

PATTERSON PARK CHURCH

Annual Report

1985



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Church Objectives for 1986

After prayerfully studying the insightful reports that were carefully and prayerfully written by the various ministry groups in our church, the Forward-Planning Committee identified three major MINISTRY PRIORITIES. They also noted some major PHYSICAL NEEDS that must be met immediately and pinpointed the areas that are FUNDING PRIORITIES.

MINISTRY PRIORITIES:

- Strategy for evangelism and discipleship
- Strengthening of families and equipping of parents
- Strategic development of ministries to men

PHYSICAL NEEDS:

- Temporary space for Sunday School, Awana, etc.
- Additional parking
- Hymnals
- Office Equipment

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- Salary for additional pastoral staff member
- Rental expense for temporary space
- Development expenses for building: architectural fees, pre-building expenses.

History of Patterson Park Church

Patterson Park Church was begun in 1949 when thirty-nine people from the North Riverdale Brethren Church met to discuss the possibility of starting a work in the southern part of Dayton. A committee was formed and property was purchased. Assistance was promised by the National Home Missions Council of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

C.S. Zimmerman was called to be the first pastor on January 26, 1950 and the first service as held on Sunday, May 21, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Ashworth. In September, 1950, services were moved into the Belmont Elementary School with a membership of eighteen. Ground was broken for the first building on Sunday, March 31, 1952. The cornerstone was laid on September 14 of that year. The first service was held in the building on June 23, 1953.

Rev. Zimmerman resigned in November, 1957 and Nathan D. Casement was installed as pastor on January 1, 1958. Hugh Campbell was called to serve as assistant pastor and to direct youth and music. The worship center was built during this time and the first service was held on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1961.

In September, 1963, the Patterson Park Christian School was founded with seventeen kindergarten students. John Schumacher was called to serve as assistant pastor and principal of the school.

When John Schumacher left to serve in the U.S. Army as a chaplain, Mr. Bryon Jensen became the associate pastor and principal of the school. He served until 1967 when John Terrell was called to take his place. The next year Rev. Casement resigned and John Terrell was installed as senior pastor. Dan Grabill was called as assistant pastor and served until 1972 when Gary Miller was called to take his place on the church staff.

Dale Kurtz was called to be the senior pastor in the fall of 1973 and was installed on January 1, 1974. He has been serving in the capacity of senior pastor since that time.

The Lord has blessed the Patterson Park Church in many wonderful ways during the past years. In 1978 the constitution was re-written and adopted by unanimous vote of the congregation. At that time, the

name of the church was officially changed to The Patterson Park Church. The church identified itself as an independent Bible church. This decision reflected the status to which the church had gradually moved over the years. Formal ties with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches were severed in 1978 with a good spirit on the part of all parties.

The congregation has grown to its present level of some 600 who attend the worship services each week. The original building has been completely renovated. Under the direction of the Trustees, volunteer workers have installed new wall and floor coverings in the entire building. Ceilings have been lowered and new lighting has been installed. The worship center has also been remodelled. In 1980 the north end of the worship center was redesigned, the baptistry moved, the platform area improved and a choir room built. Later, the nursery and pre-school area was vastly improved. Central air conditioning was installed, stackable cribs were purchased, and the entire area was enlarged and redecorated.

Jack Redrow joined the pastoral staff as assistant pastor in May of 1981. Jack is a graduate of Grace Seminary and previously pastored churches in Lockporte, Indiana and Centerville, Ohio.

In 1982 construction was begun on an addition to the east side of the worship center. This new expansion provided additional Sunday School rooms, an enlarged room for Awana and expanded space for worship.

We called Perry Reynolds to serve as assistant pastor in charge of youth and discipleship in December 1983. Perry is an alumnus of Dallas Seminary and has extensive experience in youth ministry in Youth for Christ as well as in a local church in Richardson, Texas.

In 1980 the Lord led the leadership of the church to write a five year plan. God has blessed the church in a very gracious way since that time. Many of the goals that were set have been reached. We have expanded our staff, added to our building, acquired the house at 713 Devonshire, replaced our piano, and experienced rapid growth that has doubled our attendance since 1980.

We want to be faithful to give the Lord all the glory. Jesus promised He would build His church (Matt. 16:18). He has been very faithful to do just that.

A Plan for Growth



AN EVALUATION OF OUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

Writing the original plan in 1980 was a new experience for all of us. It has been very valuable in keeping us on target during the past five years. Establishing definite purposes and goals has provided some extremely helpful parameters that have become our "enabling environment." God has greatly used the plan as a tool that has unified us and motivated us to prayerfully determine where we were going as a church.

Any future plan must of necessity be evaluated, modified and re-directed. Some of the things we have experienced have demanded attention in ways we could not foresee when we wrote the original plan. The overall success the Lord has graciously bestowed on us is very encouraging.

We will begin in the late spring of 1986 to formulate a new five-year plan. The Forward-Planning Committee will welcome counsel and input from the entire church body as they begin this exciting task spoken of in Habakkuk 2:1:

"Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it."

Pastor's Message



Key: Ephesians 4:11-15

Being called of God as a pastor/teacher who is responsible for "perfecting the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ" sets the guidelines for my ministry.

MINISTRY PRIORITIES:

Preaching and Teaching - I Peter 5:2 & 3 exhort leaders to feed the flock of God, to give oversight to it as faithful shepherds who lead by example as well as word. Preaching and living the word--God's primary agent for bringing people to maturity--is the most basic part of ministry. The following vehicles provide for this:

- Sunday Services
- Triad Sunday School Class
- Counseling and Discipleship

- Communion and Baptism
- Hospital Visitation
- Outside Speaking
- Tape Ministry

Leadership - The secondary means for equipping the saints is leadership. Paul told Timothy to entrust what he had learned to "reliable men, who will be able to pass it on to others." (2 Tim. 2:2b JBP) We seek to do this in several ways:

- Weekly pastoral staff meetings for prayer and planning.
- Meeting with our missionary intern.
- Developing and working with volunteer staff.
- Regular meetings with deacons and other ministry leaders.

Administration - There is the general area of church administration which involves decisions, phone calls, correspondence, etc.

RECAP:

Membership this year - 394
 Baptisms - 17
 Added this year - 73
 Babies dedicated - 36
 First-time visitors - 616

PURPOSE:

To "take heed...unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God."

MINISTRY:

A.M. Services - 1 & 2

Thessalonians, Hebrews 1-3

Triad Class - Basic Bible Doctrines, Overview of Leviticus

Evening Services - Making of a Man of God (Life of David), The Suffering Savior

OBJECTIVES:

- To encourage people to bring their friends to services.
- To improve the quality of caring/fellowship ministries.
- To manage the Christian Education ministries in an effective way.
- To develop a strategy for outreach through evangelism and follow-up.
- To bring an additional pastor on the staff.
- To challenge attenders to make the deeper commitment of church membership.

- To provide specific opportunities for prayer.
- To expand the FLOCKS ministry significantly.
- To creatively solve the space problems--parking, S.S. and worship.
- To be committed to the pastoral and volunteer staff.

LIFE GOAL:

"I will hear what God, the Lord will speak..."
 Psalm 85:8a

During the next year I am asking the Lord to make me very attentive to what He is saying to me through His word. I want to prayerfully discern the needs of this congregation and provide the kind of teaching, example and leadership that will result in long-term, life-changing answers.

I want to be able to present mature men and women to the Lord when I stand before Him. That means spending quality time with Him. There are many pressing demands, but I must take time to give myself "continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." (Acts 6:4)

Pastoral Staff



Dale Kurtz is the senior pastor. His wife, Carol, is coordinator of the women's ministries of the church. They are both graduates of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. They have four married children: Debi Sayer (husband, Bob), Steve (wife, Michelle), Mark (wife, Ruth) and Greg (wife, Linda). They also have three grandchildren, Andrea, Alissa and Alex.

Jack Redrow, a graduate of Grace Seminary, serves as assistant pastor. He teaches the Overcomers S.S. Class and Wednesday night Bible study, oversees FLOCKS, and served as coordinator of M.B.I. Dayton Evening School.



Jack's wife, JoAnn, is a deaconess and serves on the Women's Ministries' planning committee. The Redrows became grandparents to John Paul this past year.

Perry Reynolds is assistant pastor in charge of youth and discipleship. He is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Joni, have two sons, Perry and Bobby. Joni assists with the Women's Ministries and is involved in a ministry to senior high girls as well. Perry coordinates the youth program of the church and is involved in outreach to area high schools.



Deacons



Russ Weller
Chairman

The Deacon Board is the official board of the church and is charged with its spiritual oversight together with the pastoral staff. Deacons assist with communion, baptisms, counselling, and discipline. They also minister to those in temporary financial need. They serve as the nominating committee, coordinate the Forward-Planning Committee and from special, study committees as necessary.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We started the FLOCKS ministry.
- We revived the Men's Ministries with an excellent retreat.

-We held a Bible Conference with Dr. Warren Wiersbe.

-We conducted an outstanding Missionary Conference.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To add a member to the pastoral staff.
- To develop an up-dated, workable constitution.
- To take necessary steps toward any future expansion of our building.

DEACONS PRESENTLY SERVING:

Joe Fischer, David Hahn, Claude Hambrick, Ray Hartman, Bob Hobbs, Jay Meyer, Joe Moore, Doug Moss, Jim Rakestraw, Neil Shaver, Russ Weller



Missions



Dave Hahn
Chairman

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We held our third annual Missionary Conference. Many people worked hard to make it our best conference.
- We started our first missionary internship with Tim and Pegi Tehan.
- We added six new missionary ministries, increased our commitment to some ministries we already support and met some special mission-related needs.
- We sent ten people to work on a mission project in France.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To expand and increase the effectiveness of our Missions Committee
- To develop short-term, summer and youth missionary projects.
- To increase missions awareness at PPC by more effective distribution of current information, more education at all levels, and more prayer support for missions.
- To complete our missions purpose, policies, and procedures.
- To complete plans for a faith-promise, missions budget.



France Project

Missions



Tim and Pegi
Tehan



1985 Missionary
Conference



Mark and Sue
MacKenzie

1985 Missions Financial Summary

Committee Projects:

(Includes : Clothing Fund, Gifts, Conferences, Copying, APMC membership, etc.)

\$ 2,685.36

Missions Commitments:

(Includes: 25 ministries, DCS, and missionary internship)

48,889.00

New Ministries and Special Needs:

5,592.84

Total from Budget:

\$57,167.20

Non-Budgeted Finances:

(Includes Faith-Promise Commitments, missions segment of Ministry Expansion Program, and funds for France Project and the Missionary Conference)

27,349.47

TOTAL:

\$84,516.67

Christian Education



Chris Ottoson
Chairman

The purpose of the C.E. Board is to provide opportunities for children, youth and adults to be taught the timeless truths of God's Word. Our ministries are many and cover a broad spectrum of educational opportunities:

AWANA
Barnabas Ministry
Children's Chapel
Colossians 2:7
Flocks
Library
Men's Ministries
Single Purpose
Sunday School
Women's Ministries
Vacation Bible School
Youth Ministries

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We established a Nursery Committee to handle the many diverse needs of our nursery.
- We sponsored a Vacation Bible School involving many adults and children.
- We conducted our second Annual Teacher Training Seminar.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To develop new strategies for involvement and recruitment of nursery workers.
- To conduct a VBS and our third Teacher Training Seminar.
- To develop statements of purpose and publish on-going organizational needs.



Sunday School



Dan Miller
Superintendent

Our Sunday School is vital, active and growing. We are currently averaging 490 students per week. Future growth is limited only by our need for faithful teachers and more adequate space.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- Permanent partitions were installed in the basement and balcony to use available space more effectively.
- A Teacher Training Seminar was held in cooperation with the Christian Education Board.
- Our annual Sunday School Picnic was held at NCR's Old River Recreational Park.



GOALS FOR 1986:

- To continue to maintain a smooth-running, effective Sunday School.
- To review the curriculum that is being used.
- To provide job descriptions for all teachers and workers in the Sunday School.
- To develop a follow-up ministry for absentees.



Youth



Perry Reynolds
Youth Pastor

The vision of our youth ministry team is to develop a discipling youth ministry. We have carried out a very aggressive and active ministry that has touched the lives of many students in the church family and has reached out to non-Christian teens as well.



GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We solidified the Junior Varsity ministry.
- We recruited new ministry team members.
- We sent a delegation to Youth Congress '85.
- We reached out to local campuses and teens were saved.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To broaden our prayer base by improved communication of prayer needs to parents and the whole congregation.
- To develop a cross-cultural missionary internship for high school students.
- To train ministry team, adult and student leaders.



Music



John Mohler
Choir Director

The ministry of music is vitally related to every mission of our church. The primary work of every Christian is to worship and glorify God. Music enables each of us to participate in an active and Christ-honoring way.



GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- Choir enrollment increased from 41 to 48 members.
- We expanded the use of church musicians on Good Neighbor Sunday (Adult Choir, Band, Ensemble, Children's Choirs, Patterson Park Singers).
- We established the beginnings of a graded choir program for children.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To continue growth of the choir--to 50 faithful members.
- To add more permanent performing groups (Sr. High Choir, Jr. High Choir, Orchestra).
- To make our church music a vital expression of worship.



Children's Ministries



Renee Silvers
Coordinator

PRE-SCHOOL MINISTRY

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- Every Sunday our preschoolers were cared for by loving adults who taught Godly attitudes by precept and example.
- The children were taught basic Bible truths which will form the foundation for their future relationships with Christ.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- Provide the same high level of care and teaching as in the last 12 months.
- Recruit and train additional teachers.
- Recruit people to assist with administrative duties.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We conducted a children's chapel during each service to win, teach and nurture children in the following three age groups:
 - a. Preschool
 - b. Kindergarten
 - c. Grades 1-4

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To conduct a well-rounded children's chapel program each week.
- To teach children to worship in a meaningful way.
- To send out Bibles as a missions project.

Dan Miller & Marian Watts
Coordinators



Nursery



Joe & Arlene Plake
Nursery Coordinators

We have been blessed with many babies and toddlers. Each one is an individual, valued and loved by God. This is a tremendous opportunity involving many workers and many hours of loving care.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- Quality, loving care was provided for babies and toddlers.
- A Nursery Committee was formed.
- The nursery was divided into 3 different rooms according to ages.
- The restroom was finished in the toddler area.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To recruit workers who have a vision to minister to little ones in a loving and consistent way.
- To provide training for nursery workers so the care will be more effective.
- To acquire toys needed to adequately care for the children.
- To acquire curriculum materials to use in this area.



Awana



Tim Heaton
Commander

The AWANA Clubs have been exciting and very helpful in ministering to children. The future of this ministry is limited only by the need for more space and more dedicated workers.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We trained, tested and certified all of our leaders.
- We hosted the Awana Leadership Training Conference.
- We added Ken and Mary Louise Starett to our missionary budget.
- We developed yearly event calendars and informational packets for most of our clubs.



GOALS FOR 1986:

- To establish a program for calling on families with Awana-age children.
- To train more leaders and establish a pool of substitute leaders.
- To consider moving some club meetings to another night to alleviate overcrowding.



Single Adults



Doug and Doris Moss
Coordinators

The Singles' Sunday School Class meets at Marion's Piazza across Shroyer Road. It is composed of college and career age singles. Our weekly calendar includes Sunday School, counselling, home Bible studies and outreach ministries such as visiting Echoing Valley Residential Center for the handicapped. Many of our group are involved in learning how to share their faith with others.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We completed studies of the Book of Romans and the Book of Ezra.
- We worked on our personal testimonies so we could share them effectively with others.

The Single Purpose



-Several members of the class researched and made oral reports on the biblical theology of a number of contemporary problems.



GOALS FOR 1986:

- To train a group to lead Evangelistic Bible Studies.
- To organize an evening Bible study or FLOCKS group.
- To promote the Heb. 10:24 concept of unity and outreach through monthly social events.

Women's Ministries



Carol Kurtz
Coordinator

WOMEN OF THE WORD is the hub around which the women's ministries of the church revolve. The purpose of WoW is to strengthen and encourage the Christian woman in her walk with the Lord and to share the joy of knowing Christ with every woman.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- Weekly, in-depth Bible studies were held. They included sharing, prayer, fellowship and outreach.
- Summer training sessions in evangelism and the Spirit filled life were held.
- Evangelistic Coffees were held in 11 homes.

- Special outreaches included a spring banquet, a fall coffee and a Christmas luncheon.
- Our Missionary Emphasis included letter-writing to missionaries, gifts to missionaries and sharing of report letters.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To start a tape ministry to missionary wives.
- To begin evening WoW for those who cannot attend the daytime sessions.
- To sponsor a Feminar in the spring which will address topics of interest to women.
- To increase the number of Evangelistic Coffees next Christmas season.

*Women
Of the
Word*

Men's Ministries



Claude Hambrick
Coordinator

During the past year, we have endeavored to minister to the men of our church in some very special ways in addition to the regular teaching, preaching and Christian growth opportunities that are available.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We conducted a very successful Men's Retreat at DeerCreek State Park.
- We sponsored a Missionary Prayer Breakfast during the Missionary Conference.
- We held weekly Prayer Breakfasts on Saturday morning.



GOALS FOR 1986:

- To conduct a Men's Retreat in April, 1986.
- To continue the weekly Prayer Breakfasts.
- To sponsor a Men's Banquet in the fall.
- To train leaders for Men's Ministries



Children's Choirs



Doug and Doris Moss
Coordinators

The need for a program that would provide training for children in music as a means to worship and glorify God and prepare them for future participation in other choirs was recognized. Thanks to the faithful and willing help of many people such a program was started this year.



GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We began a year-round choir program for children ages 3 thru 6th grade.
- The program was initiated in the summer on Wednesday and then continued on Sunday evenings in the fall and winter.
- Theory and music appreciation classes were begun.
- A Christmas program was presented.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- Junior Choir: To present the musical "His Fleece Was White As Snow" in the spring.
- Beginner Choir: To present "Critter County" with Christine Wyrzten in May.
- Primary Choir: To learn to sing parts and rounds.

Office Staff



Susan Deen and
Melody Van Diver

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We hired Melody Van Diver as our Financial Secretary.
- We enlisted more volunteer help. Janice Kubina helped Mary Hobbs with the midweek mailing. Almeda Lundy assumed responsibility for the kitchen. Jackie Bennett assisted with typing and many other tasks.
- We installed two additional phone lines.
- We remodeled the church office and reception area.
- We began computerizing correspondence, mailing lists, and giving records.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To computerize the church mailing list, giving records, receipts/disbursements records, correspondence, reports, etc.
- To enlist additional volunteers to answer the phone and assist with other office duties.
- Develop and publish a master (yearly) church calendar.
- Develop and print a new, more complete visitors' packet.



Mary Hobbs
and Janice Kubina

Deaconesses



Cynthia Pyles
Chairman

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10

Some of our most important ministry-workers are the ladies who serve behind the scenes--servants of the Lord in the truest sense.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We met the needs that were presented to the Deaconess Board by the pastoral staff and others.
- We made availability our watchword. We carried meals to the sick and bereaved, visited the sick in hospitals, sent cards to the ill, and tried to be available as needed.
- We organized extended service to those whose needs were long term as well as many short-term ministries.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To meet the growing needs of the whole church body.
- To recruit others who are willing to share in our ministry of service to those who are in need.
- To develop the attitude of serving on the Deaconess Board as a "training time" for a lifetime of service.

Flocks



Jack Redrow
Coordinator

FLOCKS derives its name from the first letters of the six-fold ministry goals of the program:

Fellowship
Leadership
Outreach
Caring
Knowledge
Salt

The program seeks to achieve these goals by training godly men to minister to people in small, neighborhood groups.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We have seen tangible, body life growth within the groups. Flocks are helping people reach out and care for one another.

-Two, new Flocks were established (Huber Heights and Oakwood/Kettering) bringing our total to five.

-We began organizing a new Flock in the Bellbrook area.

-Numerical growth occurred withing each existing Flock.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To establish two more Flocks, one in the northeast and one in the southwest.
- To train more leaders.
- To obtain greater visibility before the church body through regular promotion and personal testimonies.



Colossians 2:7



Claude Hambrick
Coordinator

The "2:7 Series" is a concept for training church laymen in Christian discipleship. It is based on Col. 2:7:

"Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

The overall goals of the 2:7 groups are to build Christians up in the faith, to teach them to overflow with gratitude, and to instruct them.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- Nine people began the sixth course and will graduate in

January, 1986.

- Two graduates are now serving as leaders.
- Two couples attended a clinic to learn how to lead a 2:7 group.
- Twelve people completed course #4; thirty people completed course #1.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To send two individuals or couples to the 2:7 Series basic training clinic.
- To organize new groups to begin in September.
- To send two couples to an advanced leadership clinic.
- To encourage graduates to assume leadership in other church ministries.



Trustees



Earl Stephens
Chairman

The trustees are charged with the care of the church plant. This involves repair, replacement, remodelling, custodial care, purchasing supplies and equipment, etc.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We remodelled the basement and balcony to provide more Sunday School classroom space.
- We built a restroom in the Toddler Nursery.

-We prepared the 713 Devonshire property to house our missionary interns, Tim and Pegi Tehan.

-We filled the stairwell at the southwest corner of the building to prevent further water and safety problems.

-We remodelled the church office and reception area.

GOALS IN 1986:

- To arrange for more, temporary classroom space until a new building can be completed.
- To recruit more people to assist the trustees with building maintenance and repair.
- To make temporary repairs and improvements on the Youth Center.
- To seal and re-mark the parking lot for more efficient parking.
- To remodel men's restrooms and install privacy partition outside the ladies' restroom on the ground floor.

Building Maintenance



Bill Kane

There is a tremendous amount of traffic in our church buildings, and there are meetings of some kind almost every day (and some evenings) of the week. We are blessed to have individuals like Bill, Tom and Julie who work to provide clean buildings that honor the Lord Jesus Christ and serve the church family.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- The buildings were cleaned and prepared for services and meetings.
- Needed supplies were ordered and dispensed.
- A schedule for opening and closing the building was implemented.



Tom Stephens

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To provide a clean building in which we can worship the Lord.
- To be aware of set-up needs of various ministries.
- To keep the grounds clean and neat as a testimony to our neighbors.

Julia Joseph



Vacation Bible School



Penny Miller
Director

Our Vacation Bible School was a grand success this year. We broke all our attendance records, saw many children reached for Christ, and participated in John and Lois McCracken's ministry as they prepared to leave for Korea.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- We shared the gospel with many unsaved and unchurched children.
- We introduced unsaved and unchurched families to our church.
- Our VBS workers received formal training as soul winners.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To enlarge our staff so we can minister to more children.
- To establish an effective follow-up, discipleship program for those who are saved.
- To reach out to our neighborhoods with Five-Day Clubs in addition to VBS.



Various Ministries



BARNABAS MINISTRY

The Barnabas Ministry seeks to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals (and their families) faced with a life-threatening illness. Our goal is to comfort and encourage believers and to share Christ with unbelievers.

In 1985 we reached out to nine patients. Two of them prayed to receive Christ.

In 1986 we hope to train more people to share in this vital and rewarding ministry. We would also like to expand our training program to include more information about the physical and emotional aspects of life-threatening diseases.

AUDIO MINISTRY

Bob Rolfe, Neil Shaver, Terry Heineman, Tom Hamilton, and Mark Miller operate our sound system and duplicate tapes of many of our services as an outreach ministry.

In 1985 they installed additional sound equipment in the basement and in the back of the worship center. They also provided tapes of our services to many individuals both locally and out-of-town.

In 1986 they plan to expand the tape ministry to include a tape library. They also hope to purchase some new, updated equipment for the choir. By summer, they hope to start a video ministry which would include video taping services for shut-ins.



LIBRARY - Sharon Miller has been busy processing books, gathering information, recruiting volunteers and making plans for 1986. She hopes to put more books in circulation and establish regular library hours in 1986. She is also considering a new, color-coded cataloging system.

USHERS - Ardenne Rohrer is in charge of our vital usher ministry. He hopes to reorganize and recruit 20-25 new ushers in 1986. He also plans to start a junior usher program and develop plans for handling a variety of emergencies that might arise during our services.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - Richard Salomon took over the Hospitality Committee from Tracy Law in October. This committee is responsible for our new members receptions and ACTS Fellowships. They give us wonderful opportunities to get to know each other over some delicious goodies. They hope to re-establish our visitors reception in 1986.



CHURCH DINNERS - Almeda Lundy works with Ardenne Rohrer and many other volunteers to make our church dinners very special in spite of limited facilities. They prepared and served ten lovely meals in 1985. Almeda also took charge of kitchen supplies. In 1986 they hope to purchase ten new tables and a new refrigerator.



Finances



Shane Hutton
Chairman

This has been a wonderful year of seeing the Lord provide abundantly in the finances of our church. We thank God for the faithful giving and for the generous response to the Easter and Christmas offerings. The detailed financial reports are being distributed in another form.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1985:

- All bills were paid on time.
- In addition to the regular debt retirement payment of \$5,090.29 each month (\$65,083.48 in all), we paid \$24,095.40 in early payments. This exceeded the

minimum budget by \$15,178.88.

- The cash balance was kept at a low level monthly by using excess cash to reduce the debt principal. This resulted in a significant reduction of interest paid to the bank on the loan. Sufficient cash to meet minor emergencies was retained.

GOALS FOR 1986:

- To pay all bills on time.
- To implement new financial procedures to provide more timely information on all regular line-items and to provide better control of funds.
- To retire the existing mortgage in January 1986.
- To allocate funds for future facilities development. This includes parking and building expansion.

We are proposing a budget for 1986 that is both realistic and visionary. Since we do not seek pledges, we have based this budget on actual needs which are non-flexible and projected ministries. Giving in the past and rate of growth are also factors which have been carefully considered.

<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Quarterly Budget</u>
Deacon	\$181,500	1st Quarter \$97,000
Deaconess	6,000	2nd Quarter \$101,000 5,000 (Easter Offering) \$106,000
Missions	70,000	3rd Quarter \$109,000
Faith Promises*	15,576	4th Quarter \$113,000 10,000 (Christmas Offering) \$123,000
New Faith Promises*	2,400	
Christian Education	29,600	
Trustee	92,400	
Debt Retirement	4,500	
Building Program	39,400	
Facilities Rental	4,000	
Ministry Support#	7,600	
Total	\$435,000	\$435,000

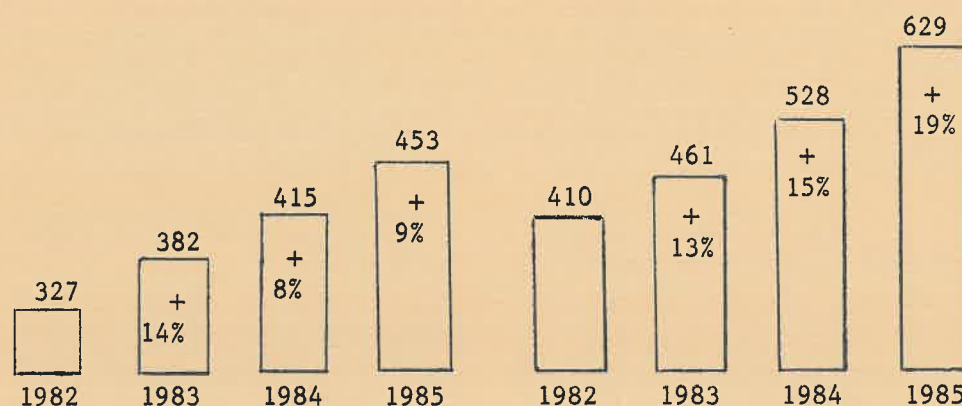
*Not included in budget for 1986

#Ministry support includes extra expenses and special offerings formerly reported as "non-budgeted monies."

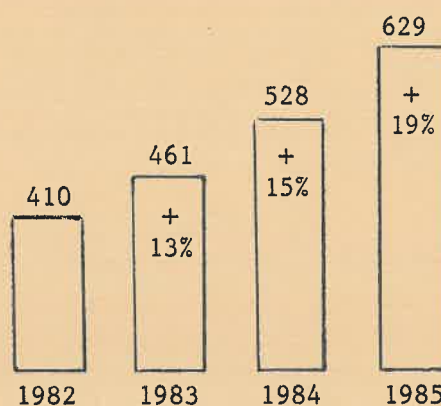
Building Expansion Needs

The Lord has blessed our church with a wonderful facility. We have a lovely worship center, a wonderful nursery and pre-school department, and some very nice educational facilities. He has also blessed us with some very exciting growth in the past few years. The following graphs indicate growth patterns in Sunday School and in our worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



WORSHIP SERVICES



The figures are averages for the entire year. The actual attendance at the end of each year is higher than the yearly average. From September thru November 1985, we were actually averaging 493 in Sunday School and 672 in worship services.

We praise God for the number of people who are attending our services. Our available space, especially for Sunday School and Awana, is packed to capacity--in many cases it is overcrowded. We have identified nine Sunday School classes that are in very critical need of more room. We now have three classes meeting in rented space and one in the worship center. On Wednesday night, we reached the saturation point in the Awana Clubs over a year ago and the youth meet in a nearby home. Such overcrowded conditions make teaching difficult and growth impossible. Attendance figures also indicate we have probably reached the saturation point in our worship services as well. If growth is to continue, we must provide more worship and educational space as quickly as possible.

Next Year's Action

After prayerful study and thoughtful consideration, the Forward Planning Committee recommends we take the following steps in 1986:

1. Adopt the budget as presented--\$435,000.
2. Secure additional space by renting near-by facilities.
3. Call another pastor to serve as Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship.
4. Continue working with Mr. Gerald Boyers to provide additional parking and additional space for worship and education.
5. Continue to praise God for the many people He is bringing to us and for His gracious provision of resources.
6. Maintain an attitude of patience and flexibility while we endeavor to provide adequate personnel, equipment, and space to minister to the people who come.

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