



Financial Secretary's 2004 Year End Report



Income

Apartment Rent	\$ 8,400.00
Facility Rent	\$ 6,870.00
Miscellaneous Facility Fees	\$ 50.00
Promissory Note	\$ 1,100.12
Identified Offerings *	\$ 65,285.09
Unidentified Offerings	\$ 747.71
Designated Savings	\$ 200.00
Total Income	\$ 85,652.92



Receipt Donations

Donated Goods and Services	\$ 1,874.30
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* Includes Week of Compassion, Memorial Funds, Youth and Camp Funds, Rummage Sales, etc.



Christian Church of Northern California – Nevada

*Asilomar, Pacific Grove
April 22 – 24, 2005*

Pastor Reuben and his family and our delegates, Carol Brace and Cathy Alessandri, will be attending this annual conference.



*Irvin Dining Hall Dedication
Community of the Great Commission
May 14, 2005 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Program*

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Bell Tower

MARCH, 2005

Pastor's Passage

By Rev. Reuben Negron

The second Sunday of February was a long day but it was worth every minute. It has become a tradition for ministers to participate in a pulpit exchange prior to our annual Geographical Area Meetings. It was the First Christian Church's turn to host the annual event. Rev. Vaughn Beckman, recently installed in San Jose, was determined to make this a special occasion and it was. After the administrative meeting, we opened our worship service under the theme: **Hearing God's Call, Now and Into the Future** based on Acts 2:43-47.

Ben Bohrer, our Transitional Regional Minister, delivered a simple, down to earth message. He pointed out that there are challenges which we, as Christians Churches in this area, are facing but he also emphasized that it is our responsibility as a church to embrace the calling. Ben invites us to share in his vision for 2005 and encourages us to consider three aspects of that calling which are as follow:

- **From January thru April hear God's calling through prayer and Bible study**
 - Here in Watsonville, we our prayer call began at the year.
 - Although we do not have a Bible Study in our congregation (other than what we have in Valley Heights), our Nurture Committee prepared a daily Lenten season devotional for every congregant to use.
 - Our next step to hear God's calling is to invite our members to share positive stories about our church here in Watsonville.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Watsonville, as part of the Church Universal, are committed to Spreading God's abounding Love, Proclaiming Jesus Christ's Message through the Truth of the Gospel by Word and Deed, and Spiritually Growing and Sharing the Gift of the Holy Spirit through Involvement and Interaction with the Diverse Community in which we live. In Faith, Unity; In Opinions, Liberty; In all Things, Love.

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Outreach

Asian Tsunami & Watsonville Fire



TO DATE, OUR CHURCH HAS CONTRIBUTED \$428 TO THE ASIAN TSUNAMI RELIEF AND \$35 TO THE WATSONVILLE FIRE.



Veteran's Hospital in Palo Alto Saturday, April 9, 2005

OUR CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PREPARE A DELICIOUS LUNCH AT NOON FOR THE 30+ VETERANS (MOSTLY FROM IRAQ) CURRENTLY BEING TREATED IN THE PALO ALTO VETERAN HOSPITAL'S TRAUMA CENTER.

THIS WILL BE A FESTIVE PARTY ATMOSPHERE IN THE VETERANS' DINING HALL. IN ADDITION TO A SUMPTUOUS LUNCH, THE VETERANS REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING AND SOCIALIZING WITH PEOPLE.

THESE VETERANS HAVE DIFFICULT THERAPY DURING THE WEEK AND SATURDAY IS THEIR "FREE" DAY. THEY ARE LIVING AT THE TRAUMA CENTER FOR SURGERY, THERAPY AND COUNSELING. MANY OF THEM DO NOT HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS NEARBY BUT HAVE BEEN AT THE HOSPITAL FOR MANY MONTHS. THEIR DISABILITIES INCLUDE: POST TRAUMATIC STRESS, BLINDNESS, AMNESIA, SPINAL INJURY, AND AMPUTATION, AMONG OTHERS.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE ON APRIL 9TH, A MONETARY DONATION WILL BE APPRECIATED TO HELP PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND DECORATIONS. PLEASE MARK YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE "VETERANS' LUNCH".

LORRAINE MATHIESEN, CHAIR

PASTOR'S PASSAGE

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- **From May thru August hear God's calling through Witness and Community**
 - Witness on how the Spirit is moving (or working in our church)
 - Major organization for Miracle Day
 - We may want to begin new projects such as: tea brunch, Happy Friday, Community Pancake feed, there are so many others that we can come up with.
- **From September thru December hear God's calling through Mission and Stewardship**
 - Celebrate Christian Church of Northern California and Nevada (CCNC-N) Sunday.
 - Miracle Day on November 5, 2005 – The whole region comes together to revitalize the building of several local congregations – work, worship, fellowship, and community


Please keep in mind, these are just highlights of what's to come during this year. I posted Ben Bohrer's vision for 2005 on our bulletin board. I invite you to carefully read and share with me your suggestions, concerns and above all your availability for this call.

Please remember, we have been called to participate in God's kingdom. This vision may pose a challenge, but we can be assured and encouraged by the Word, that in this divine enterprise we are not alone or stripped of power. He promised to be with us always, "to the very end of the age." Matt. 28:20 (NIV version)

In shared ministry, Reuben



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 20 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Service 

Thursday, March 24 11:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 25 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service
"Passion of the Christ" movie

Sunday, March 27 10:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Service
Fruit and Baked Goodies after Worship



