

**2012
ANNUAL REPORT**



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2013 CHURCH OFFICERS, COUNCIL, and MINISTRIES

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Vice Moderator Corey Miller
Church Clerk Franc Langenburg
Treasurer Sandra Tomlin

COUNCIL COUNCIL

2013

Abby Cannell
Corey Miller
Kevin Wellman

2014

Joan Drummond
Keith Smith
Wanda Weed

2015

David Brown
Mary Lock
Diana Smith

MINISTRY OF THE DIACONATE

Continuing

Doris Durk
Ron Durk
Glenn Glessner
Lareva Glessner
Sandra VanOs
Ruth Willis
Carol Williams
Lem Williams

2013

Gib Allen
Jakay Steckler
Connie Wells
Bill Wells
Don Triplett

2014

Carolyn Triplett
Marilyn Lisenbee
Jason Putnam
Carla Helmke
Wayne Lock
Jim Fox
David Sprague
Pat Sprague

MINISTRY OF THE TRUSTEES

Class 2013

John David Harker
Virgil Hochgraber
Joyce Kelle
Lynn Sprick

Class 2014

Harold Willis
Sandra Tomlin

Class 2015

Scott Darrow
Buzz Shrader
Lloyd Bugh
Robert B. Buddemeyer
Randy Johnson
Mary Cannell

FINANCE

JOHN DAVID HARKER
Scott Darrow
Lynn Sprick
Sandra Tomlin

PERSONNEL

MARY CANNELL
Joyce Kelle
Sandra Tomlin

PROPERTY

HAROLD WILLIS
Bobby Buddemeyer
Lloyd Bugh
Randy Johnson
Buzz Shrader

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF QUINCY, IL SENIOR MINISTER'S REPORT 2012

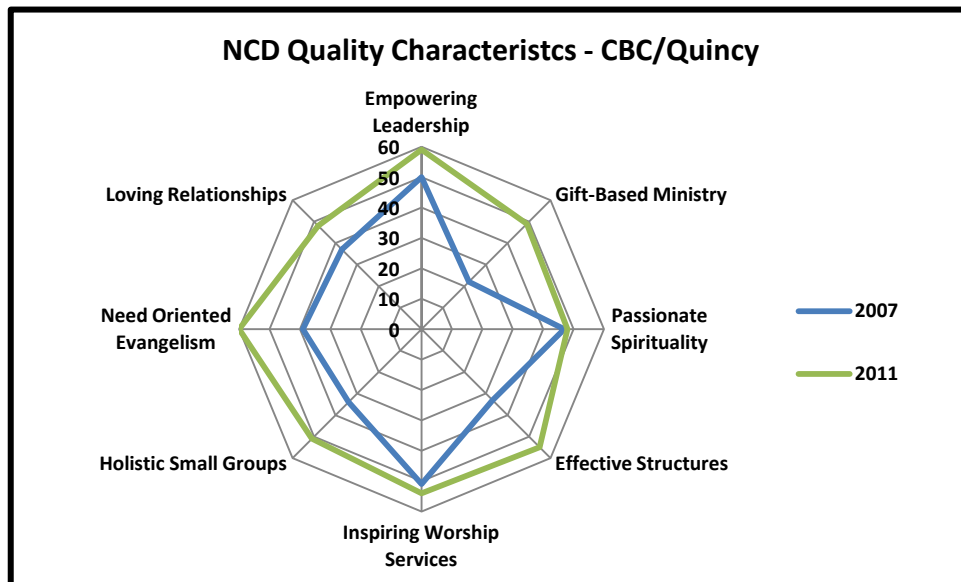
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (New International Version (NIV))

Can you believe it’s been seven years since our family joined Central Baptist Church? Seven years ago, we received a phone call one-night from Mr. Wayne Lock to prayerfully consider starting a new life and ministry in Quincy, Illinois. We didn’t know where to find Quincy on a map. Praise the Lord the call was confirmed by the congregation, and we joined this magnificent congregation. Time has flown by like Cardinal home runs in Wrigley Park.

Today, the Church is a different place compared to our arrival in 2006. The congregation was hemorrhaging members and money in 2006. Conflict was rife. The membership was in debt \$157,000.00. The Spirit of the Lord worked through the leaders and volunteers to stabilize both worship and finances. Now, we are averaging 215 worshippers on Sundays, and finished the year in a financially stronger place.

We could not have done this alone! God did this great work for the church because the Lord has *plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future*. You can see the results of God’s wonder-working plan in the Natural Church Development survey results (see chart below). The total *health* of the congregation improved dramatically from early 2007 to today. The Spirit of the Lord worked through the Church Health Team to improve Gift-Based Ministry (ensuring every person knows their spiritual gifts, and is working in the area of their passion), Effective Structures (making sure the governance of the church is not a stumbling block to members following the Spirit of God), Holistic Small Groups (encouraging members to dive deeper into authentic relationships with God and others), and Passionate Spirituality (renewing personal desires for devotions, Bible study, prayer, and worship).



In 2013 we will focus on Loving Relationship. Love is essential for healthy and vital churches. Loving relationships are displayed by how we treat one another, even when we disagree. Some questions we will ask about the relationships in our church are:

- How are joy and trust experienced, expressed and encouraged in our church life?
- How do people support one another and develop new friendships in our church?
- How does our congregation intentionally celebrate and build relationships?
- How well do we know and understand our leadership styles and use that knowledge to keep disagreement from becoming conflict?
- How do people behave during times of conflict?

We will attempt to answer these questions in worship, small group gatherings, Bible studies, retreats, etc. God can and will cause the Kingdom of Christ to grow among us if we *call on God and come and pray to Him...when we seek him and find him when we seek him with all your heart*. Join me on this spiritual journey to congregational health and holiness.

As a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I served the triune God during the 2012 year by:

- † Working 2040 hours, an average of fifty-five hours each week not counting Sabbatical Leave time
- † Making 454 pastoral visits to the hospital, nursing homes, and individual homes in nine months
- † Officiating the Ordinance of the Table of the Lord twice each month and on holy days
- † Officiating the Ordinance of Baptism for eight (8) Believers: Melvin Lindner, Abby Moore, Marsha Smith, Jacob Eldridge, Bernice Bradshaw, Adam Leake, Stacey Gruen, and Kara Putnam.
- † Officiating Six (9) Weddings; and thirty-seven (37) in seven years
- † Officiating Twelve (12) Funerals or One-hundred-three (103) in seven years
- † Writing a dissertation, *The Doctrine of the Trinity and Its Promise for the Renewal of Prayer*, for the Doctor of Ministry degree at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.
- † Participating in the two area ministerial alliances: Christian Ministers Fellowship and the Quincy Area Ministerial Alliance
- † Enjoying a twelve-week Clergy Renewal Sabbatical in Great Britain and France thanks for the generosity of the congregation and Lilly Endowment. Three weeks were focused on renewing family relationships as we toured historic and religious sites in England and Scotland. Three weeks were committed to continuing education as I attended the week long lectures during the Historical Society of Great Britain at Regents Park College, and enjoyed two classes at Christ Church in Oxford: (1) The Forgotten Tudors: Edward VI, Lady Jane Grey, and Mary; and (2) The Renaissance King: Henry VIII. The final three weeks were focused on resting in Michigan, Kansas, and Illinois. This experience renewed my heart, mind, body and spirit; as well as my family! Thank you!
- † Preaching regularly by being absent from the Pulpit only one time, plus the Sabbatical, as outlined in my "Pastoral Agreement" on Sunday, December 15, because of emergency gallbladder surgery.

It has been a humble honor to serve Christ among you this past year. Please keep my family and me in your prayers!

Rev. Ivan E. Greuter

REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK

Frank Langenburg, Church Clerk

Total number on roll as of End of December 31, 2011: **448**

ADDITIONS during the year 2012:

Letter 05
Baptism. 08
Christian Experience 00
Restoration. 03

Total Additions 16

REMOVALS during the year 2012:

Letter 05
Death 12
Erasure 00

Total Losses 17

NET LOSS FOR 2012 – (1)

TOTAL NUMBER ON ROLL as of DECEMBER 31, 2012: 447

Active Voting Members 259
Members Non Resident 022
Members of Record 166
Total: 447

Child of Members 056
Youth Non Members 097

WE WELCOMED THESE NEW MEMBERS IN 2012



Welcome
Our New
Members

Melvin Linder II	Mississippi River Baptism – 18 January 2012
LaTeena Fusselman	Letter of Transfer – 17 January 2012
Jacob Eldridge	Baptism – 08 April 2012
Abby Moore	Baptism – 08 April 2012
Marsh Smith	Baptism – 08 April 2012
Judy Mixer	Letter of Transfer – 22 April 2012
Bernice Bradshaw	Baptism at Good Samaritan Home – 03 October
Sandra Doellman	Restored – 14 October 2012
Karen Hochgraber	Restored – 14 October 2012
Larry Hochgraber	Restored – 14 October 2012
Crystal Donald	Letter of Transfer – 28 October 2012
Adam Leake	Baptism – 28 October 2012
Davala Mayfield	Letter of Transfer – 28 October 2012
Kara Putnam	Baptism – 28 October 2012
Stacey Gruen	Baptism – 18 November 2012



MEMORIALIZED

DATE OF SERVICE

William "Bill" Hoyt	17 February 2012
Noble Earl Byerly	15 March 2012
Martha Stratman	17 April 2012
Betty Hunter	26 April 2012
Richard Sparks	13 June 212
William "Sparky" Pryor	28 June 2012
Barbara Klocke*	07 July 2012
Goldie Beck	08 July 2012
Geraldine Wood	03 August 2012
William Ray Ward	15 October 2012
Ralph Bottorff	21 November 2012
Elaine Solenberger	30 November 2012
Margaret Wilson	01 December 2012

PERMANENT MINISTRY REPORTS

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN – John Kuhl

No report submitted

MINISTRY OF CHURCH COUNCIL – Jim Fox, Moderator

No report submitted

MINISTRY OF DEACONS – Lareva Glessner

A big Thank You to each one on the Diaconates for their dedication. We had another Easter Sunrise Service in Greenmount Cemetery on April 8. Carol Williams, Ruth Willis, Pastor Ivan, Glenn Glessner and Karen Dietrich worked together to put the Church Pictorial Directory together. A lot of hard work and well done. Thank you so much.

We have voted to discontinue Showers, but Sunday School classes, families or friends may give showers for the brides or baby showers. Pastor Ivan was gone on his Sabbatical leave from June 1st to August 26, 2012. Dr. Woodrow Burt filled the pulpit and the obligations of the church during Pastor Ivan's leave.

We served 12 funeral dinners. The Salvation Army food collection was approximately 3500 items. We gave calendars to our shut-ins for Christmas. Pastoral Relations Committee recommended a raise for Pastor Ivan's salary for next year (2013) and was forwarded to Trustee's for consideration.

On December 30th, John Grisham filled the pulpit. The Diaconate has voted to change florist to Hy-Vee. For Thanksgiving the Diaconate provided food for 7 baskets and the Fellowship fund provided each family with a turkey and a ham to our needy families of church. Also for Christmas the congregation donated food items for seven Christmas baskets and each basket received a turkey from the Fellowship Fund for 7 needy families. How wonderful and loving our church is.

In Christian Love,
Lareva Glessner

MINISTRY OF FAMILY LIFE – Su Langenburg

No report submitted

MINISTRY OF MISSIONS – Marilyn Shrader, Chair

The Ministry of Missions meets the first Monday of each month. In January officers were elected, Chair Marilyn Shrader and Secretary Peggy Cumby. In March a new member joined our group, Frances Trantor. Thank you to all who served by giving their time and to Pastor Ivan to lead us in the right direction.

Paper towels were delivered to Lake Springfield in April.

"Thanks" to Virgil Hochgraber who built a new Mission Box.

Donated money to Cedric Allen for Murrow Youth Mission Trip to help buy supplies for their clean up of Murrow this summer.

Betty and Rex Thomas delivered Bibles to the Great River Conference at Cherry Hills in Springfield. They also attended the Conference along with the Greuters.

Our other projects for the year included:

Jan. Collected diapers (845) for Care Net Pregnancy

Feb. Kitchen starter kits for American Red Cross

Mar. Horizon Soup Kitchen "Empty Bowl" Project. Also Offering for America for Christ
Apr. Pennies for Right to Life Campaign
May Wal-Mart gift cards to Murrow
June Back to School Supplies
July Back to School Supplies
Aug. Campbell Soup Labels for Murrow Indian Children's Home
Sept. CROP Walk
Oct. Operation Christmas Child
Nov. Thanksgiving Offering and Gift Cards to Murrow
Dec. Hat, Gloves, Scarves to Decorate Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall

A new project was started this fall and it was to clean Ellington School when they needed it. That was done in November and was a great success. The children really appreciated it by drawing pictures and sending "Thank You" letters to the church.

Thank you to all of the Members of the Church who helped make these projects a success. Without you it would not have been possible. All the donations were very much appreciated by all who received them. God's Blessing to You.

Marilyn Shrader
Chair Ministry of Missions

2012 MISSION ALLOCATION
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS

	UPDATED: Monday, December 10, 2012												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
INCOME - UNITED MISSION FROM BUDGET LINE ITEM	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,000.00
INCOME - DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$ 30.00	\$ 286.95	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,148.68	\$ 536.00	\$ 188.19	\$ 305.43	\$ 59.07	\$ 657.00	\$ 2,314.00	\$ 2,628.77	\$ 2,358.16	\$ 11,862.25
INCOME - GENERAL MISSION GIVING UNDESIGNATED	\$ 368.36	\$ 883.65	\$ 514.00	\$ 456.77	\$ 497.00	\$ 525.81	\$ 700.77	\$ 723.93	\$ 639.00	\$ 413.00	\$ 630.23	\$ 644.44	\$ 6,996.96
Klocke, Barbara Memorial Gift							\$ 2,500.00						\$ 2,500.00
B.F. Snow Foreign Mission Interest Income												\$ 240.92	\$ 240.92
Hendricks Mission Fund													\$ -
Arthur C. Thompson Mission Fund Interest													\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 898.36	\$ 1,670.60	\$ 2,364.00	\$ 2,105.45	\$ 1,533.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 4,006.20	\$ 1,283.00	\$ 1,796.00	\$ 3,227.00	\$ 3,759.00	\$ 3,743.52	\$ 27,600.13
EXPENSE / ALLOCATIONS													
UNITED MISSION (\$2.00 PER MONTHLY AVE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE OR \$500.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 8,500.00
LOVE GIFT (\$1.00 PER WOMAN COLLECTED AT EACH AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN CIRCLE MEETING)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 122.89	\$ 122.89
AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN PIE MONEY									\$ 100.00		\$ 430.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 650.00
ABHMS - PENNY PROJECT	\$ 59.64			\$ 27.67				\$ 2.00				\$ 7.00	\$ 96.31
AMERICA FOR CHRIST		\$ 86.00	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 141.85									\$ 1,342.85
AREA II PROGRAM BOARD (\$1.00 PER MEMBER, ANNUALLY)											\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING					\$ 1.00	\$ 188.19	\$ 98.43				\$ 490.77		\$ 778.39
RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING												\$ 476.00	\$ 476.00
WORLD MISSION OFFERING		\$ 65.00							\$ 604.00	\$ 818.00	\$ 209.11	\$ 31.81	\$ 1,727.92
LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS													
ADAMS COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - PENNY DRIVE	\$ 35.72	\$ 34.60		\$ 123.13									\$ 193.45
ADDICTS VICTORIOUS			\$ 50.00									\$ 52.55	\$ 102.55
BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR							\$ 100.00	\$ 57.07					\$ 157.07
CARE NET PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER	\$ 30.00		\$ 50.00						\$ 100.00			\$ 52.55	\$ 232.55
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - BLANKET SUNDAY				\$ 30.00	\$ 495.00					\$ 30.00	\$ 459.00		\$ 1,014.00
GIDEON INTERNATIONAL												\$ 52.55	\$ 52.55
HORIZEN SOCIAL SERVICES - SOUP KITCHEN		\$ 25.00	\$ 130.00									\$ 52.55	\$ 207.55
MADONNA HOUSE			\$ 50.00									\$ 52.55	\$ 102.55
NEW START RESCUE MISSION			\$ 50.00			\$ 29.81	\$ 0.77	\$ 53.93				\$ 52.55	\$ 187.06
PET PROJECT - COLUMBIA		\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00				\$ 220.00		\$ 200.00			\$ 500.00
QUANADA			\$ 50.00									\$ 52.55	\$ 102.55
SALVATION ARMY - ANGEL TREE			\$ 25.00									\$ 52.55	\$ 77.55
NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS													
ALASKA BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME (1/2 Xmas Offering)												\$ 735.64	\$ 735.64
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY					\$ 100.00						\$ 393.00		\$ 493.00
BACONE COLLEGE (1/2 TG Offering)											\$ 378.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 388.00
BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS													\$ -
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE		\$ 198.00		\$ 20.30							\$ 31.70		\$ 250.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY - NIU, DeKalb													\$ -
CAMPUS MINISTRY - SIU Carbondale													\$ -
CAMPUS MINISTRY - UM Columbia													\$ -
CAMPUS MINISTRY - UofI Champaign													\$ -
CAMPUS MINISTRY - UofI Normal													\$ -
CENTRAL BAPTIST SEMINARY, KASNAS											\$ 139.42	\$ 60.58	\$ 200.00
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE - CROP WALK										\$ 1,542.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 1,779.00
EVANGELICAL SEMINARY PUERO RICO (Easter Offering)													\$ -
GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER (ABA)			\$ 44.00										\$ 44.00
JUDSON UNIVERSITY, ELGIN, IL												\$ 372.60	\$ 372.60
KODIAK BAPTIST MISSION (1/2 Xmas Offering)												\$ 735.64	\$ 735.64
LAKE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CAMP				\$ 817.50	\$ 40.00								\$ 857.50
MURROW INDIAN CHILDRENS HOME (1/2 TG Offering)				\$ 200.00							\$ 378.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 588.00
NORTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY, LOMBARD, IL				\$ 200.00									\$ 200.00
SAMARITANS PURSE - OP CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX					\$ 100.00					\$ 137.00			\$ 237.00
WORLD VISION - YOUTH GROUP ADOPT A CHILD												\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES													
Baits, Gary & Melinda, Costa Rica		\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00						\$ 650.00
Bernhard, Wendy - Congo, Africa	\$ 73.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 97.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 150.00					\$ 650.00
Carrión, Deliris, Peru, S.America	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00						\$ 650.00
Dieselberg, Jeff & Annie, Thailand, Asia	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00					\$ 650.00
Longkumer, Katie and Taku													\$ -
Hibbard, James & Terri, Alaska									\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
Mooney, Ruth, Costa Rica, C.America		\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00				\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00					\$ 650.00
West, Charlies & Sarah, Africa													\$ -
GENERAL MISSION EXPENSES				\$ 35.00									\$ 35.00
SPECIAL GIFTS (NON ABC USA)													
ROUGH WELLS IN AFRICA		\$ 15.00											\$ 15.00
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING													\$ -
TRIPLETT MISSION TRIP								\$ 392.00					\$ 392.00
YOUTH WITH A MISSION / CRYSTAL CLAPP				\$ 50.00									\$ 50.00
TOTAL MISSION ALLOCATION	\$ 898.36	\$ 1,670.60	\$ 2,364.00	\$ 2,105.45	\$ 1,533.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 4,006.20	\$ 1,283.00	\$ 1,796.00	\$ 3,227.00	\$ 3,759.00	\$ 3,743.52	\$ 27,600.13
Balance Needing Allocated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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*\$2,500 from Barbara Klocke's Memorial to "United Mission" per her sister's instructions.

MINISTRY OF TRUSTEES – Lynn Sprick, Chair

Following training in Decatur in December of 2011 with Summit Accounting, our church secretary, Karen Dietrich, assumed responsibility for Central's Accounts Payable. This has resulted in a savings since no bill goes past the due date. This would sometimes occur due to our meeting only once a month. Karen also reconciles the monthly bank statements. The accountant prepares payroll, the tax returns, and the monthly financial statements.

Thanks to several members of our congregation, many building projects have been completed – remodeling the downstairs men's restroom, painting in hallways and classrooms, upgrading of the boiler system. A combination of memorial gifts and volunteers has also allowed improvements such as the new sign on the west outside wall of the church, a new grandfather's clock in the parlor, new candelabras, installation of the handicapped door, improvements in the sound system, carpeting. As always with an older building, there are more projects to do but the Trustees graciously acknowledge all the gift of time, talent, and treasure in keeping our building functional and beautiful.

Lastly, monies have been invested at the best rates available, bills have been paid on time, \$8000.00 returned to the Holiday Drive account, and a balanced budget created for 2013.

I wish to thank the trustees for their faithful and active participation in fulfilling their Trustee responsibilities.

God Bless,
Lynn Sprick, Chair of Trustee

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP – Rexanne Greuter

In an effort to live out the church motto, "Bringing People In! Lifting People Up! Sending People Out!" the Worship Team met at various times throughout the year and approved the following:

- Piano tuning.
- Dates of Choir cantatas.
- Greeter recruitment by Carol Howerter.
- Worship leader recruitment by Rexanne Greuter.
- Purchase of handbell music, mallets and polishing cloths.
- Summer Song Leader and Special recruitment by Rexanne Greuter.
- Summer Song Leader and Special coordination by Zeke Howerter.
- Scheduling of Gospel concerts by John David Harker.
- Budget Request for 2013.

The team is in the process of scheduling extra specials during the 8:30 service. We pray that our service has helped "Lift" you up as you worshiped at Central. Respectfully Submitted, Rexanne Greuter chairperson

MINISTRY OF YOUTH – Chet Coonrod

No report submitted

DEACONS FELLOWSHIP FUND REPORT – Lem Williams

The Fellowship Fund started the year of 2012 with a balance of \$1,121.77. During the year we received offerings of \$6,877.27, down \$1,931.55 from last year.

The fund had over 200 requests from church members and community of which the fund helped 66 for rent, utilities, soap, baby bed, emergency housing, state I.D., food boxes, and food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The fund also provided monthly financial support of the Horizon’s soup kitchen cook and Unmet Need Committee. The expenditure for the year was \$7,787.55. This left an ending balance of \$211.49 to start year 2013.

In July the Fellowship Fund received the Martha Stratman Memorial of \$2500.00. This memorial is only to be used for church members’ needs and is kept separate from the general Fellowship Fund. Expenditures from this memorial was \$684.82 for: utilities, eye glasses, gas, and Ramsey’s Financial Peace University tuition. The memorial has a yearend balance of \$1,815.18.

Thank you for your generous gifts for the support of this ministry.

Respectively Submitted,
Lem Williams

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DECORATING

No report submitted

CHUPPERS – Marilyn Smith, The Chuppers Team

Chuppers (church suppers) has served nutritious meals from September through May on Wednesday nights. Average attendance is 125 adults and children. We continue to serve free meals to most of the children. Thanks to a few faithful donations we are able to buy our weekly supplies. Also thanks to everyone who help; cooks, beverage servers, cashiers and those who clean the tables weekly.

Marilyn Smith & Frances Trantor

CHOIR DIRECTOR – Rexanne Greuter

Tasks completed in 2012:

- Continued to catalog choir music.
- Selected congregational hymns for 8:30 services.
- Led the congregational singing at the 8:30 service.
- Recruited Worship Leaders for the 8:30 service.
- Selected and directed the Easter Cantata “The King is Coming” (arranged by Russell Mauldin).
- Selected and led the handbells in specials.
- Recruited and scheduled summer specials for the 8:30 service.
- Recruited and scheduled summer Song leaders for the 8:30 service.
- Selected choir anthems for the 8:30 service during the winter and fall that reinforced the theme of that worship service.
- Selected and directed the Christmas Cantata “Silent Night! Holy Night!” (arranged by Russell Mauldin).

- With Cindy Brown, Mary Cannell, Betty Darrow, and Rev. Ivan Greuter, arranged the children and youth Christmas program.

Thanksgiving:

- For those who directed the choir, led hymns, and chose hymns in my absences this year.
- For the choir members and handbell choir members.
- For Andy Miller who ran the sound and recording for both cantatas.
- For Andy Pepin and Andy Miller who ran the music, sound and projection for the children and youth Christmas program.
- For Mary Cannell and Betty Darrow who worked with the children and made sure everything went as planned during the Christmas program.
- For Andy Pepin who set up the Christmas Eve projection.
- For the “angel” who helped provide funds for new music and supplies.
- For Carol Howerter who faithfully found volunteer greeters for both services.
- For the many musicians who glorified God during the summer specials.
- And, finally many thanks to and for Zeke Howerter, Carol Howerter, Margaret Mealiff, Andy Miller, Jane Rupert, and Dee Smith for being the worship team, sounding boards and a great help and support to me.

I am thankful to God for the choir members, accompanists, sound technicians, and musicians who glorified God this year in the music program.

Rexanne Greuter
Choir Director, Central Baptist Church

NELLIE BOTTS FOLEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

No report submitted

UBERT C. ALLEN, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

No report submitted

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN’S MINISTRY

SARAH CIRCLE – Peggy Cumby

Sarah Circle meets monthly on the second Thursday in the months of January through June and September through December. This year our monthly bible study has been from the book Cultivating Contentment, from the Women of Faith series.

In April several Sarah Circle members participated in a White Cross activity which was held in fellowship hall. We helped cut, sew, and roll bandages for the American Baptist Women White Cross project.

Our largest fundraiser was held in May in fellowship hall when we served the Retired Teacher’s Luncheon. Su Langenburg coordinated this American Baptist Women fundraiser for us. This fundraiser generates dollars to help underwrite our yearly missionary support and circle dues.

Our service project in November was to coordinate with the Ministry of Missions to check the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for delivery to a local drop-off site. We have enjoyed this service project for the past several years. This year we packed five additional boxes with extra items that were donated; secured the shoeboxes per guidelines; inventoried the total number of boxes for each -- girls and boys and by age. This year there were 65 Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Boxes collected. Peggy Cumby, Luke Cumby, and David Greuter delivered the shoeboxes to the local drop-off site.

Su Langenburg, Donna Baird, and Peggy Cumby represent Sarah Circle at Central's American Baptist Women meetings.

Our annual Christmas Party was on Thursday, December 13 at The Patio. After dinner we enjoyed a presentation by local speaker, Lynette Schenk. Following the presentation we enjoyed an ornament exchange. This year's ornament theme was "something from the manger".

Submitted by
Peggy Cumby

JOY CIRCLE – Nata Selves
No report submitted

CIRCLE 31 – Rexanne Greuter

The members of Circle 31 met monthly for food, fellowship, fun, and service. Highlights of the year include making necklaces to be given to the women of the church on Mother's Day and making 69 pies in November. Part of the money donated for the pies was put in the ABWM treasury to cover dues, refit for missionaries, and project donations for our circle. Two hundred dollars was sent to National ABWM. We appreciate the Joy circle's addition of one hundred dollars that brought the total donation to National ABWM to three hundred dollars. After the payment of dues, refit and project monies in March, we plan to send gifts to our assigned missionaries.

CHURCH OFFICE – Karen Dietrich

Heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers for your time, effort, and continued commitment:

- **Esther Fletterer** – for coming in on Mondays to sort the attendance cards and writing the "Chuppers" list in alphabetical order. I will miss your company; enjoy your retirement!
- **Mary Lock** – for coming in on Tuesdays to put together the children's activities bags and on Thursdays to assemble the bulletins; answering the phone and the door when I am not able to do so.
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