

January 23, 2011

Dearest South Highlanders,

2010 has been a year of marked deepening and widening faith for South Highland, as we have sought to seek and serve God through the ministries and mission of this Church, *“in the Heart of the City, for the whole of the City, serving with the Passion of Christ.”*

Highlights of our year 2010 include the largest group ever of South Highlanders going to Mexico to build a house with Constructores Para Cristo. We also celebrated Dianne Davis' 70th birthday, sending her off after worship on her solo bike ride from Birmingham to Piedras Negras, Mexico, an event which garnered national media attention. This year's Inspirational Preacher, Dr. Bill Carl, President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, offered us renewed inspiration to serve Christ in the world today. The Chancel Choir presented portions of Handel's "Messiah" during the Advent Season. Our Handbell Choir and Children's Choirs, growing in numbers constantly, offered tremendous music to enrich our worship and strengthen our lives. As always, our Witness Season brought to fresh awareness many ways in which South Highland is reaching out as a Mission Minded Congregation. We delighted in the visit of the Rev. Simon Njoroge from Kenya, Bill Dallas, who heads a prison ministry within the United States, and Rev. Hunter Farrell, head of the PCUSA Worldwide Mission Division.

Working quietly behind the scenes, like that serene swan gliding seemingly effortlessly across the lake, all the while paddling furiously beneath the surface; your staff has done tremendous work. Hearty thanks to Rev. Jim Truesdell, Rev. Susan Laney, Suzanne Cornett, Kit MacLeod, Rev. Molly Clark, Dr. Philip Copeland, Jamie McLemore, Eleanor Garner, Pat Quinn, Charles Rountree, James Copeland, and Joe Whitley, administratively, programmatically and pastorally; and to our wonderful sextons, David Thames, Jerome Bonner, and Tony Humphrey and our kitchen staff, Kendra Finklea, Laura Graham, and Chris Sanford. Your Boards of Elders and Deacons have truly been the hands and feet for the Body of Christ, putting Biblical principles into action and guiding the work of this congregation.

It has been a difficult financial year with the recession, together with unexpected emergency capital expenditures, hitting full force upon Church giving. Yet it was a year in which the Church responded magnanimously to emergencies such as the earthquake in Haiti, gave generously over and above to restore the Ensley – Highlands Pipe Organ for our Chapel, strongly supported our Worldwide and Local Mission efforts through Witness Season, gave generously in our regular Stewardship efforts, and committed \$1,077,660 for the Living River Presbytery Camp and Conference Center, the largest commitment of any Church in the Presbytery.

Nevertheless, by the end of the year, the Church spent more than it took in. This shortfall will be met through expending appropriate reserves, and belt tightening. In 2011, we can be grateful for the generous stewardship commitments you have expressed. Your Church is committed to living within its means, as reflected in the 2011 Budget, which contains no increases in staff salaries and no increases in mission giving. While these necessities are regrettable, this belt tightening budget in 2011, together with your pledges of \$1,325,216.00, a percentage increase of 8.63% in pledges over last year, reflects a careful commitment by your leaders for sound management of your gifts.

As we enter into 2011, excitement is high as we look to the Vision of the God's Horizon's Long Range Planning Team, as we participate in small groups during Lent, to Unbind our Hearts, as we study intensely God's Word in Holy Scripture, as we respond during Witness Season and throughout the year to the many needs in God's world, as we welcome our new Director of Youth Ministries, Doug Barr, and as we undergird the basic ministry and mission of the congregation through our regular giving of time, talent and treasure.

My prayer for you is that of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:14-20:

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth take its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Faithfully and Expectantly,

Ed Hurley

Edwin Gray Hurley, Moderator
Senior Pastor
John Goff, Clerk of Session
Neil Davis, SHC Chair

Jim Truesdell, Associate Pastor
Rudy Hauenstein, Treasurer
Missy Fooshee, Finance
John Yeilding, CDC Representative

SESSION 2011

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Jack Smith
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Chris Still
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Sue Koch
Rachel Lim
Bart Lloyd
Kathryn Michael
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SESSIONAL UNITS

Administration Unit:

Staff Liaison(s) – Ed Hurley
Charles Rountree – Finance
Pat Quinn – Administration

Deacons:

Gary Wilkinson
Nicole Crocker
Ramey Harrell

Amy Tucker, Chair
Terry Slaughter
Chad Fooshee
John Benton

Congregational Life:

Staff Liaison(s) – Susan Laney

Brian Hurst
Stephanie Thompson
Janet Perry

Chris Still, Chair
Carol Ann Cross

Membership and Evangelism Unit:

Staff Liaison(s) – Jim Truesdell

Berry Dumas
Anne Homer
Kirsten Heiser

Kathryn Michael, Chair,
Membership & Evangelism
Terry Slaughter, Publicity
Kermitt Southern
Carolyn Hunter
Bart Lloyd
Tom Buck

Mission Unit:

Staff Liaison(s) -Jim Truesdell
Ed Hurley

Jim Foster
Jody Gilchrist
Daniel Killilea

Debbie Perkins, Chair
Harold Deason

Nurture Unit:

Staff Liaison(s) - Susan Laney
Suzanne Cornett
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Jim Truesdell

Laura Williams
Lu Mahon
Isabeth Gannon

Cathie Bonner, Chair
Katya O'Leary
Kathy Tracey
Sue Koch

Personnel Unit:

Staff Liaison(s) – Ed Hurley

Leland Keller, Chair
Dewey White
Bob David
Sam Wester

Worship Unit:

Staff Liaison(s) – Ed Hurley
Philip Copeland
Jim Truesdell

Kim Cook
Susan Glover
Kelly Ross-Davis

Jack Smith, Chair
Lee Cleveland
Nichole Griffith
Rachel Lim
John Ponder

PARISH ASSOCIATES – 2011: Rev. Susan Laney and Rev. Molly Clark

BOARD OF DEACONS – 2011: Gary Wilkinson, Chair; Staff Liaison, Susan Laney; Hospital Visitation

Class of 2011

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Anne Homer
Gary Wilkinson

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Lu Mahon
Laura Williams

Class of 2013

Isabeth Gannon
Jody Gilchrist
Kirsten Heiser
Daniel Killilea
Janet Perry
Kelly Ross-Davis

COMMISSIONERS TO PRESBYTERY: Principals: Dewey White and Lee Cleveland; Alternate: Jim Price

TRUSTEES: Class of 2011: John Ponder

Class of 2012: John Benton

Class of 2013: Mel Robinson

Annual Report
South Highland Presbyterian Church Foundation
January 23, 2011

As members of South Highland Presbyterian Church, we are all “members of the corporation”, the Foundation. The following is a report to you, the stockholders.

At the end of 2010 the Foundation had grown to \$4,308,987.70 an increase of 22.6%. The growth came from contributions (\$990,813), interest (\$43,962.78), dividends (\$28,738.57), gains in value (\$109,158.67) less withdrawals (\$379,052.76). There were two major additions to the foundation, the estate of Eugenia Moseley and one anonymous gift.

Earnings from the Foundation were allocated as follows:

1. Mission	\$51,519
2. Scholarship	\$27,426
3. General operating budget	\$29,130
4. Designated recipients	\$ 2,558
5. Music	\$ 2,557
6. Building	\$100,000
7. Special purposes	\$12,350

Looking at the above spending it is apparent how many areas of our church are enhanced by money from the Foundation. But this money is not Foundation money, rather it is the embodiment of the wishes and interest of SHPC members both living and dead. The Foundation is simply the vehicle that carries out those wishes.

The Barnabus Society is composed of those who have remembered South Highland Presbyterian Church in their wills or estate planning. This is not a formal organization but rather a friendly way to make your future gift known. Please talk with Dr. Dana or Betty Waters or any member of the Ministerial Staff or Foundation Board if you have the church in your will.

Officers and members of the Board of Directors of South Highland Presbyterian Church Foundation for 2011 are listed below: President, Bill Stribling; Vice-President, Michael Goodrich; and Secretary, Glenn Davis. Board members are Jonathan Cross, Sims Garrison, Minnie Rast, Chris Williams, Steve Williams, Kathryn Michael, Carolyn King, Milton Magnus and John Ponder.

The next scheduled meeting will occur on April.

Respectfully Submitted,
William P. Stribling

SPECIAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR 2010 AT SOUTH HIGHLAND

January 4 Coordinating Council Meeting, with unit chairs

January 11 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Small Dining Room

January 18 Church Office closed due to Martin Luther King holiday

January 22 Officers' Retreat at Samford Flag Colonnade

January 23 Officers' Retreat at Samford Beeson Divinity School

February 6 Speaker, Bill Dallas, shares his life lessons from San Quintin

February 7 Speaker, Bill Dallas, Minute for Mission, both services

February 14 Rev. Simon Njoroge, speaker, at 8:30 & 11:00 Worship

February 14 Mission Fair in Davis Family Hall

February 17 Ash Wednesday Service at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

February 20 Sock Hop in Davis Family Hall

February 21 1st Sunday in Lent, special speaker, Rev. Hunter Farrell

February 24 Special Lenten speaker, Dr. Philip Copeland in Sanctuary

February 28 2nd Sunday in Lent in both 8:30 & 11:00 Services

March 3 Special Lenten speaker, Rev. Jim Truesdell in Sanctuary

March 7 3rd Sunday in Lent in both 8:30 & 11:00 Services

March 10 Special Lenten Speaker, Rev. Molly Clark in Sanctuary

March 14 4th Sunday in Lent, in both services

March 17 Special Lenten speaker, Rev. Susan Laney in Sanctuary

March 22 Confirmation Class meets with the Session in Auditorium

March 24 Special Lenten speaker, Rabbi Jonathan Miller in Davis Family Hall

March 28 Palm Sunday, both services in the Sanctuary

March 29 Holy Week begins at 12:00 noon with service in Chapel

Mar.29-Apr.1 Holy Week Services at 12:00 noon in the Chapel

April 1 Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary

April 2 Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon

April 3 Easter Vigil in the Chapel at 10:00 pm

April 4 Easter Sunday, both services in the Sanctuary

April 7 Resurrection Celebration Service, Sanctuary at 6:30

April 11 Youth Sunday

April 12 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Small Dining Room
Coordinating Council Meeting with unit Chairs

April 18 BHN arrives - will be in the Youth Suite
Congregational Picnic at Oak Mountain State Park

April 23 Inspirational Series Officers' Dinner

April 25 Dr. William J. Carl III, Inspirational Speaker, will preach at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

April 26 Dr. William J. Carl III, Inspirational Speaker, in Davis Family Hall with lunch served.

April 29 Youth Talent Show in the Davis Family Hall

May 1 Community Dance in Davis Family Hall at 7:00 pm

May 2 Senior Adult Sunday at both Worship Services

May 23 Pentecost Sunday and Invite a Friend Sunday
 Church-wide Pentecost Cookout - served in DFH
 Sunday School Teacher Appreciation in 11 am Service

May 31 Church Office, SHC and CDC closed for Memorial Day

June 7-11 Vacation Bible School begins

June 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Small Dining Room
 Session Meeting (Elders & Deacons) meet with new members

June 21-26 Jr High Great Escape

June 23 WNL - Ice Cream Fellowship (New Members Recognition)

June 27 Welcome New Members at 11:00 Worship Service

June 28-July 3 Constructores Para Cristo

July 4 Fourth of July at South Highland, upper deck parking,
 (Hot dogs and Fireworks)

July 5 Church Office closed for July 4 Holiday

July 11-16 Youth at Montreat

July 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Small Dining Room

August 2 Coordinating Council Meeting

August 4 Stars Fell on South Highland in Davis Family Hall

August 16 Session Meeting (Elders & Deacons) meet with new members

August 18 Wednesday Night "Family Nights" begin

August 22 Rally Day and Congregational Meeting after 11:00 Worship

August 28 PW Fall Kickoff in Davis Family Hall

September 6 Church Office closed for Labor Day

September 8 Regularly scheduled WNL Services and LOGOS begin

September 12 First Grade Children in Worship Service

Sept.16&17 Congo Network at South Highland Presbyterian Church

September 21 New Officers' Training begins in Youth Suite

October 3 World Communion Day

October 4-6 Highlanders go to Natchez, Mississippi

October 18 Session Meeting (Elder & Deacons) meet with new members

October 21 CDC Fall Festival in Davis Family Hall

October 24 Welcome new members at 11:00 Worship Service
 Fall Festival in Davis Family Hall
 Blue Grass music and Bar-b-que

October 27 Congregational Stewardship Dinner and Program in DFH

October 31 Stewardship Commitment Sunday

November 7 All Saints Day in both Worship Services
 November 17 Dr. Jim Stout, Presby.Minister, speaks on mental illness
 Nov.19-20 Dr. Jim Stout, speaks on mental illness in Sanctuary
 November 21 Churchwide Thanksgiving Luncheon in Davis Family Hall
 November 24 Southside Community Thanksgiving Service at SHPC
 Nov.25 & 26 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
 November 28 First Sunday in Advent celebrated both Services
 Advent Workshop during the Sunday School hour in the DFH
 December 1 Advent Concert Series in Sanctuary
 December 5 Second Sunday in Advent - 8:30 & 11:00 Services
 December 5 Christmas Together - Sanctuary and Davis Family Hall
 December 7 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in Davis Family Hall
 December 11 Breakfast in Bethlehem in Davis Family Hall
 Discovery Class (G-15)
 December 12 Third Sunday in Advent - 8:30 & 11:00 Services
 December 13 Men's Prayer Breakfast in Small Dining Room
 Session Meeting (Elders and Deacons) meet with New
 Members
 December 15 Advent Concert Series, UAB Jazz Combo (Sanctuary)
 December 16 South Highland Center - Christmas Open House
 December 17 Youth Lock-in at the Church
 December 19 Fourth Sunday in Advent - 8:30 & 11:00 Services
 Dec.21 & 22 BHN Gift Wrap
 December 23 Homeless are fed in Davis Family Hall, Arranged by Jim
 Foster
 Trades Tower Christmas Service at 12:00 Noon
 December 24 Christmas Eve Services at SHPC, 12:00 noon, 5:00, 7:00,
 & 11:00
 December 26 Share Christmas goodies in Davis Family Hall, & 11:00
 Service

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Friday, December 24 & Monday, December 27,
 Church Office closed for Christmas!

ADMINISTRATION UNIT

2010 Report to the Congregation

This year we were able to upgrade the sound system servicing the Sanctuary and construct a new operating platform. Thanks to Bart Morrow, Virgil Jensen, Johnny Robinson and John and Kermit Heiser for all their hard work to make this project beautiful and work seamlessly.

SHPC Tax Assessor Property Value \$10,423,900

As is usually the case most of the work of the Unit in 2010 was keeping the church up and running. Major replacement of heating and air conditioning occurred in the ministerial staff offices, library, youth suite and choir room. Jim Price has been on a mission changing to long-life low wattage light bulbs throughout the building. Until they start producing a 150-watt replacement we will be satisfied with many incandescent bulbs. He educated the unit on the difference in bulbs and through his efforts we can expect years of lower utility bills and fewer replacement bulbs. Another project this year was to pigeon-proof the bell tower.

The Church's new updated website is now online at www.southhighland.org. Please visit it to see the results of the countless hours Terry Slaughter has spent in a gargantuan task. This summer our intern Drew Bonner helped with much of the content input and our own staff member James Copeland has rendered valuable help to move this process along. To help James work on the website in the future he now has a much faster computer. In an unrelated incident our computer server crashed leaving us unable to function until an emergency unit could be installed. On the positive side the replacement has a greater capacity and more speed that will allow us to work faster and better utilize our Shelby financial and record keeping software. Cara Ross was a wonderful facilitator in the server process helping bring calm and technical expertise during a very stressful time.

In 2010 we have a new valet parking company leasing our parking lot and also parking our cars on Sunday. Nicole Crocker deserves our praise for all her hard work researching and negotiating with both our past and current parking company. The lot will generate \$800 per month plus our church valet is free.

This year the Scholarship Committee under Larry Harper awarded 7 undergraduate scholarships to children of the church totaling \$18,100. Seminary scholarships were awarded to two in the amount of \$4,000.

With session approval a contract was signed to start refurbishing the Skinner organ from Ensley Highlands Presbyterian Church. The contract is for \$185,486. In addition there will be some construction cost to prepare the Chapel for installation. As a result of the interest and generosity of South Highlanders, the total cost will be raised outside the regular stewardship process. We may expect to hear the melodious notes flowing from the organ in September 2011.

Financially 2010 has been a struggle. Many of the unexpected building expenses listed above combined with lower than expected contributions have kept us in the red most of the year. As of 12/31 pledge income is lower than last year and below what was projected. The poor economy continues to affect members of the congregation and their benevolence. With greater than expected loose plate offering the total revenue for 2010 will be slightly above the budgeted amount but when the final accounting is done South Highland will be in a deficit for the year 2010. The 2011 budget is set at \$1,580,142 an increase of 2.2% over 2010. In other financial news Missy Fooshee has been working to update the budgeting

process. This year each unit was asked to prioritize their tasks by importance from most to least. By doing this we were able to better see how the budget is created, what is important to the unit and how best to spend the money we have. Unit Chairs were unanimous in their praise of the new system. In 2011 the finance unit feels we need to conduct a full audit of our books by an outside accounting firm. Recent audits have dealt more with account balances and some procedures.

2010 UTILITY EXPENSES:

Gas = \$30,103.51

Sewer and water = \$16,358.44

Electricity = \$ 80,980.59

TOTAL = \$127,442.54

Unit Members and responsibility:

Bill Stribling – Chair

Amy Tucker – Vice Chair Decorating and Flower Committee

Missy Fooshee – Finance

Richard Barr – Building and Vehicles

Gary Wilkinson – Grounds

Nicole Crocker – Parking lots and Valet

Ramey Harrell – CDC and Kitchen

Jim Price – Building

Terry Slaughter – Communication and Web Site

Pratt Wilkinson – Scholarship

Laura Ray – Communication and Finance

South Highland Presbyterian Church 2010 and 2011 Budget

	2010 Annual Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Annual Budget
RECEIPTS			
Pledge Income	1,280,000	1,257,935	1,317,112
Non-pledged Income	60,000	83,486	60,000
Loose Plate Offering	7,000	7,276	7,000
Church School Offering	4,500	3,498	4,500
Foundation Allocable	29,542	29,544	29,130
Miscellaneous Receipts	164,800	209,746	162,400
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	1,545,842	1,591,485	1,580,142
Special Designated Collection Benevolence Receipts			
Witness Offering, Habitat For Humanity, Good Samaritan Fund One Great Hour, Columbia Seminary, Bridge Ministries and others	275,000	274,003	278,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS	1,820,842	1,865,488	1,858,142
DISBURSEMENTS-			
Community Benevolences	212,842	210,661	212,842
Administration Unit	284,300	319,012	276,000
Personnel & Training	882,400	861,590	925,000
Nurture Unit	38,350	32,138	38,350
Congregational Life Unit	12,100	18,794	12,100
Membership Unit	2,000	5,750	2,000
Worship Unit	37,250	37,394	37,250
Mission Unit	1,600	2,049	1,600
Capital Costs	75,000	156,448	75,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS	1,545,842	1,643,834	1,580,142
	0	-52,349	0
Special Designated Collection Benevolence Receipts			
Special Designated Collection Benevolence Receipts	275,000	274,003	278,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS	1,820,842	1,917,837	1,858,142
BENEVOLENT GIVING-Designated & Undesignated			
	487,842	484,664	490,842
	26.79%	25.27%	26.42%
LIVING RIVER CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER ON THE CAHABA			
Pledged	1,077,660.32		
Received to date	943,918.32		
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONL LIFE COMMITTEE - 2010

Members: Kay O. Smith. (Chair), Susan Laney, (Staff Liaison, WNL, SAM & Highlanders), Bob Hunter (CA/ACP), Cinda Godfrey (ACP, BG&BBQ), Lucinda Armstrong (Other), Chris Still (CA/Other), Dianne Cleveland (PWOC), Nora Grant (DM/SHIPS), Allen Smith (PMOC, CP, BG& BBQ, & Other), and Stephanie Thompson (ME/FG). Committee meetings are held on the first Monday's of every odd month in G-16 @ 5:30, P.M. All are invited.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Refined Committee Mission, Goals, Objectives, & Implementation Strategies for 2010 & Shared with Session. - **MET EXPECTATIONS!**

2. Operated within budget. - **MET EXPECTATIONS!**

3. Revamped/reorganized **FEAST Groups (FG)**. 10 FEAST groups (8-10 members/group) are actively meeting. - **EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS!**

4. **July 4th Celebration**. Provided fellowship, food, and entertainment for **170+** community participants and SHPC members. - **EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS!**

5. **Presbyterian Men of the Church (PMOC)**. Continued Monday Morning Breakfast meetings, including Guest & /SHPC speakers. Member and guest participation averaged **20+** for all meetings. Three smaller groups also meet monthly in various locations. - **MET EXPECTATIONS!**

6. **Annual Church Picnic (APC)** – A great multigenerational gathering at Oak Mountain with **175** ± member and guest participants. - **EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS!**

7. **Pentecost Sunday Celebration (PSC)** – A great event with **175+** participants. **MET EXPECTATIONS!**

8. **Wednesday Night Live (WNL)** - Continued successful year with Susan Laney serving as Host/Facilitator (in coordination with LOGOS, etc.). WNL offered **2-3** multi-interest opportunities (enrichment/educational/biblical/special interest) for members and guests. Participation averaged **150+** for 2010. (Best Participation Ever!). Continued, in conjunction with the Worship Committee, 3 Advent Musical presentations with **100+** members and friends attending. - **EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS!**

9. **Presbyterian Women of the Church (PWOC)**. Continued monthly in-home/in-church meetings. Most circles meet in the church with lunches served. - **MET EXPECTATIONS!**

10. **Blue Grass & Bar-B-Q (BG&BBQ)** –A great success! **250** ± participants (70% from surrounding neighborhoods & 30% SHPC members). Great music by *No Longer Strangers* - **EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS!**

11. **Senior Adult Ministry (SAM/Highlanders)** –Senior Adult events were well attended with the best numbers in several years. **32** participated in the Guntersville Senior Adult Retreat in May and over **60+** for the Fall Natchez trip. Susan Laney continues to work with the SAM Board in planning activities for 2011. Wish list for 2011 includes a handicap accessible van in order to transport those who are temporarily or permanently disabled. – **MET EXPECTATIONS!**

12. **Church Athletics (Men's Softball)** – Great 3 win, 4 loss, and 1 tie season. Multi-generational church member and spectator participation including after game social events. - **MET ECPECTIONS!**

13. **Middle Essence (ME)** - Facilitated **1** gathering in a member home during the Fall with **35** members and friends participating. - **MET EXPECTATIONS!**

14. **Dance Ministry/SHIPS (DM/SHIPS)** – Continued monthly Dance Classes with sustained SHPC member and guest participation of **20+**; providing fun, food, and fellowship. Intermediate lessons were added to the Tuesday night class. *Spring Fling Dance* - **47** participants, first *Friday Night Dollar Dance* - **27** participants. - **MET EXPECTATIONS !**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
MISSION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & IMPLEMENTATION STRATIGES

MISSION

Plan, organize, implement, and provide financial support as required; for events, programs, activities, and opportunities by which members of the congregation and other non member entities can participate/be involved in, inspired by, share, and foster Christian fellowship to further enhance the Wholeness of the Church Family.

EVENT SPECIFIC GOALS AND/OBJECTIVE(S)

GOAL I-Plan and implement large group events in which all members of the congregation and their guests can participate and enjoy Christian fellowship.

OBJECTIVE A-To plan and implement an **Annual Church Picnic** that includes a diversity of activities for all members of the congregation and their guests.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY - Continue the 2009 plan of action for the event in conjunction with Joe/Food Service Staff. The Picnic will take place in the Spring of the year at Oak Mountain State Park.

OBJECTIVE B-To plan and implement a **Pentecost Sunday Celebration** in the Davis Hall following the Sunday worship service.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY - Continue the 2009 plan of action for the event with participation of Joe Whitley & Food Service Staff.

GOAL II-Plan and implement large group events in which all members of the congregation can participate and enjoy Christian fellowship with one-another, and non-member participants within the church neighborhood.

OBJECTIVE A-To plan and implement a **Fall Festival/Blue Grass & Bar-B-Q** event in which the congregation as a whole can participate with non-members from the surrounding neighborhoods.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY 1-Continue the 2009 plan of action for the event with participation/involvement of Joe Whitley, Food Service Staff, and musical performance/involvement of *No Longer Strangers*. The event will take place in **October** in the East Parking Lot of the Church.

IMPLIMENTATION STRATEGY 2 -Assign congregational *Member Ambassadors* to each outdoor table to insure non-member participants feel welcome and included.

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVE(S)

GOAL I-Facilitate, support, and serve as liaison with Gender Specific groups within the congregation to assist in accomplishing their specific Programs and Activities.

OBJECTIVE A-To provide support, liaison with, and assistance as required; to the **Presbyterian Women of the Church**; as they carry out their specific programs of interest(bible study and fellowship in monthly small group Circle meetings and large group monthly meetings). Circle meetings rotate between member homes and the church on a **monthly** basis as determined by each circle.

OBJECTIVE B-To provide support, liaison with and assistance as required, to the **Presbyterian Men of the Church**; as they carry out their specific programs of fellowship and mission (Monday morning Breakfasts, service projects, etc.). Breakfast meetings are held the second Monday of each **month** and include guest speakers and sharing life stories of the members.

GOAL II-Facilitate and support opportunities by which interested members of the congregation can participate in Church League **Recreational Activities**.

OBJECTIVE A-To continue participation in and support of a Men's Church League Softball Program during **June-August**.

GOAL III-Plan, organize, facilitate, and support multi-generational and age-specific programs, activities, and opportunities for both members and potential members of the congregation.

OBJECTIVE A-To plan, host, and provide for multi-generational opportunities for food, fellowship, entertainment, enlightenment, Christian nurture, etc.; through **Wednesday Night Live** programs and activities on **Wednesday evenings** in the Davis Family Hall and other locations within the church facility.

OBJECTIVE B-To provide opportunities for members of the congregation including non-members to gather together in informal groups to share a meal and Christian fellowship.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY-Continue **FEAST Groups** (Friends Eating and Sharing Together) recurring dinner meetings (typically covered dish) several times a year in member homes and other locations **as determined** by FEAST Group members to promote Christian fellowship.

OBJECTIVE C-To provide opportunities for members of the congregation and their guests to meet for social gatherings, fellowship, and participate in service projects; through a program of **Middlence Ministries**.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY -Plan and implement two activities, one in the **Spring** and one in the **Fall** for 2011 to include not only a dinner in homes but also other group activities such as attending a Barons game in the **Summer** or joining with **Dance Ministries** in sponsoring a dance.

OBJECTIVE D To provide pastoral care and socially oriented activities and opportunities for members of the congregation over the age of 65 through **SAM. (Senior Adult Ministries)**.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY -Continue **monthly** meeting of **Highlanders** (programs, lunch, outings, day trips, and special events) for those 65+. Meetings/outings are held at the Church and other locations as required.

OBJECTIVE E-To provide a program of opportunities for single members and outreach to potential members of the congregation, to share in social gatherings, fellowship, and activities; including Popcorn Theology through **SHIPS (South Highland Presbyterian Singles)**.

OBJECTIVE F- To provide opportunities for intergenerational members and outreach to non-members of the congregation to share in social interaction and fellowship through a program of **Dance Ministries**, held in the Davis Family Hall on a **monthly** basis. Special events will be held throughout the year.

Membership and Evangelism Unit
Year End Summary December 2010

Mission Statement: *To share the love of Christ by reaching our members and our community, embracing them, engaging them, and thereby empowering them to experience and share that transforming love.*

Unit Members: Henry Laws (Chair) Staff Liaison: Pat Quinn, Jim Truesdell, **Members:** Jeff Albright, Greg Chapman, Chris Davis, Mac Edwards, Fred Esleck, Michelle Grabarczyk, Anne Homer, Bob Hunter, Carolyn Hunter, Kermitt Southern, and Cody Watson

The Unit had a busy and interesting year. Ten meetings of the Unit were held including 6 regular bimonthly meetings and 4 extraordinary ones. All meetings were opened with some variation of Word, Share, Prayer.

The Discovery Class, ably led by Jeff and Donna Albright had 5 four week classes and 1 Saturday class with 33 new adult members joining the church. The Confirmation Class led by Kathy Tracy resulted in 10 new youth members.

Two *Invite a Friend Sundays* were held after the initial one held in the fall of 2009 with the Unit members learning a lot about this process and creating some enthusiasm. It is unknown if new members were produced, but the feeling seems uniform that this is a worthwhile process. Expenses for an Invite a Friend Sunday exceed \$750 which we need to plan for next year. It was decided to postpone having further special Friend Sundays until after completing the *Unbinding the Gospel Studies*.

Rev. Truesdell, also, encouraged the Unit to Study *Unbinding the Gospel* by Ella Grace Reese in the winter of 2010. Two study groups completed this process. There was much enthusiasm and prayer for these eight week studies. Subsequently, in the fall studies were offered to 65 selected individuals including the newly elected church officers. This class was led by Dr. Hurley. Now the unit under the leadership of Rev. Truesdell and Larry Michael, with the Session's approval, is planning a church wide study of the sequel *Unbinding the Heart* beginning at Lent to involve the whole church membership. These will be small group studies six weeks in length.

Banners, welcoming and Porta potties were provided for the participants in the Mercedes Marathon in February. The Unit plans to make more of this event in 2011, perhaps by asking the youth to make signs, cheer, etc.

The Ice Cream Social for new members was held in June with probably the best attendance yet under the leadership of Michelle Grabarczyk. Unit members individually contacted new members who had joined within the past year with much better attendance by the new people.

At the Unit's request prayer partners were developed with members of the Church's Long Range Planning Committee (God's Horizon). The Unit feels this is a necessary and important undertaking for the church. A proposed budget for the Unit was developed as per the recommendations of Missy Fooshee. This included a list of budgetary requirements in descending order of need plus estimated date the expenditure would occur.

The Unit spent 2 meetings in the fall trying to update the Church role. This continues to be a vexing process since information a year old is sadly out of date to use to call on people who have stopped attending plus the fact that only about 70% of worshipers sign in when attending church. Jeff and Donna Albright regretfully wished to relinquish leadership of the Discovery Class which the Unit acknowledged realizing they had done an outstanding job. The Church leadership has recruited Fred and Carol Rogers to undertake the very important task.

Kathryn Michael, a newly reactivated elder, will assume chair of the Unit.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Laws

2010 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Active Membership 12-31-09	873
Active Membership 12-31-10	883
Non-Confirmed Children 12-31-10	163
Total Active Membership (including non-confirmed children) 12-31-10	1046

Additions (43)

Professions of Faith (10 youths) (1 adult)	11
Reaffirmation of Faith	11
Transfer from other churches	21
Affiliate Members	5

Losses

Deaths	14
Deletions	5
Transferred to other churches	13

Babies born during 2010 7

1/12/2010	*Andrew Henry Goodrich, parents Michael and Elizabeth Goodrich
4/1/2010	*Grayson David Rogers, parents Jeff and Jessica (O'Leary) Rogers
5/06/2010	*Gabriel Joseph Caputo, parents Ragan and Pascal Caputo
5/31/2010	*Kathleen Holmes Wilkinson, parents Rachel and Gary Wilkinson
6/09/2010	*Angeline Arden Turnbull, parents Dawn and Brett Turnbull
11/7/2010	*Alice Rayne Ballard, parents Kevin and Richenda Ballard
11/18/2010	*Mary Elizabeth Harrell, parents Ramey and April Harrell

Baptisms

3/21/2010	*Anne Margaret Wilkinson, parents Pratt and Ashley Wilkinson
5/09/2010	*Isla Elizabeth Wood, daughter of Lori and James Wood, sister of Harrison
5/30/2010	*Patrick Grey Watts, son of Paula and Preston Watts, brother of Laurel Elizabeth
5/30/2010	*William Rhys Graham, son of Laura and Joseph Graham
6/13/2010	*Owen Michael Jett, son of Tisha and Jermy Jett
6/13/2010	*Conner Lee Windham, son of Kimberly and Jeffrey Windham
9/12/2010	*Maksim Carter Poer, Son of Kellie and Jason Poer
10/10/2010	*Dan Henry Singley, IV, Son of Dan and Greer Singley

Marriages celebrated at South Highland

3/20/2010	Annie Gutshall (Non-member) and Duncan Cook (Non-member)
3/27/2010	Elizabeth Smith (Member) and Joseph Bolen (Non-member)
4/24/2010	Amanda York (member) and Hurell Adair (member)
5/15/2010	Penny Massengale (member) and Earvin Stapleton (non-member)
8/21/2010	Tara Plumb (member) and Johnny Reno (non-member)
10/16/2010	Bionca Yvonne Sherrod (non-member) and Wilbur Leland Holaday III (member)

Losses – Deaths

1/1/2010	James M. (Jim) Goodson, Jr.
1/12/2010	Mr. Russell D. Lanier
2/8/2010	Mr. Charles Person
5/12/2010	Martha Hagan Hood.
5/29/2010	Mr. Jack Ingram Brown

6/12/2010 Leslie Powell
 6/29/2010 Mrs. S. Allen (Joan) Price
 7/3/2010 Mr. Don P. Selby
 8/22/2010 Mrs. Elizabeth Keith
 9/11/2010 Dr. Tom James
 9/15/2010 Mrs. Judy Wood
 10/26/2010 Dr. Charles E. Wilson
 11/25/2010 Mrs. Joseph C. (Doris) Justo
 12/18/2010 Mr. J. Malcolm Parker

Losses – Dismissals/Deletions

1/15/2010 Edward (Ned) Rand, transfer of letter to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Birmingham, AL
 1/15/2010 Anne Sanders Rand, transfer of letter to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Birmingham, AL
 *Lewis Everett Rand (non-confirmed child)
 *Lillian Litton Rand (non-confirmed child)
 3/7/2010 William (Bill) Wilbourne, transfer of letter to Riverchase United Methodist Church,
 B'ham, AL
 3/7/2010 Patricia (Pat) Wilbourne, transfer of letter to Riverchase United Methodist Church, B'ham,
 AL
 3/7/2010 Carla Cooper Shaw Luck, transfer of letter to Equality United Methodist Church in
 Equality, AL
 Carla was an inactive member
 3/7/2010 Sherri Ellis (formerly Cross), transfer of letter to Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church,
 Birmingham, AL (Sherri had been deleted from our rolls 12-15-2008)
 3/14/2010 Ned Robert Wolfe, transfer of letter to First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA
 3/14/2010 Catherine Elisabeth Wolfe, transfer of letter to First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA
 3/21/2010 Borden Hughson Burr, III, transfer of letter to Independent Presbyterian Church,
 Birmingham, AL
 3/21/2010 Lucy Walter Burr, transfer of letter to Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL
 6/21/2010 Dr. and Mrs. Philip Raiford Miller (Nancy Dupree Miller) from Inactive Roll to First
 Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC
 7/5/2010 John Benton IV, Affiliate Member transferred out of state for Graduate School
 7/5/2010 Ryan Ford, Affiliate Member transferred out of state for Graduate School
 7/25/2010 Dr. Timothy Alder Frye, transfer to Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL
 7/25/2010 Adam Fry, transfer to Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL
 8/29/2010 Vincent (Vinny) Pappalardo, transfer to Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church,
 Birmingham, AL
 8/29/2010 Julie Pappalardo, transfer to Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, Birmingham, AL
 12/13/2010 Bernie Ankney, move to Inactive Roll
 12/13/2010 Wendy Ankney, move to Inactive Roll
 12/13/2010 Robert Goolsby, move to Inactive Roll
 12/13/2010 Rupa Goolsby, move to Inactive Roll
 12/13/2010 Pamela Hanson, move to Inactive Roll
 12/13/2010 JoAnna Merchant, transfer of letter to First United Methodist Church, Alabaster, AL
 *Jay Merchant, non-confirmed child

Additions

2/15/2010 Mary McCullough Berryman, Transfer of letter from Shades Valley
 Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL
 2/15/2010 David Russell Donaldson, Reaffirmation of Faith
 2/15/2010 Gale Helen Blackstock Donaldson, Transfer of letter from St. Mary's
 Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Al

2/15/2010 Lori Chandler Gooden, Reaffirmation of Faith
 2/15/2010 Leslie Jean Pagel, Transfer of letter from Trinity Lutheran Church, Birmingham, AL
 2/15/2010 Clioretta Thomas, Profession of Faith
 2/15/2010 Christina "Chris" Wester, Transfer of letter from First Methodist Church, Pell City, AL
 2/15/2010 Nanette White, Reaffirmation of Faith
 2/15/2010 Andy White, Reaffirmation of Faith
 2/15/2010 Justine "Dee" Whitley, Transfer of letter from Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Trussville, AL
 3/22/2010 Madeline Clare Borden, Confirmation Class
 3/22/2010 Lindsey Ann Brakefield, Confirmation Class
 3/22/2010 Meredith Owens Featheringill, Confirmation Class
 3/22/2010 Jacqueline Sophia Giovanelli, Confirmation Class
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 3/22/2010 Mary Myers Huddleston, Confirmation Class
 3/22/2010 Palmer Carlton Lewis, Confirmation Class
 3/22/2010 Peyton Gabrielle Ross, Confirmation Class
 3/22/2010 Benjamin McNeer Tucker, Confirmation Class
 6/21/2010 Nicholas (Nick) Adrian Cataldo, Reaffirmation of faith
 6/21/2010 Paul Daft, Transfer of Letter from Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsburg, PA
 6/21/2010 Jerimie Goike, Transfer of Letter from Trinity United Methodist Church, Homewood, AL
 6/21/2010 Karen Ruth Hammond, Transfer of Letter from Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Homewood, AL
 6/27/2010 Ragan Caputo, Transfer of Letter from Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, Birmingham, AL
 8/16/2010 Dan Singley, Transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS
 8/16/2010 Greer Singley, Transfer of letter from First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA
 10/18/2010 Kelly Ann Dunham, Transfer of letter from St. John Lutheran Church of Ely, Iowa
 10/18/2010 Jason Albert Fill, Reaffirmation of Faith
 10/18/2010 Emily McManus Fill, Reaffirmation of Faith
 10/18/2010 Mary Head, Reaffirmation of Faith
 10/18/2010 Paul Brandon Keith, Reaffirmation of Faith
 10/18/2010 Randy Wilson, Reaffirmation of Faith
 10/24/2010 Jeannie Lu Jones, Transfer of letter from Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL
 10/24/2010 Marguerite Evelyn Jones, Transfer of letter from the Presbytery and longtime member of Avondale Presbyterian Church
 10/24/2010 Celeste Dixon Waller, Transfer of letter from Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, Birmingham, AL
 10/24/2010 Raymond Waller, Transfer of letter from Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, Birmingham, AL
 10/18/2010 Brian Atkins, Affiliate
 12/13/2010 John Gleysteen, Reaffirmation of Faith
 12/13/2010 Allen Newman Hide, Jr., Transfer of letter from Avondale Presbyterian Church, B'ham.
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Mission Unit Annual Report for the Year 2010

Elder team: Debbie Perkins, Lee Cooper, Jim Price, Harold Deason
Deacon team: Jim Foster

AIM- (Assisting Inmate Mothers) is a new ministry started in the Spring. On the second Saturday of each month, members of the SHPC congregation volunteer to drive children, their guardians, and/or relatives to Wetumpka to visit their mothers who are incarcerated in Tutwiler Prison for women. It is a joyous ride to the prison and a quiet ride returning. The children spend 4 hours with visiting their mothers, participating in arts and crafts, and having lunch. Volunteers can call Debbie Perkins.

Alcoholics Anonymous: South Highland provides a meeting place for AA's weekly meetings Saturdays at 8:15am.

Birmingham Hospitality Network (BHN): Every quarter South Highland hosts families "in transition: in the youth suite. These families have lost their homes due to fire, personal tragedy, loss of jobs, and other temporary circumstances. Area churches work together to provide housing, transportation, and meals for families until they can find new homes. Members of the congregation provide meals and spend the night with the families during their week at South Highland. This is a great opportunity for hands on mission. Diana Prutzman and Donna Stariha are the coordinators for BHN. In 2010 they need help with coordinating food for the families when they are staying at SHPC. They also need someone to help with moving the beds from Temple Emmanuel and washing the sheets. And always...we need overnight hosts.

Bridge Ministries assists individuals in need of groceries, hygiene products, household items and financial assistance with utility bills, rent, and medicines. South Highland provides financial support and non-perishable food items through our canned food drives. Our Good Samaritan offering contributes to this ministry.

Community Grief Support Service is a non-profit organized for the purpose of providing compassionate counseling, education, and support for bereaved persons in the Greater Birmingham Metropolitan area. Grief support groups provide recently-bereaved persons with a safe haven to share information and support. Their groups are curriculum-based, loss-specific, and close-ended, and vary in length from 6 to 11 weeks each. All groups are conducted by professional counselors using educational materials prepared by experts in the field of grief and bereavement. www.communitygriefsupport.org

Cornerstone Schools is a Christ-centered environment where children develop purpose, integrity, positive character, critical thinking skills, and personal responsibility so they can make important life decisions and become leaders in their communities. www.csalabama.org

Restoration Academy is committed to do its best to meet individual students at their point of need, provide dynamic instruction and curriculum, competitive sports and outlets for kids to grow into all the potential God desires. The most celebrated outcome is seeing the students overcome the potentially destructive lifestyles of fatherlessness, functional illiteracy and incarceration. They are equipped to live productive Christian lives.

Most importantly, they are breaking generational cycles of poverty, violence, addiction and fatherlessness in Fairfield and the greater Birmingham area.

Developments in Gardening (DIG)- DIG is an organization with a mission to improve the health and well-being of HIV-positive and other at-risk individuals in developing nations. We do this by teaching the skills and providing the infrastructure to create sustainable community gardens, thereby empowering people to improve both their nutrition and earning potential. South Highland helps support this effort through our mission contributions. Sarah Koch is the administrator and coordinator. www.developmentingardening.org

Good Samaritan Assistance is a ministry that provides both church members and people who come to the church looking for financial help for food, utility bills, prescriptions, and other such needs. The Good Samaritan Offering is collected each communion Sunday after both services. Jeannie Burton administers the program and works closely with Bridge Ministries and Greater Birmingham Ministries as well as local grocery stores and pharmacies to ensure that relief is rapid and appropriate.

Greater Birmingham Ministries is an interfaith organization that works to meet the emergency needs of people in the community. It serves individuals and families by providing food, clothing, and financial assistance. They also have lots of opportunity for volunteers interested in helping in the community. Greta Clark coordinates participation for South Highland.



Habitat for Humanity builds and renovates houses so that there are good homes in good communities for people who might not otherwise afford one. You don't have to be a carpenter to be a useful volunteer on a Habitat project. Anyone age 14 and older can work on the site any of several capacities, including basic carpentry, painting, carrying supplies, helping with meals and snacks, etc... This year, SHPC elected to build a house exclusive of the Presbytery house, but, with a partner. In the past, SHPC has partnered with others such as St. Vincent's Hospital. Last year we co-sponsored a house with Habitat for Humanity Birmingham. This year we co-sponsored with Farmers Insurance. We started earlier this year in order to be a part of the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project. Our house was in Fairfield at 710 42nd Street. The family was Caprechia Collins and her two children. We had a Thursday crew and a Saturday crew with about 30 SHPC members involved. We finished the house on Thursday, Oct. 7, just in time for the Carter project press conference.

Our house was chosen for the press conference and we were barely finishes laying sod when they placed the stage on top of it! The Carters, Habitat International representatives, the Fairfield mayor, and the Jefferson County Commission president Bettye Fyne Collins participated in the speeches. After the press conference, the Carters met with Laura Ray, Bart Morrow, Caprechia and her kids for a photo shoot. It was an exciting summer with Habitat for Humanity. Bart Morrow is the South Highland Coordinator and Maxine Williams coordinated the lunches.

Hispanic Ministry

The Hispanic New Church Development (HNCD) has been funded by a multi-year grant from the General Assembly and Synod. The grant was intended to assist the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley as it sought ways to achieve full funding for the HNCD. The General Assembly and Synod portions of the grant were programmed to decrease each successive year after 2006, with the expectation that the growing shortfall would be made up by PSL, churches, individuals and tithes and offerings of the Hispanic fellowship. Increased supplement and/or new funding would be essential if the program were to continue beyond the end of the grant. The annual expense of the HNCD program (salary, building rent, child care, Food Bank, and other costs) has been approximately \$60,000 to \$65,000. During 2010 it became apparent to the HNCD Committee that the annual goals proposed in the grant regarding Hispanic fellowship growth and increase in financial support of the ministry had not been met and continuing the program without new sources of funding and prospects for growth would be impossible. The Hispanic fellowship celebrated their last worship service with Rev. Horacio Quiroz in the Center Point Presbyterian church on Nov. 24, followed by a dinner. Weekly Hispanic worship continues at Center Point Presbyterian until other arrangements are decided upon by the committee. English as a Second Language classes are offered by volunteers on Sunday mornings and the Project Light computer-based ESL program involves 2 volunteers and 4 students. The HNCD committee has 2 South Highlanders, Greta Clark, the Chair of the Committee, and Eleanor Wright. The committee is resourced by Ref. Dan Stephens, Associate Executive for Missional Development.

International Programs at UAB

Friendship partners- match a new international student with an individual or family to help the student learn and transition into our culture. The commitment is for one year and to meet with the student at least once a month.

Let's Talk is a ministry offering the opportunity for international students to engage in casual conversation with members of our congregation. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for dinner and conversation. We have 7-10 regular participants who attend. After dinner, tutors from our congregation spend one on one time with the attendees in structured conversation to help teach the idiosyncrasies of American English. All three ministries offer hands on mission opportunities. Greta Clark is structuring the programs. The regulars are Lee Cooper, Arthur Tyson, Lere Harper, Greta and Corky Clark, Susan Hammack and Marty Keller. Cody Watson and Dean and Jerry Vandegrift have also assisted when available. If you are interested in volunteering call Corky Clark, the coordinator of the program.

UAB International Students- We sponsored 2 lunches and breakfasts. Thanksgiving Dinner- South Highland hosted the 3rd annual Thanksgiving dinner for over 280 international students in the Davis Family Hall in conjunction with the UAB International House. We are always looking for volunteers to help serve. Corky Clark is the coordinator of the program.

Christmas International House-is a ministry that hosts international students during the Christmas season. South Highland families volunteer to provide housing, meals, and activities to international students who have nowhere to go for the holidays. This ministry is sponsored every other year. In 2010, we had 7 students from china, Japan, and Malaysia from Dec. 18-Jan. 2. Host families helped house the students and drive them to the numerous activities that were planned during the holidays. The coordinator is Kelly Ross Davis.

Sav-A-Life, Inc., the Vestavia Hills Center has been serving the men and women in need make life-affirming decisions concerning their pregnancy and knowledge that brings needed restoration to their lives. The ministry offers problem pregnancy counseling, pregnancy testing, medical assistance, and mentors for education and support. Sav-A-Life counselors have an opportunity to share their faith with young women and men during critical times in their lives. South Highland's liaison is Pam Buck.

South Highland Center-The South Highland Center is a ministry of South Highland Presbyterian Church. Housed in the church's west wing, the program has been carefully tailored in every aspect to meet the special needs of cognitively impaired individuals from mild to severe phases. The staff is comprised of highly skilled professionals, trained specifically in dementia care. Staff members work with small participant groups, ensuring plenty of personalized attention. Participants may attend daily or part-time. The focus is to promote stimulating, enriching, and fun life experiences in a safe and nurturing home-like environment. This ministry is one of the few remaining non-profit organizations serving the ever growing population of dementia related disorders

South Highland Child Development Center (Scholarships)

Since 1971, South Highland Child Development Center has strived to provide quality, Christian, full-day care for children of working parents. Monday through Friday each week, SHCDC offers a safe and happy learning environment where all children aged six weeks through five years can receive developmental care. Teachers plan and carry out a daily program which includes intellectual, physical, spiritual and social developmental activities. The Center is accredited by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs.

Sunday Club - "The Sunday Club" was started in April, 1987 to address both the need for food on Sunday and the need for a place to go where love, acceptance and fellowship are graciously given. " Volunteers wear many hats: driving the church van for pick-up and return; acting as team leaders for specific Sundays; lining up, presenting and leading programs; making table favors; donating gifts for special persons; mixing and mingling with the members. Preparing and serving the meals is a special responsibility. Great effort is made to see that the meals served are beyond ordinary in quality and presentation. Volunteers include children, young people, and adults of all ages. Even pre-school children can enjoy putting the salt and pepper shakers on the tables! Volunteers come from South Highland Church and from other churches and civic organizations in the community. Martha and Jim Foster are the coordinators and are always looking for volunteers for this easy hands-on mission.

Presbyterian Home for Children is a safe, supportive, Christian environment for children who are dependent, neglected, abused, homeless or who otherwise cannot live with their families. The 80-acre campus in Talladega, Alabama has grown tremendously since the 1800's, transforming itself from a children's refuge and farming community into a well respected educational facility. The Home opened its own school, Hope Academy, in 1997 to meet the educational needs of its residents. Realizing a greater need, Hope Academy began offering its services to the community in 2004 by accepting private day and residential students into the education program. Today, the Talladega Campus includes residential cottages, school buildings, a gymnasium, dining hall and well staffed counseling center which serves both campus residents and the community. Volunteers are always needed for special projects for the children. This year the PW Circle 2 had a casserole sale which raised aprox \$700 for summer camp scholarships. The Circles also provided Christmas for the Gabbie cottage. Suzanne Cornett and several youth members spent the night at the PHFC and helped with maintenance projects. Dr. Hurley invited the PHFC residents and staff to attend Christmas Together and Circles 1 and 2 provided goodie bags for the visitors. Jody Gilchrist is the coordinator from SHPC.

Special Offerings

Pentecost Offering- 40% of amount collected is designated by the local church to support work on behalf of children at risk. This year's offering went to the Birmingham Hospitality Network.

Peacemaking Offering was given to support the International Aids Mission through the Presbytery.

Christmas Eve offering- was given to the Hope Academy at the Presbyterian Home for Children.

Constructores Para Cristo (CPC) is a ministry that provides basic housing, medical care and education for the poor, working Mexican families who live in desperate conditions. Mission teams travel to the border town of Piedras Negras where they build a house in a week. South Highland has supported a mission team every year for the past 23 years. This year we partnered once again with First Presbyterian of Auburn and sent 24 people to build a house. The ages ranged from 13 and older many of whom had been several years in a row. No experience is needed... a willing heart and no fear of physical labor. We are now looking for participants for the 2011 mission team. Karen Buttler and Cara Ross are organizing the team this year.

Missionaries- Missionary Supported by SHPC

PC(USA) mission workers:

Frank and Nancy Dimmock - Lesotho - medical throughout Africa, local outreach
Dan and Elizabeth Turk-Madagascar-community health and environment/agriculture
Jane Holslag - Lithuania - education family - central Asia - outreach
Mike and Nancy Haninger-Dem. Rep.of Congo (going off support June,2010) med
Bob and Kristi Rice-Dem. Rep.of Congo (starting support in June, 2010)-evangelism, micro- enterprise
Jeff and Christi Boyd - PC(USA) Central Africa Liaison based in Cameroon
Moses Dimmock-Young Adult Volunteer (PCUSA)-Northern Ireland for 1 yr Aug. 2010-2011

Through The Outreach Foundation (PCUSA) :

- contribution toward salary support of Nedson Zulu and Sebber Banda
- Mozambique - evangelism, church growth, community health
- contribution toward seminary student, Arthur Bowa's, education at Justo Mwale Seminary, Lusaka, Zambia

Through Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PCUSA) - contributing to salary support of :

Cody Watson - Southeast Director of PFF

Bill Young - Executive Director, PFF

Through the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley (PCUSA) - our Presbytery

Rev. Horatio Quiroz Gutierrez - Hispanic Presbyterian pastor to Hispanic New Church Development at Centerpoint Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL

South Highland (PCUSA) workers:

Sarah Koch-co-founder and executive director of Development in Gardening

Partial support to SHPC mission teams

to establish Living Waters for the World water purification installations in Kenya, to build houses in Piedras Negras, MX (annually) with families living in this border town through Constructores Para Cristo, an organization founded 25 years ago by South Highland member, Dianne Davis.

Rev. Chris Ndei, Presbyterian Kenyan pastor leading weekly local Kenyan Fellowship meeting at South Highland Pres.

Dr. Jim Kimble, eye surgeon, to assist Dr. Mejia with surgeries in Honduras (twice a year).

Non- PCUSA workers:

Dr. Diego Mejia-Eye surgeon, Honduras-contribution toward his participation in the annual continuing education program of American Academy of Ophthalmology; contribution to Centro de la Vision Douglas Perry

Water Purification project for NPCA Njoro Kenya Church

June 2010 PCEA Njoro Trip Report

We arrived in Njoro Junel, about 8P.M. We were warmly greeted and after a short service to give thanks for our safe arrival we were matched with families for lodging, breakfast and dinner. June 2 group activity started with a devotional service then an introduction to the various community services provided through the our host Church.

The giant boifilter (10 feet in diameter and 15 feet tall inside) built at our last visit has matured and seems to be working well. We have asked that turbidity, iron, total dissolved solids, and Ph be tested at three points. 1- from the borehole, 2- after the biofilter and 3-at the bottling station after processing.

Trouble shooting on the LWW basic system began about 10 A.M. The ozonator was not producing bubbles visible in the clear section preceding the churn. After verifying the lamps were all burning we found a small amount of water in the flex tube between the ozonator and the venture. We drained the water, blew air through the ozonator and added enough flex hose to rout the hose over the finished water pipe above the churn then to the venture connection. This was done to prevent a reoccurrence of water backing up through the venture into the flex hose as the system is shut down. We recirculated some previously processed water and the ozone flow was quite good. However when we

processed raw water through the filters the flow rate was well below the design flow rate and very little ozone was sucked into the water due to low water flow through the venture. We activated a supplemental pump to provide greater raw water pressure and a heavy ozone flow was produced to the point the smell of ozone could be detected in the finished water storage tank. We refreshed the chief operator on the operation of the system and after reprocessing the water in the finished water storage tank we bottled and labeled 10 -10 liter containers of clear purified water. The members of the congregation were very pleased to see the clarity of the water from their borehole. We have been formally asked to continue with the covenant agreement. I have no doubt the South Highland Session will approve the request. We left Njoro for Nairobi the morning of June 3. For more information contact Jim Price.

Witness Season- The month of February has been set aside to focus on Global Missions and international outreach. Special offering given during the month of February contribute to the support of our international mission efforts including the support of our missionaries and international mission trips. This year \$123,000 was disbursed to our mission partners around the world. Marty Keller and a Debbie Perkins with the help of a devoted team of mission minded people coordinate our mission efforts. We are always looking for more members to participate in our local and international mission effort.

Lovemore Home, Zimbabwe

I had a very joyous 5-week visit with the boys of Lovemore during October and November. 9 of the 12 who were there when I first visited in 2009 were still there! We made their favorite, French toast, several times, and I introduced them to broccoli salad (mixed reviews!). We cooked sour peaches and made fudge pie to have with vanilla ice cream. They played badminton for the first time, and were very excited about the basketball a donor sent. The 5 older boys have graduated primary school and will go to 2 different boarding schools in January. We must pray for them as they will be truly on their own.

The best news is that the boys who needed HIV medicine finally have the medicine! The young one who badly needed glasses is now proud to own a pair and is taking excellent care of them.

Lovemore has numerous problems, which we know the Presbytery of Zimbabwe is working on. In addition to staffing problems, not operating at full capacity (only 9 of 12 places filled for all of 2010, and now 5 more vacancies) has weakened Lovemore Home's effectiveness. The depressed economy and shaky, scary politics of Zimbabwe further undermine Lovemore Home. But, the boys are healthy, and happy to have a home at Lovemore!

Democratic Republic of Congo- 2010

All activities have been in cooperation with the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley Congo Partnership Team, the Nganza and Tshibashi Presbyteries in the Congo, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission work in Congo.

Our Witness Season Offering enabled the church to do the following:

- Provide \$2000 support for the work of Jeff Boyd, Regional Liaison for Congo,
- Send \$4000 for the strengthening of primary and secondary schools,
- Give \$1000 to scholarship four students to attend Sheppard and Lapsley University for one year.

- Support women's economic development with \$3000.
- Grant \$1000 for discretionary use by the Congo Partnership Team. Some of this has been used for teacher training, some for gasoline for missionary Gwenda Fletcher in her educational work in Congo.

During 2010, three members of South Highland have made necklaces and offered them throughout the presbytery. 100% of the profits from the donations, (\$9000 through November 2010 and over \$26,000 since October 2008) have gone to meet the Education Excellence Project goals:

- teachers have textbooks,
- desks are provided for the children,
- superintendents have a motorbike for visiting the schools,
- buildings are being repaired,
- one teacher training event was held, the first in many years,
- a second teacher training is planned for this December.

Working cooperatively with individuals, congregations, presbyteries, the PC(U.S.A.) and organizations such as Medical Benevolence Foundation and the Outreach Foundation South Highland Presbyterian Church is a strong witness for Christ in Congo.

Witness Season events for 2011

Feb. 4-6 Jesus in the Qur'an Seminar presented by Jamie and Donna Winship

Who is Jesus in the Qur'an?

What if 1,400 years of misunderstanding between Muslims and Christians could end in our lifetime? In Mark 8:29, Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

That question was, and still is, the most important question all men everywhere must consider. It is the question every Jew must ask of the Torah. It is the question every reader of the New Testament must ask of the Gospels.

And it is the question every Muslim should ask of the Qur'an, where Jesus is mentioned nearly 100 times across 15 different Suras.

Feb. 13- Mission Fair in the Davis Family Hall

Feb. 19-20- Dr. John Perkins is a sharecropper's son who grew up in New Hebron, Mississippi amidst dire poverty. Fleeing to California at age 17 after his older brother's murder at the hands of a town marshal, he vowed never to return. However after converting to Christianity in 1960 he returned to Mendenhall, Mississippi to share the gospel of Christ. While in Mississippi, his outspoken nature and support and leadership in civil rights demonstrations resulted in repeated harassment, beatings and imprisonment.. For the past 50 years, Dr. John Perkins has dedicated his life to empowering people and ministries to work alongside the poor and vulnerable. His is a powerful story about reconciliation and development

Feb. 27- Elizabeth and Dan Turk, our missionaries to Madagascar will speak during the Sunday School hour.

Annual Report of the Nurture Unit 2010

The congregation of SHPC had many opportunities to be nurtured in 2010.

Suzanne Cornett led the youth as they participated in multiple church mission, fundraising and retreat opportunities. These included: The Winter Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN in January, Montreat in July, a mission trip to the Presbyterian Children's Home, a talent show fundraiser, babysitting at breakfast in Bethlehem, and leading in VBS. This year, a greater emphasis was placed on Presbytery participation and 4 youth represented SHPC on Youth Council. Youth participated in 4 Presbytery retreats. Each month, the Youth spend the first Sunday of the month making a "Joyful Noise" and then share their musical and vocal talents at F2:19 that evening. The always popular "Youth Sunday" was led by our Jr. and Sr high youth, with preaching by graduating Srs. Kathy Tracey, Malin Selman and 14 elder mentors are leading 14 youth in confirmation .

Our children too have had many opportunities to be nurtured under the leadership of Kit MacLeod. SHPC and CDC babies are welcomed by a gift basket, courtesy of the Children's Committee and WOC. VBS had the highest attendance recorded this year. Next year, plans are under way to take VBS to Lovelady House as a service/mission project. Children's worship bags were updated to assist children in following the order of service. Club 54 has met several times to provide older elementary children with fellowship opportunities. An Advent workshop, offered during the SS hour was an opportunity for youth to assist children in kicking off the season and Breakfast in Bethlehem helped young children imagine what it must have been like when Jesus was born. The children themselves illustrated our family Advent book. Our physical health was not neglected either, as a Sock Hop helped us burn off the calories from milkshakes, fries and burgers, while we danced to the tunes of Bama Bill. The annual Easter egg hunt is always a hit and was well attended, despite the weather. Children hunted eggs and heard the Easter story. Our annual Bread and cup class helped 1st and 2nd graders understand Communion and prepared them to take their first communion with their church family.

Our librarians continue to work on computerizing our library and updating our inventory to make the library an inviting place for children and families.

One goal of the committee was to have more opportunity for our college-aged students. A small group Bible Study was formed in the home of Barbara Wood with an attendance of 4-6 young adults.

The Nurture unit met with the ministerial staff and parents to discuss Children and worship and to hear their concerns. As a result, a church-wide meeting with staff and parents was held on January 9, 2011 to seek input and ideas for a potential children's church. A committee was formed to work toward a pilot program to begin in Spring 2011.

**Personnel Unit
2010 Annual Report**

Two major personnel developments in 2010 were provided by search committees appointed by the South Highland congregation following the departure in late 2009 of Denny and Noelle Reed. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, chaired by Jeff Bonner, accomplished its task by recommending a candidate who required no introduction. For the first eight months of 2010, the Rev. Jim Truesdell served as our Temporary Supply Pastor. In that capacity, he served with energy and commitment and provided strong, impressive leadership in worship. On August 22, the congregation enthusiastically approved the recommendation of the search committee and called Jim to serve as our Associate Pastor for Discipleship.

The second search committee had responsibility for recommending a new Director of Youth Ministries. After an extensive consideration of potential candidates, in December that committee, which was chaired by Karen Buttler, made its recommendation, which was approved by the Session. Doug Barr - the new leader of our youth program - is a native of Arkansas and a 2002 graduate of the University of Central Arkansas. For over six years, Doug has been the Director of Children's Ministries at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Memphis. We look forward to welcoming Doug and his wife Rachel to South Highland.

Throughout 2010, Suzanne Cornett served as our Interim Coordinator for Youth Ministries. Suzanne's commitment and outstanding service enabled us to maintain an organized and active youth program.

Our Ministerial and Program Staff and employees continued in 2010 to provide constant and effective leadership and dependable and quality service. The Personnel Unit appreciates and values all of the hard work and dedication of South Highland staff members and employees.

The members of the Personnel Unit in 2010 were Mark Ezell, Leland Keller, Dewey White, Bob David, Carolyn King, Gillian Goodrich, Brad Hale and Jay Patton.

WORSHIP UNIT
2010 Annual Report

As directed by the Book of Order, The Worship Unit of the Session “provides for worship and encourages the people to participate fully and regularly in it.” Representing the Session, the Worship Unit makes provision for the “regular preaching of the Word, celebration of the Sacraments, corporate prayer, and offering of praise to God in song.”

Numerous members have participated in worship services as well as the preparation for the services. The following are the Worship Unit highlights for 2010.

The acolyte and Bible bearers program included participation by 4th, 5th and 6th graders. The children continued enjoying participating, and this gave them a means of feeling more a part of our congregation. We thank the children who faithfully served as acolytes and Bible bearers, and we ask parents to encourage their children to participate.

Lay readers continue to be an important part of our services.

Music is always an important aspect of our worship services. Our music director, Dr. Philip Copeland, and our organist, Jamie McLemore, continued providing excellent music programs with our outstanding choir, guest instrumentalists, soloists, and other choirs for special services. The carol Choir is directed by, Jamie McLemore. The Handbell Choir is directed by Dan Hermany.

Flowers have always been an important part of worship. The Flower Committee continued with their excellent job providing beautiful arrangements for all the Sunday services as well as for special services such as the Inspirational Series, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. Memorials and honorariums continued to help offset the cost of the flowers, and we encourage members to participate in this program.

There were several weddings at South Highland this year. Gayle Hurley is the Wedding Director.

Lee Cleveland was the coordinator of ushering and greeting. Several new and current members were added to the usher list. The usher directors continued to do an excellent job in assuring that this important role was fulfilled.

New Friendship Pads with new folders are now in the pews. The main change is to a single page that includes both visitor and member information. The new pads also include an evening service category which can be used for the F2:19 service attendance.

Communion was served the first Sunday of each month and other times as approved by the Session. Sometimes Communion was served by intinction (with chalices and bread loaves). Members of the Worship Unit have been in charge of Communion preparation. Elders and Deacons assisted in serving Communion.

Johnny Robinson continued to coordinate the Radio Ministry. Recordings of each Sunday service were available to anyone who wanted to contact the church office to obtain a copy. New technicians have been recruited and trained to operate the sound system.

The speaker for the 2010 Inspirational Series was the Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Carl III, President of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The coordinators were Diana and Tom Gester.

The Wednesday night Service for Wholeness and Healing was continued in 2010. It was held at 5:00pm in the Chapel each Wednesday. This has been a very special service and has been very meaningful to our members and friends.

Special services during the year included Youth Sunday, Senior Sunday, Theological Education Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Advent, and Christmas Eve.

We continued with the F2:19 contemporary service as an option on Sunday afternoon. There have been meetings recently to discuss the future format and time for the F2:19 service.

Worship is a very important part of the ministry of our church. If you would like to serve with the Worship Unit in any of these activities, please contact a member of the Worship Unit.

2010 Worship Unit Members: Elders: Nichole Griffin, Lee Cleveland;
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BOARD OF DEACONS
2010 Annual Report

South Highland Presbyterian Church's Board of Deacons tended to the needs of SHPC members and non-members with the passion of Christ during 2010.

Acts of service provided by the Board of Deacons included:

- In January of 2010, the Deacons met at the SHPC Officers Retreat to outline the year's activities, goals, and expectations.
- A Deacon of the Month was available each month to address the needs of both SHPC and non-SHPC members. In addition, this individual visited families with newborn infants during that month.
- Each Deacon assisted Rev. Susan Laney by visiting, praying with, praying for, and offering communion to assigned members of the congregation that are unable to regularly attend church services.
- Deacons assisted pastors during the Wednesday night services for Wholeness and Healing.
- Twice during the year the Board of Deacons sponsored Sunday Club meals.
- The Board of Deacons made transportation available to those individuals who could not get to Church that requested it.
- During the Christmas season, the Board of Deacons assisted in the delivery of miniature Christmas trees to church members who needed spiritual uplifting and collected gift cards for the Birmingham Hospitality Network to allow parents being served by this ministry an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their children.
- Members of the Board of Deacons also attended meetings and participated in the work that was conducted by various Session committees.
- The Deacon of The Month delivered the rose that is in the sanctuary to the parents of a new born after service at their home.

Respectfully submitted,

**2010-2011 Annual Report
Presbyterian Women
South Highland Presbyterian Church**

The Presbyterian Women at South Highland Presbyterian Church have adopted the theme this year "AWASH in the Spirit" with the letters in AWASH standing for All Women At South Highland. With this theme, we are hoping to emphasize that every woman at South Highland is vital to our service and mission. We want to encourage all of our female members to feel welcomed and a part of this wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord.

The traditional mainstay of Presbyterian Women has been the yearly Bible study in groups called Circles. Our study this year is A Journey Through Revelation. We have explored offering additional Bible studies such as WOW, Women of the Word (a Thursday morning small group for young mothers), as well as well as a Wednesday morning Bible study taught by Rev. Susan Laney, and the 5th Week Friends which combines members of South Highland's women with ladies from Westminster Presbyterian.

We are working to offer special programs on Saturdays which will allow women who work during the week to participate. We had a wonderful guest speaker at the end of August. Peggy Shirley spoke to a group of about 50 women with an inspirational message. In the future, we would like to have a speaker and combine a mission project so that we can be inspired and do service and outreach.

A concern for the continuance of a strong Presbyterian Women's presence at South Highland is that we find ways to attract dynamic and dedicated women to lead us. We may be called to be innovative and open to God's call to mission and service in a changing world. The Women of South Highland respond to so many calls to serve: Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, Elders, Deacons, Flower Committee members, Confirmation class leaders, and many others. We encourage all women to find a small group Bible study where we can be inspired and filled with the spirit and passion of Christ.

The slogan "AWASH in the Spirit" is intended to celebrate our unity in Christ as women of our congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,
SHPC

Melinda Harden, 2010-2011 PW Moderator,