wall? The idea here is that we must continue to provide repaired spaces where our children can learn about our Lord Jesus Christ and where families can come and Worship together in fellowship. This indeed is a spiritual and honorable work to the Lord."

The caliber of the work accomplished by the men and women in our church, professionals and helpers alike, is excellent. People like Danny Velez, and his cousin Jose, Sammy Santiago, and Joey Muñoz, deserve our thanks for their love and devotion in all that they do in the church. Indeed, we thank everyone who has had a part in the physical care of our church buildings, both members and non members, who have given of their time and money to improve our facilities and keep them in working order. Pray for this board that we would be able to continue to glorify our Lord in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him in the maintenance of our church, so that we may be a testimony and a witness to the community in our love and service to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

George Parcell Trustee Chairman

"How can a church survive/recover when a pastor leaves?"

There is no doubt that losing a pastor can be a time of upheaval for a church, especially if the pastor leaves under difficult circumstances. If a pastor simply retires after long and faithful service, or if he moves to another area in response to God's leading, it can be a time of sweet sorrow. His congregation can honor him with farewell gifts and celebrations, thank him with personal tributes and remembrances, and rejoice with him as he moves into another area of life and ministry. He and his family can continue to be on the hearts of his former flock and be upheld in prayer.

But what about when a pastor leaves in less than ideal circumstances, such as moral failure on his part, dissatisfaction with his performance (whether real or perceived), or a church "split"? How do those who remain behind repair whatever damage there may be, hold the church together for the present, and move forward into what can seem to be an uncertain future?

The first and most crucial factor in answering these questions begins with an understanding of just exactly who the church belongs to. The church does not belong to the pastor or to the leadership or the congregation. The church belongs to Christ, the Head of His church. The word "church" means literally the "assembly of the called-out ones." These called-out ones gather together to worship their Head. They are committed to following His lead in all they do, to obeying Him, and to presenting an accurate picture of Him to a watching world. The church is the body of Christ. He died for His body and His body lives for Him. Until and unless the leadership is committed to this biblical model and the congregation comes to grips with this truth, no pastor can be truly successful. So the first step in surviving the loss of a pastor under difficult circumstances is a regrouping of the leadership to define the church. Additionally, there must be unanimity among the leadership in their understanding of and commitment to the church, both the local church and the Church universal. Much church dissention comes from a lack of uniformity in the beliefs and commitments of its leaders and, in fact, many pastors leave for just this reason. So before beginning to seek another pastor, the church leadership must agree on the Headship of Christ.

Second, the leadership must understand and be committed to the sovereignty of God in all things, but most especially at the time of the departure of the pastor. Nothing

that happened was a surprise to God; either He caused the pastor to leave or He allowed it to accomplish His divine will and purposes. Either way, He has assured us that all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28), and the church can take comfort in the knowledge that they are being led by the sovereign God who is involved in every detail of the life and ministry of the church, as well as that of the pastor. A clear and grounded confidence in God's sovereign control over the church will lead the people to say with Paul, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Third, the departure of a pastor is a good time to reevaluate and/or redefine the mission and work of the church. There are obvious mandates from Scripture—teaching and preaching the Word, worshipping and glorifying God, and fulfilling the commission to spread the Gospel—but how exactly are these things prioritized in the church and what kind of pastor is needed to help achieve the church's goals? If the church is known for its emphasis on missionary outreach, for example, a pastor with the same vision should be sought. If the church feels especially called to minister to children, to the poor, to the elderly, or to local immigrant populations, the potential pastor should have a heart for those ministries. Church splits have occurred where the pastor and the leadership have different visions of their calling, and that can be avoided up front by a clear and well thought out vision of the role of the church in the community and the world.

Finally, before any attempt is made to replace a pastor, the leadership should analyze objectively why he left. If the problems that caused his untimely departure still exist, avoiding a painful repetition will be nearly impossible. For example, if there is a problem of sin in the congregation that was never effectively dealt with, that must be resolved before calling another man to the church. The apostle Paul dealt with an extraordinarily sinful and stiff-necked group of people in the Corinthian church which was continually divided and wracked with conflict. They were selfish, disorderly and worldly. Sin stained the Lord's Table. They fought with each other, sued each other, and took sexual advantage of each other, and they were proud. To ask a new pastor to come innocently into a church whose members exhibit such behavior is terribly unfair and only invites another painful pastoral departure. It is up to the church leadership to institute Matthew 18 discipline, preferably before the new pastor arrives or soon thereafter, as long as he is fully aware of the situation.

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Children's Ministry Report

Although attendance has dropped overall compared to previous years, our children's ministries continue to touch kids in Feltonville in a variety of ways.

SUNDAY MORNING

We continued with the practice of asking the kids to be with their families at the beginning of the church service until the time comes for them to exit, usually after the main worship time. At the close of the year we began a new class for the preteen kids, with Jeannie Munoz as teacher. They meet usually every other week, and have become a great class, always ready with a question about God's Word, how it relates to the world, and just life in general! The elementary kids, age 4 to grade 4, continue in a curriculum called "Hands-On Bible MAX," which focuses on getting the kids to actually discover God's truth from the Bible itself, rather than just listening to a teacher or doing worksheets. There are usually anywhere from 8 to 15 kids in attendance each week in this group, although not always the same group of kids each week. We also continue with nursery care as needed, usually led by Jen Rice.

As always, our continuing challenge is finding new ways to encourage members of the congregation to volunteer. We are very blessed with the addition of Jeannie to our staff, who responded to the need God placed on her heart. To inspire the rest of you, this is what is asked of a volunteer in our elementary class on any given Sunday: Volunteers are asked to sit with a group of 5 or 6 kids, and follow the instructions from the up-front leader in getting those kids to look up Bible passages, and do simple activities based on the scriptures. That's it! No preparation is really necessary.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the small group volunteers who did come forward to help throughout the year. To become a part of this important ministry, just talk to Debby or Becky Crockett anytime.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Our Wednesday night program features a game, Bible lesson, and craft in a more "laid-back" time together than on Sunday morning. We have had a great attendance at these sessions, with, for the most part, a different group of kids than come on Sunday morning. So we are reaching even more kids for Jesus with the addition of this program! If you would like to help by just sitting in and assisting the kids with their work, please let us know.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School was "High Seas Adventure," taking us on a journey on the sea in a tall ship. 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 evening, led by their crew leader. These crew leaders were mostly youth visiting from a Chinese church near Baltimore, Maryland. We also had help from the youth from a church nearby in Huntingdon Valley. For this year's "hands-on" missions project, the children tied blankets for distribution by the

International Bible Society to kids in need, along with scripture booklets. Thanks goes out to those who contributed to VBS in various ways to decorate, provide the unusual snacks, and present the Bible in exciting new ways.

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

October 31 was our seventh "Fall Family Festival," giving kids in our community a fun and safe alternative to knocking on doors for candy. Like last year, the event required blocking off Wyoming Ave. to make room for the huge inflated games and all of the booths. Young and old were treated to an evening of fun, games, prizes, great music, fabulous food (much donated by businesses in the area), and the preaching of the Gospel, including a special presentation just for kids! Scriptures were given freely to all who were interested along with the treats. Thanks to all who made it possible.

COOKIE DAY

In November, the Sunday Bible School sponsored the annual cookie day, producing hundreds (thousands?) of cookies for the Whosoever Gospel Mission, After School Club, and the Philadelphia Park racetrack ministry. Thanks to those who came and made it a success.

LOOKING FORWARD

As always, we end the year with great challenges and great opportunities ahead of us. Please consider how you might fit into the many opportunities we provide our kids. We ask for your continued support, through prayer, in bringing children, and joining us in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Crockett Sunday School Superintendent



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Thanksgiving 2010 Community Food Distribution

Thanks for your support!

- 160 families served directly through the church
- 840 more in partnership with Magic Produce, Aspira, Stetson Middle School, Pantoja School, and Bethel Temple Community Bible Church

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Membership Changes in 2010

ADDITIONS

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

Rebekah Hamas	baptized November 28, 2010 by Pastor Luis Centeno
The following people transfe	erred their membership from another church to Wyoming:

Monica Posso	from Iglesia Bautista Divina Gracia
Daniel Velez	from Bethel Temple Community Bible Church

The following people were accepted into membership based on their Christian testimony and prior baptism:

Joseph Hamas, Sr. Samuel Santiago Rev. Theodor Yonkeu Love Yonkeu

REMOVALS

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

James Dambach, Sr. Charles Homiller Miriam Kramer Robert Rabiger

The following members were removed from the rolls by request or consent:

Sulpicio Sol Albite	member at Faith Church, Grayslake, Illinois
Joyce Selorio Albite	member at Faith Church, Grayslake, Illinois
William Burton	attending Calvary church in Delran, NJ
Thomas Cartmell	living in Minnesota
David Coz Crosscombe	member at Spirit and Truth Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA
Joyce Crosscombe	member at Spirit and Truth Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA
Jennifer Salhani	living in California
Maher Salhani	living in California

Full Church Membership

Joanne Becker Kenneth Blum Beryl Brathwaite † Manuelita (QP) Buenaflor Marion Burke † Sandra Carrion Burton ** Maritza Busch Matthew Busch Elsie Centeno Luis Centeno **Constance** Cooper Cornelia Coopwood † Debra Crockett Florence Crockett † **Rebecca Sue Crockett Robert Crockett** James Dambach, Jr. Nancy Dambach **Beverly David** Brian Davis * Stella Davis * David Deem Glenna Deem Lois DeHoff † Linda DeRobio Hazel Sloan Downes * **Erika Drayton** Mary Drenkhahn Kasey Dupon * Kelly Dupon * Wandabelle Eibner † **Robin Evans** Marjorie Fairey Christian Figueroa ** Eudovina (Dina) Figueroa Charlene Foster

Joseph Garofano Celestin Gay Joanne Gerard **Rvan Hales** John Hall * Joseph Hamas **Rebekah Hamas** Nancy Hayes Barbara Hetrick John Hevener† Mary Ann Hinchcliff William Hinchcliff, Sr. † Alexandria Ianovale Ariel Ianovale Diana Ianovale Amanda Irizarry Richard Johnson * Susan Johnson * Fred Kleis Trinadad Leocario Manuel (Manny) Lopez **Migdalia Lopez** Kenneth Malone Melvin Mance Jason Martinez **Ojilvia Martinez** Dolores Mathues † Jenette Muñoz Jose (Joey) Muñoz **Daniel Ndimantang Rose Ndimantang** Stella Newton Freddie Ortiz Margarida Pacheco Palmira Pacheco **George Parcell**

Shirley Parcell Ruth Paul Monica Posso Mary Rabiger † **Epifanio Ramos** John Ramos Rosa Ramos **Cindy Rice** Jennifer Rice Joel Rice Mary Rice **Melissa Rice** Walter Rice, Sr. Walter Rice, Jr. Antonio Rivera ** Hector Rivera Liza Rivera **Gladyce Rosania** Samuel Santiago **Dorothy Schartner** Laura Timcho **Bobbi Jo Torres** Jose Torres Mary Torres **Daniel Velez** Elizabeth Whitehair † Carol Williams **Denise Williams** George Wilson ** Ben Ted Yao Love Yonkeu **Theodor Yonkeu**

104 Members Total 41 Active in Past Year

Bold indicates members who have remained connected and participated in church life in the past year. † indicates members who are inactive because they are elderly, in nursing homes, or have moved away to live with family. We will not seek to remove these people from the rolls.

* indicates people for whom we have no contact information or means of contact.

** indicates people who have recently been contacted regarding their inactive membership.

Church Attendance and Membership

Average Monthly Attendance, 2000 through 2010

Sunday Morning	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	61	50	56	65	49	93	120	99	130	89	92
February	60	49	58	50	62	120	93	91	142	110	82
March	63	55	61	54	68	156	126	85	162	91	75
April	62	66	58	68	66	119	159	103	131	96	104
Мау	65	58	58	59	66	128	138	100	119	67	94
June	63	59	57	53	82	127	113	102	112	93	106
July	57	65	51	43	82	135	122	107	90	85	109
August	52	59	46	49	93	96	86	80	73	67	53
September	55	78	65	49	99	126	111	81	106	77	70
October	58	56	60	46	95	179	124	113	106	97	66
November	51	57	57	52	97	154	94	111	99	81	97
December	53	56	64	42	112	154	101	103	91	97	76
Year	58	59	58	52	81	132	117	98	113	86	85
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Holy Thurs/Wed	37		47	44	30	80			87	82	92
Good Friday	30		36	21	57	144			116	71	44
Easter	80		64	89	86	222	248	158	235	129	141
Thanksgiving Eve	38		23	22	51		75		41	75	120
Christmas Eve	84		66	56	141		168	165	134	93	64
New Years Eve	26		22	31	65	40	50	77	48	63	67
Membership:											
Plus	2	2		2	4	13	5	6	3	6	7
Minus	-6	-6			-4	-4	-8	-5	-9	-2	-12
Inactive		-27									
Members	143	112			104	113	110	111	105	109	104



Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church 2010 Financial Report and 2011 Budget

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget
Income			
4000 · Undesignated Contributions			
Regular Offerings	69,800	65,202	64,600
Sunday School	400	323	400
Total 4000 · Undesignated Contributions	70,200	65,525	65,000
4400 · Designated Contributions			
4405 · 120th Anniversary Fund		360	12,000
4410 · Bible Courses & Conferences			
Breaking Through Seminar		86	
Couples Retreat		950	
Evangelism Conference		110	
Fiscal Fitness Seminar		220	
Men's Retreat		1,005	
Women's Retreat		1,110	
Total 4410 · Bible Courses & Conferences	4,000	3,481	4,000
4420 · Building Fund			
General Building Fund	13,000	11,063	10,400
Total 4420 · Building Fund	13,000	11,063	10,400
4430 · Children and Youth Ministries			
Children and Youth Ministries	4,250	2,800	3,000
Vacation Bible School	4,230	400	250
Youth Ministry	1,000	243	250
Total 4430 · Children and Youth Ministries	5,250	3,443	3,500
	5,250	3,443	3,500
4440 · Diaconal & Community Ministries			
Christmas Toy Sale (Donations)	1,500	2,000	
Christmas Toy Sale (from Sales)	400	560	
Fellowship Fund	5,500	2,886	1,500
Special Events and Dinners	0.500	0.000	
Family Fall Festival	6,500	8,880	
Valentines Dinner	0.000	380	0.000
Wednesday Dinners	2,000	2,572	2,000
Other Tatel Special Events and Dispers	500	11.000	500
Total Special Events and Dinners	9,000	11,832	2,500
Total 4440 · Diaconal & Community Ministries	16,400	17,278	4,000
4450 · Directed Ministry Staff Support			
Support for Luis Centeno		1,000	
Total 4450 · Directed Ministry Staff Support		1,000	
4470 · Memorials Committee Funds	1,000		1,000
4480 · Missions			
4480.10 · Missions Fund (General)	8,320	7,934	6,500
4480.20 · Cameroon Mission (CVAI)		479	
4480.30 · Disaster Relief		1,768	

4480.70 · Special Offerings		1,022		
Total 4480 · Missions	8,320	11,203	6,500	
4490 · Pastor's Ministry Expenses	4,250	3,417		
4495 · Police Ministry	13,000	19,902		
4497 · Transitional Housing Ministry	2,500	870	4,000	
Total 4400 · Designated Contributions	67,720	72,017	45,400	
4800 · Other Income				
Facilities Use Fees	1,200	585	600	
Flowers Income	500	591	500	
Investment Income	200	48	200	
Mission Work Groups	31,800	44,704		
Sales of Extra Materials		230		
Workday Meals	50			
Total 4800 · Other Income	33,750	46,157	1,300	
Total Income	171,670	183,699	111,700	
Expense				
5000 · Church Home				
5010 · Building Improvement & Maint				
Air Conditioning	250	522	500	
Annex	2,000	5,980	750	
Door Latches & Locks	100		100	
Electrical	500		300	
Exterminating	100		100	
Fire Extinguishers	250	373	350	
General Contracting		1,292	1,400	
Grounds Maintenance	100	50	100	
Handicapped Access Ramp	100		200	
Maintenance Supplies	200	351	300	
Parsonage	1,000	70	400	
Plumbing & Heating	750	2,588	2,000	
Roofing	5 500	1,400	450	
Showers	5,500	5,581	150	
Stone Pointing & Concrete	7,500	140	7,500	
Workday Lunches	50	140	100	
Other z Bld Impr from Work Groups	500	(6,968)	500	
Total 5010 · Building Improvement & Maint	18,900	11,379	14,750	
5030 · Utilities 5031 · Church Electric (Main)	5,500	4,557	4,200	
5031.5 · Church Electric (A/C)	2,400	3,245	2,400	
5032 · Church Gas	11,000	8,577	9,000	
5033 · Church Telephone	1,200	1,283	1,300	
5034 · Church Water and Sewer	850	703	900	
5036 · Annex Electric	1,500	1,595	1,750	
5038 · Annex Oil	2,500	1,500	2,500	
5039 · Annex Water and Sewer	350	308	350	
5042 · 127 Utilities	4,000	3,436	4,000	
5044 · Utilities from Work Groups		(5,775)		
Total 5030 · Utilities	29,300	19,428	26,400	
5045 · Insurance	6,750	6,486	6,750	
5050 · Sexton's Salary	7,645	7,835	7,900	
5051 · Sexton's Supplies	450	22	250	
5055 · Licenses and Permits	250		250	
5060 · Memorials Committee Funds	1,000		1,000	

5065 · Real Estate Taxes	1,700	835	1,800
5070 · Security Monitoring	900	373	400
5090 · Miscellaneous	200		200
Total 5000 · Church Home	67,095	46,357	59,700
5100 · Church Ministries			
5110 · Pastoral Ministry and Staff			
5111 · Staff Salaries (from Church)			
Pastor's Salary	24,000	24,000	15,000
Total 5111 · Staff Salaries (from Church)	24,000	24,000	15,000
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5112 · Staff Salaries (from Missions)			
Asst Pastor Salary (Missions)	3,140	3,209	
Total 5112 · Staff Salaries (from Missions)	3,140	3,209	
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5112.5 · Staff Salaries (Programs)			
Pastor's Salaray (Fall Fest)		(868)	
Pastor's Salary (Police)		(1,990)	
Pastor's Salary (Toy Sale)		(200)	
Pastor's Salary (Work Groups)		(2,000)	
Total 5112.5 · Staff Salaries (Programs)		(5,058)	
5115 · Staff Ministry Expenses			
Asst Pastor's Mileage Expenses	1,250	845	
Pastor's Ministry Expenses	1,600	1,996	2,000
Total 5115 · Staff Ministry Expenses	2,850	2,841	2,000
5118 · Pulpit Supply		100	2,000
5119 · Pulpit Committee		39	1,000
Total 5110 · Pastoral Ministry and Staff	29,990	25,131	20,000
5120 Bible Courses and Conferences			
5120 · Bible Courses and Conferences		4 070	
Couples Retreat		1,372	
Evangelism Conference		189	
Finance Seminar		248	
Men's Retreat		2,038	
Parenting Seminar		39	
Women's Retreat		1,456	
z Family Fall Fest -> Retreats		(1,537)	4.000
Total 5120 · Bible Courses and Conferences	4,000	3,804	4,000
5130 · Children and Youth Ministries			
Sunday Bible School	600	812	750
Vacation Bible School	3,400	4,181	3,500
Youth Group	1,200	106	500
Total 5130 · Children and Youth Ministries		5,099	4,750
Total 5150 · Children and Youth Ministnes	5,200	5,099	4,750
5140 · Diaconal & Community Ministries			
Assistance for Persons in Need	2,250	511	750
Christmas Toy Sale	1,500	2,373	100
Evangelism & Outreach Materials	1,000	2,373	1,000
Family Fall Festival	5,950	7,343	550
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Family Fall Festival ->Retreats	1 500	1,537	2 000
Food Cupboard	4,500	1,248	2,000
Police Ministry	11,700	19,966	4 000
Total 5140 · Diaconal & Community Ministries	26,900	33,219	4,300

120th Anniversary		622	4,000
Hospitality Supplies	750	792	750
Missions Conference Lunches	425		
Other Church Lunches	500	359	500
Pastor's Appreciation Dinner		514	
Thanksgiving Eve Banquet		410	500
Valentine's Day		380	
Wednesday Dinners	2,000	3,165	3,200
Total 5145 · Fellowship & Hospitality	3,675	6,242	8,950
5150 · Worship Ministry			
Flowers	500	575	500
Music	300	610	300
Piano Tuning & Repair	150	125	150
Worship Supplies	200	146	200
Total 5150 · Worship Ministry	1,150	1,457	1,150
5185 · Mission Work Group Expenses			
Building Improvement		6,968	
Cooking Staff		6,836	
Food		12,923	
Ministry Staff		3,836	
Outside Rent		1,100	
Supplies / Misc		3,447	
Trash Pickup		800	
Utilities		5,775	
Work Staff		3,020	
Total 5185 · Mission Work Group Expenses	19,062	44,704	
Total 5100 · Church Ministries	89,977	119,655	43,150
5200 · Church Office			
Bank Service Charges	75	95	100
Computer Programs & Books	375	275	375
Computers and Equipment	1,000	922	
Copiers	3,750	3,400	1,000
Interest and Late Fees		378	
Misc.	100	35	100
Offering Envelopes	300	401	
Office Supplies	750	589	650
Pastor's Secretary	2,370		
Postage	200	132	200
Total 5200 · Church Office	8,920	6,226	2,425
5400 · Support of Other Ministries			
5410 · Missions Fund (General)	4,375	4,375	5,650
5420 · Cameroon Mission (CVAI)		783	
5430 · Disaster Relief		1,763	
5470 · Special Offerings		901	
5480 · Visiting Missionary Speakers	500	150	500
Total 5400 · Support of Other Ministries	4,875	7,972	6,150
Total Expense	170,867	180,211	111,425
Net Income	803	3,488	275

Missions Fund 2010 Report and 2011 Budget

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget
Individual Missionaries	Duugot	, lotaal	Duagot
Vicky Beattie, Sudan, Africa (SIM)	500	500	550
Coz and Joyce Crosscombe, Phila. (Common Grace)	300	300	550
Thomas and Sharon Huckel, Hananeel House, Phila.	500	500	550
Daniel and Rose Ndimantang, Cameroon, Africa (CVAI)	2,917	3,209	(note 1)
Rebekah Poteat, Togo, Africa (ABWE)	500	500	550
Ministries (all Philadelphia-focused)			
Alpha Pregnancy Services	500	500	550
Amazing Grace Ministries	500	500	550
Children's Safe Harbor	500	500	550
Grace Settlement House (BCM Int'l)	500	500	550
Race Track Ministries (ABC)			550
Whosoever Gospel Mission	575	575	700
Other Expenses			
Missions Conference Expenses	425		
Family Fall Festival			550
Visiting Missionary Speakers	500	150	500
Total Missions Budget	\$8,217	\$7,734	\$6,700

(ABC) American Baptist Churches (ABWE) Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (AMF) American Missionary Fellowship (BCM Int'l) Bible Centered Ministries International (CVAI) Comprehensive Vocational Academies, Intl. (SIM) Serving in Mission

<u>Notes</u>

1. The church has committed for 2011 to provide rent-free housing and utilities for Pastor Daniel and his family. This support is worth about \$7,500.

*** Clerk's note: the Missions Budget was not adopted, and was tabled until the next meeting, when we should expect bios and ministry updates from all the proposed missionaries.

Fund Balances, December 31, 2010

Starting Balance	Balance 12/31/08
\$3,059.63	\$6,070.32
\$0.00	\$1.75
\$317.29	\$0.00
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\$1,541.81	\$1,863.14
\$350.09	\$51.09
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,991.90	\$2,014.23
\$0.00	\$1,314.39
\$1,544.22	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$1,000.00
\$11,554.36	\$11,554.36
\$13,975.98	\$13,975.98
\$32,443.38	\$35,931.03
	\$23,982.21
	\$3,917.10
	\$6,729.72
	\$3,390.08
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