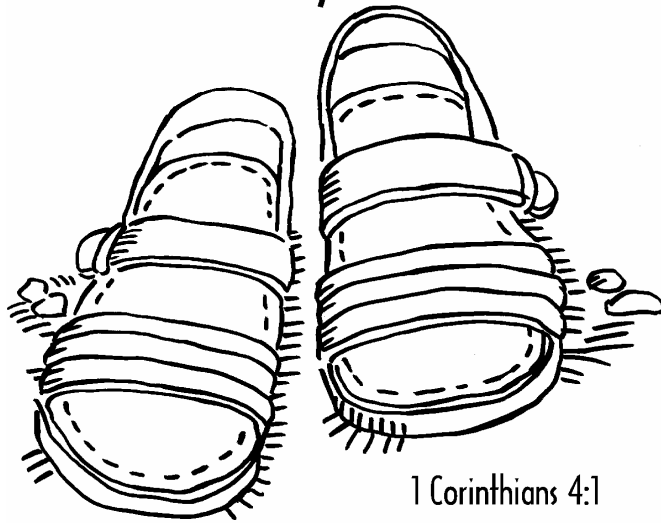


Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

Washington Christian Church
Annual Report
January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

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Vision Statement

Washington Christian Church is a Christ-centered, Bible based family of believers who truly love and enjoy each other, have a vision of growth, meeting the spiritual and physical needs of each other and our neighbors through preaching, teaching, evangelizing, and missions. We realize this requires commitment, preparation, support services, and accountability to Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

As Christians led by God's Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to lead people to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior so that their lives honor God.

Introduction To The Annual Report

This is the annual report of the activities of the Washington Christian Church for the year closing December 31, 2009. Many different persons and groups have a part in this, and many hours are spent compiling it. Please take the time to read it. Much of this information is here for your benefit.

As you read this report and file it away for future reference, may it also serve as a prayer reminder of those persons and activities for whom you should pray regularly.

Administrative Council Officers 2009

Chairman	Steve Peterson
Vice Chairman	Mike Bochart
Secretary	Stan Geisz
Asst. Secretary	Mike Jenkins
Financial Secretary	Jim Fisher
Asst. Financial Secretary	Tom Libotte
Treasurer	Bruce Addler / Brian Heller's Office

Requirements For All Leadership Positions In The Washington Christian Church

I. Church Affiliation

All leaders shall be active members of the Washington Christian Church.

II. Beliefs

A. Jesus

He is the Son of the Living God (Matt. 16:16). He existed with God in the beginning, before the creation of the world and played a major role in the creation (John 1:1, Col. 1:16-17).

He came to earth as a human being, having no human father, being born of the Virgin Mary. His birth was a miracle involving the action of God's Holy Spirit upon Mary. It was not the beginning of His existence since He always existed with God in Heaven (Gal. 4:4, Matt. 1:15-25).

He lived an absolutely perfect life, performing miracles and teaching about the Kingdom of God (Heb. 4:15, John 3:2, Matt. 13, Luke 4:16-19).

He died on the cross for man's sin and was raised from the dead on the third day by God's power (Matt. 26:28, I Cor. 15:3-4).

He is now in Heaven with God acting on behalf of Christians as their High Priest (Heb. 4:14).

He will return to the earth at some unknown future date and take His followers -- both living and dead -- to live in His presence forever Acts 1:9-11, I Thess. 4:13-18).

B. Bible

The Bible is, without exception, the infallible Word of God. The miracles of the Bible (Jonah being swallowed by the great fish, the resurrection of Jesus, etc.) are true and are to be accepted literally.

The Bible (in opposition to all man-made creeds) is the only safe guide for our personal lives and for the church. It is the final "Court of Appeals" in all matters where it speaks (John 17:17, Heb. 1:1-2).

C. Plan of Salvation

We are saved when we accept (according to His instruction in the Bible) God's Son, Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior. We accept Jesus and are converted in the following way:

1. Believe that Jesus is the Christ and God's only begotten Son (John 3:16).
2. Repent of our sins, seeking God's forgiveness and help to turn from sin to do the will of God (Acts 3:19, 2:38).
3. Confess with our mouths our belief in Jesus as God's Son and the Christ (Rom. 10:9-10, Matt. 10:32-33).
4. Be baptized (immersed in water) in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; in this way we have the promise of God's forgiveness of our sins and the receipt of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Gal. 3:27, I Pet. 3:21).

Baptism is Biblically a part of the process of accepting Jesus and being saved. It is not something that is done after one is saved or as a sign of his salvation. It is valid only for those who exhibit a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

5. Living faithfully until death (Rev. 2:10).

What the Bible says about salvation is not an optional thing. The Christian is to build his spiritual house in such a way as to make it pleasing to God through such aids as Bible study, prayer, worship, service, and stewardship.

III. Personal Example

A. No one should accept the responsibility of being a leader in the church without recognizing the tremendous impact his personal life will have upon other people both within and without the church.

B. Prospective leaders are requested not to accept the call to leadership unless they are prepared to work on being a good Christian example; this can only be done as we rely upon the Lord's help, realizing that no one is expected to be totally without any weaknesses.

C. Special areas in which to work are:

1. Personal closeness to Christ
2. Personal purity -- free from vile habits.
3. Faithfulness in public worship

IV. Special Requirements for Teachers and Youth Coaches

A. All teachers and coaches at WCC shall complete a training class approved by the eldership which will provide minimum instruction in Bible knowledge and teaching methods.

B. Teachers and coaches shall also understand that regular personal study of the Bible and diligent preparation of their lessons are indispensable for effective Christian teaching.

C. Teachers and coaches should endeavor to work in close harmony with the Sunday School Superintendent and/or Director of Christian Education in sharing goals and objectives. Attendance at regularly called meetings is mandatory.

V. Special Requirements for Elders and Deacons

Please refer to the booklet entitled, "*A Short Study of Qualifications for Men Holding Offices of Elder and Deacon*" - prepared for use in Washington Christian Church.

2009 Officers of Washington Christian Church

<i>Elder</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Mark Zotz	2010
De Hamilton	2011
Dennis Robertson	2011
Carl Clang	2012
Dick Sinn	2012

<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Wally Born	2010	Ian Howley	2011
Mike Jenkins	2010	Lance Lelm	2011
Stephan Volz	2010	Jamie McClintock	2011
Mike Bochart	2011	Terry McQuillen	2011
Philip Brown	2011	Steve Peterson	2011
Stan Geisz	2011	Chris Gerth	2012
Bill Groff	2011	Jesse Getz	2012
		Rick Mason	2012

<i>Trustees</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Trustees</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Jim Fisher	2010	Stan Geisz	2011
Brian Heller	2010	Terry McQuillen	2012

Treasurer & Assistant

Bruce Addler (Interim)

Accounting Office

Brian Heller's Office

Financial Secretary & Assistant

Jim Fisher & Tom Libotte

2009 Officers Continued . . .

<i>Deaconesses</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Marsha Bishoff	2010
Joellen Burton	2010
Mary Fisher	2010
Cara Fitzgerald	2010
Jan Geisz	2010
Nancy Groff	2010
Tammi Hagan	2010
Betty Hoyt	2010
Chris Lewellen	2010
Anamarie Morris	2010
Betty Patterson	2010
Norma Sinn	2010
Carol Worthington	2010
Stephanie Brown	2011
Ginny Browning	2011
Char Hackett	2011
Debbie Walker	2011
Patra Robertson	2012
Joyce Schupp	2012
Judy Vaughn	2012
Terri Zotz	2012

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2010 Officers of Washington Christian Church

<i>Elder</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
De Hamilton	2011
Dennis Robertson	2011
Carl Clang	2012
Dick Sinn	2012
Mark Zotz	2013

<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Deacons</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Mike Bochart	2011	Steve Peterson	2011
Philip Brown	2011	Chris Gerth	2012
Stan Geisz	2011	Jesse Getz	2012
Bill Groff	2011	Rick Mason	2012
Ian Howley	2011	Mark Jarrett	2013
Lance Lem	2011	Mike Jenkins	2013
Jamie McClintock	2011	Stephan Volz	2013
Terry McQuillen	2011		

<i>Trustees</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Trustees</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Brian Heller	2013	Terry McQuillen	2012
Stan Geisz	2011		

Treasurer

Sandy Carr - appointed

Accounting Office

Brian Heller's Office

Financial Secretary & Assistant

Jim Fisher & Tom Libotte

2010 Officers Continued . . .

<i>Deaconesses</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Stephanie Brown	2011
Ginny Browning	2011
Char Hackett	2011
Debbie Walker	2011
Patra Robertson	2012
Joyce Schupp	2012
Judy Vaughn	2012
Terri Zotz	2012
Marsha Bishoff	2013
Jessica Bochart	2013
Joellen Burton	2013
Mary Fisher	2013
Cara Fitzgerald	2013
Jan Geisz	2013
Nancy Groff	2013
Tammi Hagan	2013
Beth Howley	2013
Chris Lewellen	2013
Tami Mason	2013
Anamarie Morris	2013
Betty Patterson	2013
Dawn Peterson	2013
Norma Sinn	2013
Carol Worthington	2013

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Lead Pastor's Report

The words of the Lord Jesus to the Apostle Paul.....

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

I have always believed that ministry is not about ability and desire and performance as much as it is about the sufficiency of the grace of God. I have learned to lean greatly upon this passage as a sturdy foundation to decisions and direction. I am totally convinced that the best I am to Jesus is when I submit to His power to work through my weaknesses. As Mother Theresa prayed.... **"I do not pray for success, I pray for faithfulness."** That is my prayer as your preacher.... to get out of God's way and let Him lead.

2009 was a year filled with a steady diet of new challenges and possibilities. We began the year by dedicating 2009 as the **"The Year of Kingdom."** We started preaching through the Gospel of Matthew with the theme of Kingdom throughout our study. Our intention was to get a better glimpse of what Jesus desires of our local community of faith and her behavior and responsibilities as shown in the larger Kingdom context.

I greatly appreciate the team of people that are the WCC staff. **Ed** and **Jon** have greatly enhanced my ministry effectiveness with their energy and their perspective of ministry and church. I am grateful for their willingness to share the pulpit on occasion and how hard they work to grow in preaching and ministering in the Word. I also value **Mary** Fisher as the Office Manager and her willingness to make the rest of us "look really good" at WCC (Which obviously is a full time job). She is and always has been a wonderful servant and that very pleasant first voice that you hear when you call WCC. **Steve** Frazier is the final piece to our staff as our Facility Manager. Steve does his best to make sure that the physical structure that houses WCC is clean and prepared for use. Steve is also a great servant for doing all the little things that no one sees. I hope that you as WCC congregation value these wonderful people as much as I do.

I continue to feel honored to be your preacher. Ginny and I completed our **20th year** serving this congregation in October and we thank you for your continued encouragement and compassion to our family. May God continue to lead us into the years to come with joy and excitement and may **all who come behind us find us faithful.**

Blessings to you.....Jeff

Youth Pastor's Report



D² Student Ministries @ WCC: *Making Disciple Makers*

2009 was my fourth full year at Washington Christian Church. WCC has truly become home for my wife Jessica and me, and we feel we are loved and supported here more than ever.

I work with a wide range of ages of kids in the youth program here. I work with elementary age all the way up through high school. I enjoy all the different aspects and dynamics of working with such a diverse group of students.

Activities, programs, and events that I was either in charge of organizing or helped run or organize in 2009 were: the Super Bowl Party, the Valentine's Banquet, Easter Party, regular Youth Worship Teams, the 30 Hour Famine, Graduation Sunday and Potluck, Cowboys & Indians Night, Wee Tee, Game Nights, Kartville, the New Orleans Mission Trip, See You At the Pole Rally, Illinois Christian Teen Convention, Operation Christmas Child, and various service projects. Regular weekly activities that I was in charge of were: Connection, Domingo, and the high school Sunday school class. I also preach semi-regularly, lead Junior Worship regularly, attend extra-curricular events that the youth are involved in, and meet regularly with the staff, elders, council, Student Ministries Team, Children's Ministry Team, and WayNet.

As for 2010, we plan to do many things we did in 2009. We will also do VBS again next summer, as well as go to the CIY Move Conference in Michigan. Some things we really want to focus on in 2010 are service and prayer. We have been good at focusing inward. Now we want to do better at focusing outward and upward. In order to do this, we will continue to follow the same theme as Jeff's sermon series, *The Kingdom*, at Domingo, our Sunday night youth group. We also want prayer to be an integral part of what we do as a team and with the kids.

Looking Forward to 2010,

Jon Pittman

Connections Pastor's Report

Many interesting things to report this year...

adulteducation:

Many terrific offerings this year. Bert Nordhielm's New Testament survey, *Look at the Man*, continues. Anamarie Morris continues to host Standard Publishing's through the Bible series with the *Christian Sisters*. The REAL LIFE and Truthseekers classes have tackled a host of different topics.

grouplife:

We still have seven active LIFEGROUPS meeting either weekly or bi-weekly. Stay tuned for new developments in this area. Also see QPlace, below.

publicrelations:

Many public relations opportunities were seized; we led worship again this year at the Cherry Festival and the 40 Days of Prayer meeting in Peoria. Our many outreach efforts have been covered in local news organizations several times.

outreach:

This year was a BIG year for outreach. We stepped up our involvement in the WMA (Washington Ministerial Alliance), began a relationship with the HeartHouse shelter in Eureka, and undertook distribution for GFFA (Great Food For All), which we call FOOD4ALL: Washington. We are also considering supporting a community clothing distribution center in Sunnyland called Threads of Love Clothing Center (TLC). If so, this will find us helping to provide food, clothing, and shelter.

In light of the economic downturn, we have experienced record needs and record distribution from the Helping Hand Fund to aid those in need.

In October, we began something called QPlace, small groups designed to answer the tough questions in a non-threatening, non-judgmental setting. We continue to meet, but the weather has been a factor.

In December, we offered a live Nativity in the square to raise funds for Dax Locke, a toddler stricken with Leukemia.

worshiparts:

I believe the commitment to excellence in worshiparts has never been more evident than in the past year. With the introduction of Hymn Stories, the delegation of some of the team leading, and the introduction of our podcast, many new challenges have been overcome. While you cannot expect to please all of the people all of the time, we hope our intentional teaching on why we worship and our coordinated efforts to bring diversity to our music style (youth team, worship choir, The Howards, various specials) we hope we are reaching all of the people at least some of the time.

inconclusion:

Please pray for all connections ministries. We hope to find new ways of integrating them, weaving all of our efforts together, binding us as a body but also introducing all of the beautiful, disparate threads of our community, and forming an enduring tapestry that honors God and is fit to adorn His throne room.

Blessings,



Ed Taylor
Connections Pastor

WCC WORSHIPARTS MISSION:

In an effort to honor our Creator, the pre-eminent artist¹, we will employ our God-given creative gifts², combining the new³ with the familiar⁴, but becoming a slave to neither⁵, that we might encourage and edify all members of the Body⁶, through corporate praise⁷ without alienating those who are still seeking⁸. We will strive to do this with excellence⁹, power¹⁰, and authenticity¹¹.

SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR MISSION STATEMENT:

¹Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth.

²Exodus 31:3-4 - I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with **skill, ability and knowledge** in all kinds of crafts - to make **artistic designs** for work in gold, silver and bronze...

³Psalms 98:1 - Sing to the LORD a **new** song...

⁴Romans 15:9-11 - so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will **sing hymns** to your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and **sing praises** to him, all you peoples."

Colossians 3:16 - ...sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs...

⁵Mark 7:7-9 - They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men. "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the **traditions of men.**" And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!"

⁶Romans 14:19 - Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to **peace** and to mutual edification.

⁷Romans 15:5-6 - May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of **unity** among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with **one heart and mouth** you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸Matthew 18:14 - ...our Father in heaven is not willing that **any** of these little ones should be lost.

⁹Proverbs 3:9 - Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the **firstfruits** of all your crops (*give Him your best*)

¹⁰Hebrews 4:16 - Let us then approach the throne of grace with **confidence**...

Romans 1:16 - I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the **power** of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

¹¹John 4:24 - God is spirit, and His worshippers must worship in **spirit** (*emotion/right brain/ authenticity*) and in **truth** (*intellect/left brain/authority*).
Parentheses added-Ed

Elders Report

The year of 2009 was one filled with many challenges as well as many blessings.

The year has been challenging for all of the surrounding communities as well as right here in Washington, with the economy being in such an upheaval. I always find it so amazing how our congregation steps up and helps when we know that it is tough on most of us. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways and the love that He has shown in these uncertain times is truly something to behold.

As we have spent a lot of our time in the elders meetings discussing how the church can help the needs of many, we continue to be blessed with a congregation that just keeps giving when ever we ask. We need to continue to pray for His blessings on us as a community. And that we as a church body can be a light in a very dim room for the needs of our many church families and the community. We all know that this can only be possible because God's grace is with us always.

The Elders would like to thank our staff of ministers, Jeff Browning, John Pittman and Ed Taylor for dedicating their lives to spreading His Word and building the Kingdom in His name, as well as Mary Fisher and Steve Frazier for their efforts at making the church run smoothly.

As Elders, we sit back and look at everything that gets done here in what seems to be very seamless effort. Our thanks and blessings especially go out to the countless special people who teach in our Sunday school classes, and all the other individuals that make the church function as a family of God and in taking such good care of each other.

We urge each and every member of our congregation to come to us with any concerns or idea's that they may have that can help Washington Christian Church be more effective in ministering and loving the way Christ intended us to love one another as He loves us.

As always we will continue to guard the spiritual health of the church while we rejoice in the hope we have through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Carl Clang
De Hamilton
Dennis Robertson
Dick Sinn
Mark Zotz

Deaconess Report

The deaconesses continue to support the ministries of our church by preparing communion weekly and for special services. They also provide support and assistance for those who present themselves for baptism along with the service of washing the towels and robes and cleaning up the area afterwards. They provide kitchen duty each Sunday and sometimes during the week by taking home any dirty towels from the kitchen to wash, dry and return to the drawers, by making sure the coffee is made for Sunday morning and then serving it along with tea bags for hot tea, and by doing general cleaning around the kitchen including countertops, cabinet fronts, the sinks and the refrigerators. We also keeping the cabinets stocked with supplies from the pantry along with making sure paper towels are available in their proper places.

Within our group we have committees that buy supplies for the pantry, that purchase communion supplies, that provide and serve food for funeral dinners, and that help with the annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. The Thanksgiving dinner duties include putting out a sign-up sheet for food, setting up tables, decorating, serving, washing dishes and cleaning up afterwards.

On Easter night, this past year, the ladies served by preparing a Dessert Tea for our church and guests, City on the Hill Church of Christ.

We gathered together as a group twice this year. Once to select a committee chairperson and sign up for a month of duty, and another time to thoroughly clean the kitchen and straighten up the pantry.

We have 22 Deaconesses who serve the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Zotz & Debbie Walker
Deaconess co-chairladies

Nominating Team Report

The Nominating Team began the constitutional process to select new officers for the church year 2010-2011 in late October. The committee asked the Elders to be available in November on two Sundays to answer questions or concerns of interested candidates about the positions of leadership in the church. The congregation had an opportunity to nominate candidates Sundays, November 29, December 6, and December 13.

The Elders were to interview any new candidates before the names were posted for the congregational input in January.

The Election is to be held in February. The new officers will take office on April 1, 2010.

Please continue to pray for the leadership of the church. The Nominating Team appreciates the willingness of individuals to commit their time and talents to the uplifting of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan Volz, Chairman
Deforrest Hamilton, Elder
Anamarie Morris, Deaconess
Terry McQuillen, Deacon
Sue Volz, Member at Large

Student Ministries Team Report

*The Purpose of WCC Youth Ministries is not to just create disciples,
But to create disciple makers.*

D² Student Ministries @ WCC:
Making Disciple Makers



The Student Ministry encompasses the Junior High and High School portions of the Youth Ministry. Our major weekly activities in 2009 were Domingo (Sunday Night Youth Group for Junior High and High School), and Sunday school. Domingo was directed and run by Jon Pittman, as was the High School Sunday school class. The Junior High Sunday school class was taught by Terri Doremus.

Other major activities, projects and fundraisers that we did throughout the year were: the Mission Trip to New Orleans, the Valentine's Banquet, the Super Bowl Party, the 30 Hour Famine, See You At the Pole Rally, Operation Christmas Child, the Illinois Christian Teen Convention, and various service projects. The Youth Worship Team also led adult worship services on a semi-regular basis.

We added to the membership the following youth through baptism: Cory Hill, Katelyn Thurman, Elise Hobbs, Kelsey Hagan, Claire Hagan, Katie Volz, Alyssa Hill, and Brandi Patterson. Praise God!

Student Ministry Team Members: Philip & Stephanie Brown, Ginny Browning, Terri Doremus, Mary Fisher, Jon & Jessica Pittman.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry encompasses the 5th grade and younger portions of the Youth Ministry. Our major weekly activities in 2009 were Sunday school, Junior Worship, and Connection. The Sunday school rotation was directed once again by Pati Heller. Junior Worship was directed by Tammi Hagan. In addition we did many activities in 2009 including: the Valentine's Day Party, SuperStart!, Vacation Bible School, and the kids put on a Christmas play that was directed by Pati Heller.

Children's Ministry Team Members: Ginny Browning, Mary Fisher, Tammi Hagan, Pati Heller, Rick Mason, Jon & Jessica Pittman, Sue Volz.

In Christ,
Philip Brown, Rick Mason, & Jon Pittman

Sunday School Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

Beginning Balance as of Jan. 1, 2009		\$2,979.03
Total Offerings for 2009		<u>+2,348.73</u>
		\$5,327.76
Total Expenses for 2009		
Sunday School Curriculum	\$2,295.72	
Sunday School Supplies	107.05	
Christian Standards / Lookouts	718.80	
EQUIP '09 Ministries (12 - people)	374.00	
Promotion Sunday, Awards, Gift Certificates-Father's Day, etc.	<u>370.62</u>	
		<u>-3,866.19</u>
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2009		\$1,461.57

As you can see from our financial report, we spent about \$1,500 more than we collected in offerings. Hopefully in the year 2010 our offerings will increase so that we may continue to offer a quality Sunday School program.

May we continue to worship our God and His Son, Jesus Christ, as we strive to honor Them in all that we do. They alone are worthy of our praise.

To honor and serve Him,
Mary Fisher – Sunday School Treasurer

Sunday School Classes & Teachers	
(Teachers listed are the teachers for this past year, but many are teaching during the current year.)	
Little Lambs (Nursery to 18 months)	Rotating basis
King's Kids (1 ½ to 3 years)	Cara Fitzgerald & Chris Lewellen
Shining Stars (4's thru Kindergarten)	Megan Lewellen & Abigail Robertson
Rotation Classes:	Sue & Stephan Volz, Gary & Tami Shawgo,
1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd grades	Terri Zotz, Liz Born, Caleb Henley, Jessica
4 th & 5 th grades	Pittman, Jess Bochart, and Tommie Fore.
Jr. High (6 th , 7 th , & 8 th grade)	Terri Doremus
Sr. High (High School)	Jon and Jessica Pittman
Real Life (Adult Class)	Rotating Teachers
Christian Sisters (Adult Class)	Anamarie Morris
We Would See Jesus (Adult Class)	Bert Nordhielm
Truth Seekers	Rotating Teachers

Our Rotation Classes: Through science, Bible Study, cooking, drama, social sciences, computers, games, and worship, our kids learn many of the stories of God. We have a Geography Room, Worship Room, Art Room, Drama Room, and Computer Room and access to the Kitchen. We have truly been given some wonderful Christian men and women to lead our children. They are listed above. Presently we have around 10-15 kids who come, but we know there are many more who could come. We would love to teach your child.

Membership & Fellowship Team Report

Members of this team consisted of several different folks in our congregation.

We enjoyed the traditional Thanksgiving meal as always. In 2009 we moved it ahead a week to Sunday, November 15 since the National Missionary Convention was held the week before Thanksgiving.

We helped the Outreach Team with the fellowship time, between services, by providing a steady stream of hot coffee and all that goes with it.

An “Extravaganza” fund raiser for the fellowship hall renovation was a success with around \$1,400 raised. Many folks, young and old, provided outstanding entertainment to a nearly packed auditorium. Following the show a bake sale was held which was very appealing to the connoisseurs that paid for some tasty treats. A special thanks to Terri Zotz and all who helped her coordinate the event.

I want to also thank the deaconesses, congregation members, and ladies groups who provided the leadership and effort for all kitchen needs. God has certainly blessed this church with their talent.

Next Year – 2010:

This is exciting! We will definitely be looking for more opportunities to fellowship and serve this year.

First, we want to be better stewards of the blessings we receive. To do this the Team will identify ways to be more efficient in our purchasing of kitchen supplies – purchasing what we need at the best price. Also, we will provide a policy for our Office Administrator to give to folks who are planning an event at the church. It will explain their responsibilities, what the church can provide, and give direction for who to contact. This will make it easier to plan an event and with less confusion and stress for all.

Next, we will be thinking of ways to serve that would also focus more on being a “hospitality” style team. We would not only serve the church, but also work hand in hand with the Outreach Team as part of their effort - providing future members and visitors with a seamless kitchen service.

The team will be different in that it will be made up of many different folks as they are needed or have the desire to serve in this capacity. The more folks involved the more ideas we can create.

I am excited about the opportunities that God puts in front of us. My prayer is that you will be too!

Many Blessings,

Mike Jenkins - Chairman

Outreach Team Report

GENERAL

This year has been an exciting one for the outreach team. We have seen God move and provide open doors beyond our physical walls and the results have been amazing. In addition to our current CARE ministry (see CARE Ministry Report), we have joined God's work through a homeless shelter (Heart House), a discount food ministry (FOOD4ALL) and a small group for those in the community that do not know Christ (QPlace - see Connections Report). Please read below for more information on what has been happening in each of these areas.

HEART HOUSE

In 2009, WCC "adopted" Heart House, the homeless shelter in Eureka, as an outreach. We assisted with one of their biggest annual fundraisers, a four-mile race and two-mile walk. WCC members provided over ten dozen cookies for this event, and volunteered during race day, doing everything from registration to parking. We also had a great group of members who raced that day, some who even won medals.

Two of the ladies at the shelter were pregnant, and neither had ever had a baby shower. The WCC ladies planned a baby shower for the two ladies and a large group of our ladies attended.

A small group of WCC ladies have been attending a Bible study with several of the ladies from the shelter. The study is usually led by a WCC member, but one of the ladies from the shelter has also substituted.

We publish a list of the shelter's needs each month, and provide a bin near the nursery to collect donations. Also a couple of WCC people volunteer in the Heart House office after hours, and many WCC individuals donate money for the FOOD4ALL program one box of which is donated to the homeless shelter each month.

FOOD4ALL: Washington

In 2009, the Outreach Team piloted FOOD4ALL: Washington, a discount grocery ministry that offers quality food at substantially reduced prices. FOOD4ALL is partnered with Great Food For All (GFFA), a faith-based company in Newton Falls, OH.

In addition to many specials, this monthly program offers three types of food boxes (menus within each box change monthly):

- **Basic box** contains enough food to feed a family of four for a week
- **Empty Nester box** feeds two adults for a week
- **Senior Meal** contains seven heat-and-serve meals

The ministry is open for anyone at WCC and the community. Nearly a dozen families and individuals within our WCC family are served through this ministry from the generous donations made by our members. The table listed below shows the statistics of FOOD4ALL since it was started in July:

	# Boxes
Total purchased	212
# donated within WCC	39
# ordered from community	38

As a current host site, our vision for 2010 is to continue to expand this ministry into the community. In addition to meeting physical needs, FOOD4ALL provides an opportunity to reach out to those who do not know Christ. We thank God for the open doors that have been provided and we ask for your continued prayers. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please contact Mike Bochart. More info is available at: www.greatfoodforall.com.

OUTREACH TEAM

Mike Bochart,

Jesse Getz,

Mike Jenkins,

Jamie McClintock,

Ed Taylor

Care Ministry & Greeter's Ministry Team Report

The purpose of the *Care Ministry* is to welcome and meet the needs of those who are new to Washington Christian Church. We accomplish this first by seeking and connecting with First Time Attenders on Sunday morning to meet their physical and spiritual needs. We then provide follow-up to establish a relationship with the desire to lead them to Christ and become a part of our church family.

The *Greeter Ministry* serves to meet the immediate physical needs for all who enter each Sunday. In addition to passing out bulletins, their duties include attending to seniors and those with children as well as provide directions to nursery, children's programs, etc. as needed.

Our current Care Ministers for 2009-2010 are:

Michelle Beebe	Jamie & Kara McClintock
Mike & Jess Bochart	Robin Nelson
Ginny Browning	Bert Nordhielm
Jesse & Cara Getz	Rick Mason
	Kim Taylor

Our current Greeters for 2009-2010 are:

Mike & Marilyn Brown	Gary & Tami Shawgo	Larry & Brenda Howard
Chris Lewellen	Gene & Judy Vaughn	Carolyn Huffman
Bill & Nancy Groff	Mark & Terri Zotz	Tom & Leannette Libotte
Steve & Angie Hobbs	Chris & Shanna Gerth	Judy Spain
Mark & Christine Jarrett	Dave & Char Hackett	Pat Connaughton
Stan & Jan Geisz	Terry & Joyce Schupp	Greg & Jana Wilson

Dave Hackett has taken over as WCC church database coordinator. Dave sends out a report every week of any visitors that have filled out an attendance card to the Care Team so we can follow up and know who has visited.

Circle of Friends has provided the Care Team with brownie, cocoa and soup mixes so we can pass them out to first time attenders.

For 2010, we are looking forward to what God has planned for us. He has continued to bless us with an average of two to three visiting families per week. Several of those first time attenders have continued to attend WCC and some have placed membership in 2009. We are still planning on installing a visitor booth so visitors will have another avenue for information and to get connected.

We are always looking for people who are out-going & enjoy meeting new people to serve as Care Ministers. If you are interested or would like additional information, please let me know!

Jesse Getz

Following is a list of New Members to Washington Christian Church in the year 2009:

NAME	DATE OF MEMBERSHIP	TRANSFER OR BAPTISM
Bill Fore	3/1/09	Transfer
Tommie Fore	3/1/09	Transfer
Cory Hill	3/8/09	Baptism
Dave Taylor	3/15/09	Transfer
Debbie Taylor	3/15/09	Transfer
Kathy Henley	3/15/09	Transfer
Amanda Sanders	4/5/09	Baptism
Tommy Wagner	4/19/09	Transfer
Brooke Wagner	4/19/09	Transfer
Bambi Landreth	5/17/09	Transfer
Marlene Robison	5/19/09	Transfer
Katelyn Thurman	6/21/09	Baptism
Elise Hobbs	10/18/09	Baptism
Kelsey Hagan	9/27/09	Baptism
Claire Hagan	9/27/09	Baptism
Katie Volz	10/18/09	Baptism
Alyssa Hill	11/1/09	Baptism
Brandi Patterson	12/13/09	Baptism
18 New Members		

Finance and Stewardship Report

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Co-Chairman - Dennis Robertson / Chris Gerth

Treasurer - Bruce Addler

Financial Secretary - Jim Fisher

Assistant Financial Secretaries- Tom Libotte, Stephan Volz, Terry McQuillen

Team Members:

Bruce Addler, Jim Fisher, Chris Gerth, Brian Heller, Steve Hobbs, Dennis Robertson

Income:

Total Giving for 2009 was \$492,963 down \$65,373 or 13% from 2008.

2009 General Fund Giving was \$416,102 (this includes monthly mortgage pledges).

2009 Total Building Fund Giving was \$122,850

In 2009 Budgeted Missions giving was \$74,420.

In addition, WCC also gave \$14,102 through the Helping Hand fund for the year 2009. This is up from \$6,048 given out in 2008.

**This giving also does not count money for the numerous boxes purchased for donation through FOOD4ALL by members of the congregation and other similar programs not run through the church books.

Property Team Report

The Property Team did not meet formally during 2009 but did meet with the nursery school for playground planning and with a team for the landscaping work. We would like to thank both the Property Team members as well as the numerous others that helped with maintaining the property this year.

Tasks accomplished in the year 2009:

1. Landscaping around the property
2. Construction of new playground and equipment.
3. Drainage reinstalled along north side of building
4. Church Repair/Property Maintenance
 - a. Mowing/trimming of property
 - b. Landscaping around the church
 - c. Cleaning and straightening of the shed
5. Major projects planned for 2010
 - a. Address moisture problems in south parsonage basement
 - b. Add more coat racks

Respectfully submitted,
Property and Maintenance Team

Doug MacDonald

Joe Young

Hugh Patterson

Bill Groff

Gene Vaughn

Eli Fischer

Robin Roberts

Lance Lelm

Carl Clang

Mark Jarrett

Jesse Getz

Stan Geisz

Ian Howley – Chairman

Missions Report

Mission Statement:

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The Washington Christian Church Missions Team seeks to encourage and fund our evangelical efforts throughout the world according to the great commission,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20) and, *“you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (in our town/country) in all Judea (in our state) and Samaria (in our country) and to the ends of the earth.”* (Acts 1:8b)

It is our goal to accomplish this with the excitement not only of the Missions Team members, but with the help of an informed and involved congregation.

Team Members:

Waldo Born, Philip Brown (Assistant Chairman), Pat Connaughton, De Hamilton, Edna Neal, Wayne Newberry, Bert Nordhielm, Steve Peterson (Chairman), Mary Snyder, and Carol Worthington.

Visits from our supported missionaries

Similar to the previous year, we have been extremely blessed in having several missionaries and support staff from the field come to WCC and give presentations. In February we had the wonderful privilege of having John and Annie Philipose come visit all the way from India! John shared many pictures and stories from India Christian Bible College, but I think what struck most people who met him and/or saw his presentation was his infectiously joyous spirit. I had heard many stories but had not had the pleasure of meeting John before his visit last year, and it was truly a blessing to finally meet this humble yet enthusiastic servant of Christ.

In March, we were blessed with a visit from Pete Cocco, who is the head pastor for Encounter, a Christian campus group at Illinois State University. Pete had a great presentation and told us some of the amazing things happening in the Philippines with Encounter's ministry plant there.

For 2010 we are excited because we already have word that several other missionaries will be visiting us including Gary Finley from IDES, Jon and Amanda Moore (southeast Asia), and Andy and Jennifer Waldren (Russia).

The National Missionary Convention

In November of 2009 the National Missionary Convention was held right here in Peoria! It was a wonderful blessing to have so many interesting speakers and missionaries here from all around the world. The Missions Team was very thankful to our pastors for promoting it to our congregation so well, and we hope you got a chance to stop by and see the creative ways people are promoting the gospel.

Coming soon: our new look in the foyer

When we underwent our church renovations, one of the 'casualties' from the old fellowship area were our numerous picture frames that displayed the missions we support along with pictures or other updates. Unfortunately, we weren't very disciplined as a Missions Team about keeping the frames updated. Now that we've renovated, Ed and David Taylor have helped establish a modern solution to displaying the picture frames (which we don't have room for anymore) – the new 'missions kiosk'. You may have noticed the wall-mounted 32” flat screen TV in the southwest corner of the church foyer with the attractive cabinet below it. The cabinet, beautifully handmade by Bill Groff, houses a computer which will power a web-type interface that displays pictures, video, and other information about each of our missions. At this time the design interface is still being worked out, but we hope to have it up and running as soon as possible so that WCC members can access current information about our missionaries any time they like. This system is also much easier to update than manually putting new content in picture frames.

Thank you for supporting our missions through your giving to WCC. If you have a heart for missions, we invite you to join us! We are always looking for new members and the commitment level is not overwhelming (we meet once a month). As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, let a team member know and we'll try to help as best we can.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Peterson
Missions Team Chairman

Prime Timer's Report

This year went by very fast for the Prime timers and we were not able to coordinate many outside activities this year. But the ones we did have were a lot of fun and of course we all have a great time when we meet on Saturday mornings for coffee and rolls. It is always enjoyable to hear the devotions that are given each month. We meet the first Saturday of every month for our regular meeting which consists of a light breakfast and coffee with devotion and prayer shared by different members of our group. The group is made up of a diverse age group of 20 to 25 individuals.

So if you are over 50 plus and would like to join in, please contact me or Stan Geisz.

The following is a recap of the activities we enjoyed throughout 2009

January	Plan calendar for 2009 Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
February	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
March	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
April	Saturday Meeting Group visit to our shut-ins, we had rolls and coffee. Also provided lunch to the shut-ins at the Supportive Living of Washington This outing was greatly enjoyed by the residents and the Prime Timers.
May	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast Computer class 101
June	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
July	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast Lead worship coordinated by Pati Heller
August	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
September	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
October	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
November	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast
December	Saturday Meeting and Breakfast Lead Worship service coordinated by Pati Heller Christmas Extravaganza

Report from the Card Chairperson:

9 Easter cards sent
11 Thanksgiving cards sent to shut-ins
3 funeral flowers
13 sympathy cards sent

Respectfully submitted in Jesus' name
Carl Clang, Stan Geisz

Connection Meal Report

We had five cooking teams this year and cooked and served 1370 individual meals from January, 2009 to December, 2009. Those helping to organize menus and purchase food are: Norma Sinn, Barb Shipley and Cindy Powers.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Sinn

Circle of Friends ~ Ladies Circle Report

Circle of Friends Statement

“Circle of Friends exists to promote spiritual depth in all areas of women’s lives. As women of faith, we want to build meaningful relationships with each other and engage women in Godly service among ourselves, our church, our neighbors, and our community.”

In January the **Circle of Friends** ladies met to have fun and fellowship by playing board games.

In February the ladies met and cut up fabric to make either lap blankets or wheelchair bags to give to Washington Christian Village residents. Some ladies brought sewing machines to begin sewing together the items. There was a very generous donation of double knit fabric given to **Circle of Friends** to accomplish this project.

March was the month we had our Ladies’ Banquet with Lynn Austin, writer of *Eve’s Daughters*, as our guest speaker. We had a large turn-out with many guest churches attending.

In April we had a mission minded meeting by having a taste of different foods representing the countries in which the missionaries we support are serving. There was a report on each of the missionaries and then we prayed for them.

In May we had a guest speaker, Kate Varness, who is an organizational speaker. She gave us tips on how to have more organized homes. In May we again provided the diaper changing station at the Cherry Festival as a service to the community.

On July 25 we met for fun and fellowship by going to the Mackinaw Depot tearoom for lunch. Many also stayed a bit after lunch to shop at the Porcelain Berry across the road.

In August we met at Nancy Groff’s home in Germantown Hills. New officers for the coming year are Kara McClintock and Terri Zotz as co-chairs for President, Cara Getz as Vice President, and Roseann Howley as Treasurer. Roseann volunteered as Secretary also. We enjoyed our annual Salad Supper and discussed plans for the upcoming year. Each month we plan to feature one or two missionaries that our church supports by praying for them and sending notes of encouragement.

At our September meeting we implemented a new idea of providing “Busy Bags” full of activities for the pre-schoolers on each fifth Sunday when no Wee-Worship is scheduled. Dawn Peterson and Shanna Gerth headed up the project and provided materials for us to stuff in each bag to keep the pre-schoolers busy during church.

In October we met to prepare goodies and bag them to be sold at the Harvest of Talents in Lincoln. Dawn Peterson headed the project by providing recipes and direction. The items needed to make the treats were donated by **Circle of Friends** ladies.

In November we assembled care packages for college students connected to our church. We received many donations from many generous members of our church. We put together around 20 bags. In November we attempted to serve the community by having a Service Saturday for Single Parents. We had a day of lunch and activities planned by including the High School youth to help. We only received one request but remained faithful to our promise even for one child by inviting two other children from our congregation to come and play also.

In lieu of a meeting in December we met at Pati Heller’s home for food and fellowship. This year we also had a Low cost/ no-cost gift exchange by giving of our talents and abilities. We also had a talent night and bake sale to begin raising money towards the poor acoustics in the Fellowship Hall. Dawn Peterson and Shanna Gerth headed up the committee organizing the bake sale. Terri

Zotz and Joyce Schupp organized the talent portion. \$3000 was donated towards amending the acoustical problem in the fellowship hall.

All ladies are encouraged to join us for fun, fellowship and service.

**Washington Christian Church – Circle of Friends
Annual Treasurer’s Report
December 31, 2008 – December 31, 2009**

Balance on hand December 31, 2008		\$ 1,374.21
Income:		<u>+ 2,331.80</u>
		3,706.01
Expenses:		
Cherry Festival - 2008 Chamber of Commerce	\$ 120.00	
Cherry Festival - 2009 Chamber of Commerce	120.00	
Cakes – Various Programs	63.84	
Supplies for Programs	233.64	
Ladies Banquet Food	367.27	
Ladies Banquet Supplies	146.99	
Ladies Banquet Speaker	500.00	
Organizing Speaker	75.00	
Gratuity – Mackinaw Depot	60.00	
Camp Griesheim Retreat - 2009	228.00	
Busy Bag Supplies	50.23	
College Box Supplies	17.82	
College Box Postage	46.60	
Baby Recognition Sunday	64.23	
Supplies	<u>27.96</u>	
		<u>- 2,121.58</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 2009		\$ 1,584.43

*Respectfully Submitted,
Roseann Howley, Treasurer*

Washington Christian Nursery School Report

WCNS has been dedicated to providing a learning preschool experience within a loving Christian environment for 33 years. We are blessed with 67 wonderful children in our care this year. We have three 4-year-old classes and one 3-year-old class.

The State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has renewed our license. We have passed all health and state fire inspections and requirements.

Applications for this coming fall 2010 are being accepted with some classes already full. Enrollment for fall 2011 classes will begin September, 2010 -- **one year in advance**.

We are blessed to have loving, dedicated teachers.

Natalie Carr, director and teacher of A.M. and P.M. 4's – M.T.W.,

Joined us in the 2008-2009 school year. Director Office hours are TH/F.

Joyce Schupp, teacher of A.M. 3's - TH/F

with 28 years of service.

Ginny Browning, teacher of A.M. & P.M 4's - M.T.W., A.M. 3's and P.M. 2-day 4's - TH/F

with 8 years of service.

We are grateful for and thank our supportive nursery school board members for their dedication, time and Christian guidance:

Jeff Browning - Chairman, Janet Geisz – Secretary and past WCNS director and teacher, Mary Fisher-Treasurer, Deforrest Hamilton – Elder, Judy Vaughn – church member and past WCNS director and teacher, and Angie Hobbs – church member.

We enjoyed a year full of learning, discovery, and fun. We sing, play and learn together through art, music, drama, flannel-graphs, Bible stories, science, pre-math, books, lessons, and a feeling of Christian love, and a joy of learning. Developmentally appropriate activities are chosen to expand each child's understanding, increase manipulative skills, foster creativity and prepare each child for kindergarten.

We practiced our colors, shapes, numbers, alphabet, and concepts while learning about the seasons, holidays, community helpers, our 5 senses, transportation, nutrition, and much more. We work on listening, communication skills, following directions, cooperation, independence, self-control, patience and kindness and always stressing awareness of God's love and blessings.

Our monthly field trips are often to local and nearby Washington businesses to let the children see our community helpers in action. This last year we visited Kroger, the Glen Oak Zoo, Kidder Music, Peoria Central Fire Station, and the Washington Public Library to name a few. We had several special speakers on health, dental hygiene, and child safety such as State Trooper Halsey, and Washington Fire fighters. We participated in Coins for Kids to benefit Easter Seals. At Christmas time we had special lessons celebrating Jesus' Birthday, gave to WHIP and had Nativity Dress Up. With all this we learned about giving, caring and sharing. We are God's helpers.

Parents and friends enjoyed a Spring Program, a Circus in October, and a Christmas Program. This year's 4's Spring Program will be May 4th at 7:00 p.m. Our 3's Spring Program will be May 6th at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all to come and enjoy the children.

Vision and Hearing Screening is done for each child through Tazewell County Health Department annually each spring.

We offer parents the opportunity to buy preschool books through Scholastic and school pictures each year with no obligation to buy.

We strive to offer an educational experience that benefits the "whole" child, - socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

We are truly blessed to have a caring and supportive church family. We greatly appreciate the many donations and time that was given to help us build our new playground, so our children can have a beautiful area where they can run and play. Thank you, thank you, May God richly bless you.

Our Staff took advantage of several Child Care Connection professional development seminars, books and workshops to update their DCFS 15 hour requirements of In-service. We are also CPR and First Aid trained.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Carr, director

Washington Christian Nursery School
Financial Report

Balance on hand – December 31, 2008	\$2,665.14
Income:	<u>+52,992.17</u>
	\$55,657.31
Expenses:	<u>-44,216.62</u>
Balance on hand – December 31, 2009	\$11,440.69

Respectfully submitted,
Mary J. Fisher
Nursery School Treasurer