

Southside Christian Church Annual Report for 2009



Presented at the
Annual Congregational Meeting
February 21, 2010

Southside Christian Church
 1180 Catherine Street
 Ottawa, Illinois 61350
 2009 MINISTRY LISTING

Staff: Lloyd Ludwick

Elder: Jim Quinn
 Deacons: Tate Bolatto, Tom Wyatt

Church Secretary: Nichol Bolatto & Lisa Woods

Trustees: Jim Quinn, Tate Bolatto

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 Board Secretary Lloyd Ludwick

2009 Ministries

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Missions</u></p> <p>Jim Quinn* Bonnie Sparks Pam Gatewood Gina Hobbs Terrell Hobbs Lloyd Ludwick Jill Quinn Rodney Verdine Marie Verdine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prayer</u></p> <p>Nancy Edwards* Georgia Kolesar Lloyd Ludwick Jim Quinn</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stewardship</u></p> <p>Jim Quinn* Tate Bolatto Tom Wyatt Lloyd Ludwick</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christian Education</u></p> <p>Gina Hobbs & Pam Ludwick* Cindy Bayer</p>	<p>Wendy Glasner Marla Mengarelli Lloyd Ludwick Jill Quinn Marie Verdine Jim Quinn Nichol Bolatto Tate Bolatto Rachelle Ludwick Rod Verdine Pam Gatewood Jeanne Armstrong</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Property</u></p> <p>Jon Lowe* Dave Bayer Jeff Carlson Alan Greene John Glasner Terrell Hobbs Tom Wyatt Bill Mengarelli Nancy Lowe</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music & Worship</u></p> <p>Lloyd Ludwick* Tate Bolatto</p>	<p>Marla Mengarelli Tom Wyatt Pam Ludwick</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Membership & Evangelism</u></p> <p>Jim Quinn* Lloyd Ludwick</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hospitality</u></p> <p>Jill Quinn* Dorothy Erickson Dora Sila</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning (inactive)</u></p> <p>Lloyd Ludwick* Cindy Bayer Nancy Edwards Pam Gatewood Jon Lowe Nancy Lowe Jim Quinn Tom Wyatt</p>
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*Denotes chairperson(s)

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Minister's Report 2009

At Southside it is our goal to have every member participating in the ministry of the church and to share the Good News about Jesus Christ through our activities together and the lives we live in our community. In light of this, my report seeks to be an overview and reflection of our ministry together over the past year. "Records" are not a measure of success but indicators of our growth, future needs, and our stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to us to carry out His work.

	2008	2009
Worship (Weekly Avg.)	48	48
Sunday School (Weekly Avg.)	29	33
General Offerings (Weekly Avg.)	\$1,598.86*	\$1,398.72
Missions Offerings (Monthly Avg.)	\$562.33*	\$632.92

*[These figures may reflect special offerings or designated mission giving.]

Reflecting on the past year . . .

- There was one baptism and two transfers of membership in 2009.
- We continued our Kingdom Kids program when the new school year began. I want to thank everyone who helps by teaching, leading songs, and helping with snacks/drinks. Our children's ministry continues to be an area of emphasis identified by the elders and me.
- We fielded a men's softball team in Ottawa's City Rec League. This was one of a number of efforts to strengthen our ministry to men and by men.
- We again had a booth in Ottawa's Scarecrow festival and are planning to do this again in 2010.
- We added three crosses to the presentation of our Live Nativity.

Looking ahead to 2010 . . .

- We will continue to seek ways to strengthen our ministry to children and their families. Our goal is to partner with parents by equipping and assisting them as they take the lead role in discipling their children. This will involve continuing current programs (e.g. VBS, Kingdom Kids) and hopefully the planning of special events. Feedback from visitors indicate this is an area that is important to families looking for a church home.
- We plan to improve our Live Nativity through some new construction and other adjustments. We thank everyone for their continued support of this activity which continues to receive positive feedback (and financial donations) from those who visit.
- We will be adding a Facebook page as we continue to look for ways to use technology to engage our culture with the Good News about Jesus Christ.

Looking back over the past year, I thank God that He has blessed us with a church family committed to the work of the Kingdom. Looking to the future, I continue to be confident that God has many victories and blessings in store for us. If we look to the future with God's vision and with a sense of unity and purpose, we can count on God blessing us in ways we cannot imagine.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Ludwick

Hospitality 2009

I would once again like to thank the women and men here at Southside for serving with or on the hospitality ministry. We have many opportunities during the year to help in food preparation, service, or cleaning up after meals. Carry-in dinners, VBS cookies fellowship time after programs, the church picnic and the live nativity gives all of us the chance to help out in this type of ministry. The Bible records many instances of Jesus and his disciples sharing food and drink with others during their ministry. I think just like them this is a great time and opportunity to share Christian hospitality with others, not only inside the church family but to the community as well, such as during the live nativity. Again thanks to all who share a smile, their best dish, or a hot drink with others as their gift of service to the Lord.

Jill Quinn

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY 2009

ACTIVITIES

Vacation Bible School - Marie Verdine and Gina Hobbs
Graduate Breakfast - Jill Quinn and Lloyd Ludwick
Promotion Sunday - All Teachers
Christmas Program - Nicchol Bolatto

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND TEACHERS

Toddlers - Rachelle Ludwick	Beginners - Wendy Glasner
Middlers - Marie Verdine	Juniors - Marla Mengarelli
Junior High/High School - Gina Hobbs	Crossroads - Pam Ludwick
Christ's Own - Jim Quinn	Ambassadors for Christ - Lloyd Ludwick
Substitute Teachers - Jill Quinn, Tate and Nicchol Bolatto	

This past year has proven how God's people at Southside willingly rise up to challenges. We have witnessed committed members look beyond their own personal preferences to continue or adjust ministries in order to continue the work of Christ. Many of our opportunities for growth and fellowship extend beyond our Sunday morning gatherings and welcome those in our community. The following is a summary of the various ways in which we provide settings to learn God's word and grow together.

Vacation Bible School 2009 - This past year, Marie Verdine and Gina Hobbs led a fantastic Vacation Bible School with the theme "Camp E.D.G.E." Children and adults enjoyed a week that centered on solid biblical teaching and engaging activities that encouraged kids to connect with Jesus. The camp-like setting was a big hit with kids and adults. Thanks to those who altered their week's schedule so that kids in our church and community could learn about the love of Jesus!

Celebration Sunday - On the first Sunday of each month, we have continued gathering together prior to Sunday School to share in several songs, recognize birthdays, and perhaps share in some trivia about holidays. Coffee and doughnuts are also provided to add to our monthly celebrations.

Time with the Kids - We continue to provide a special time to involve our young worshippers on the 3rd Sunday of each month. A brief object lesson is brought to the children prior to the preaching of the Word. Currently, Tate and Nicchol Bolatto, Pam Ludwick, and Rod Verdine are volunteering for this ministry. In addition, children's bulletins (coordinated with the weekly sermon) and activity bags are available during worship time each Sunday morning.

Ministry to Youth - Presently, the Fantastic Four meets each Sunday evening. The Junior High and High School meet together and are led on a rotating basis by Tate Bolatto, Wendy Glasner, and Rod Verdine. In addition to weekly meetings, other activities were planned throughout the year such as attending the Illinois Christian Teen Convention and participating in the Shearing Day at the home of Alan and Chris Greene.

Kingdom Kids - Kingdom Kids continues to meet each Wednesday evening throughout the school year. This past year we experienced growth in the number of kids who attend each week. Kids from kindergarten to 6th grade enjoy opportunities to sing and learn about God's love. Treats are always provided to the children thanks to many of you who have signed up. We appreciate that! Those who volunteer for this weekly ministry are Cindy Bayer, Pam Gatewood, Jeanne Armstrong, Lloyd and Pam Ludwick, Kathy Mendell, and Marie and Rod Verdine. This has been a great opportunity to minister to children in our church family as well as those in our neighborhood.

Sunday School - Classes for all ages are provided here at Southside each Sunday morning prior to our worship service. We also experienced a shift in teachers as the need arose. What a blessing it was to see our staff of volunteer teachers work together to make sure our Sunday School ministry remains strong.

Small Group Ministry - Our small group ministry continues to meet every other week from September through May. We gather in various homes to provide an opportunity for fellowship and learning in a setting that is casual and welcoming. Two groups met over the past year on Thursday and Friday nights. If you are looking to become better acquainted with other Christians and study issues related to living a God-centered life, we invite to you to become a part of this ministry.

Looking at the above list affirms that although we are a small congregation we have a *big heart for learning God's Word*. As co-chairpersons, we want to express our appreciation for the level of commitment we see in the lives of those who lead in so many ways. You are teaching not only in your classrooms but through *the way in which you live* throughout the week. *Thank you for your investment in kingdom work!*

Gina Hobbs and Pam Ludwick
Co-chairpersons

2009 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PURPOSE - To assist and encourage young men and women to train for some phase of Christian ministry. Application must be made to receive funds.

Balance January 1, 2009.....\$1,021.29

Balance December 31, 2009.....\$1,144.16

The account must have activity each quarter to stay active.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Quinn, Treasurer

Mission Ministry Report

2009

The following is a list of the projects that the mission ministry was able to accomplish with the help of our church family.

- Rock River Christian Camp was our V.B.S. mission. And \$633.00 was collected for the mission. This may have been the largest V.B.S. offering we have had.
- The congregation helped support mission trips for Bruce Ludwick (Lincoln Christian College) a trip to Florida. Katie & Betsy Quinn (Lipscomb University) a trip to Brandon England.
- Designated gifts to the Macedonian Fund (2 Corinthians 8:1) focus on those that are in emergency need with in the church. Gifts totaling \$750.00 were given out.
- In August a group made a trip to the F.A.M.E headquarters in Indianapolis IN. to help pack supplies for overseas medical missionaries.
- In November the National Missionary Convention was held in Peoria IL. & a group from the church made the trip down to support the Missionaries.
- Lincoln Christian College had a name change to Lincoln Christian University.
- The Ottawa Food Basket has replaced Beulah Land Christian home as a designated mission and will receive 10% of the monthly mission fund offering.

The Missions Ministry is thankful for our church members' continued financial support and prayers for our missions. Our committee strives to keep the congregation aware of the needs of other Christians in our country and all over the world. Thank you for helping our church to continue the great commission (Matt.28).

Missions Ministry

Mission Ministry Annual Report 2009

Balance Jan. 1, 2009..... \$1,878.22

Receipts:

January.....	\$420.00
February.....	\$485.00
March.....	\$505.00
April.....	\$440.00
May.....	\$360.00
June.....	\$315.00
July.....	\$400.00
August.....	\$360.00
September.....	\$420.00
October.....	\$495.00
November.....	\$630.00
December.....	\$340.00
Total Monthly Receipts.....	\$5,170.00

Designated Receipts:

Bruce Ludwick (Mission Trip).....	\$345.00
Katie Quinn (Mission Trip).....	\$180.00
Betsy Quinn (Mission Trip).....	\$180.00
VBS Offering- Rock River Christian Camp.....	\$633.00
South India (designated).....	\$300.00
Scarecrow Festival.....	\$1.00
Macedonian Fund (Person in need).....	\$995.00
Souper Bowl.....	\$43.00
Total Designated Receipts.....	\$2,677.00

Mission Disbursements:

F.A.M.E. (14%).....	\$724.00
South India (12%).....	\$620.00
Polish Christian Ministry (12%).....	\$620.00
Rock River Christian Camp (10%).....	\$519.00
Illini Children's Home (10%).....	\$519.00
Lincoln Christian College (10%).....	\$519.00
Ottawa Food Basket (10%).....	\$297.00
National Missionary Convention (5%).....	\$259.00
North American Christian Convention (5%).....	\$259.00

Other Disbursements:

Bruce Ludwick (Mission Trip Florida).....	\$345.00
Katie Quinn (Mission Trip U.K.).....	\$330.00
Betsy Quinn (Mission Trip U.K.).....	\$330.00
VBS Offering- Rock River Christian Camp.....	\$633.00
South India (designated).....	\$300.00
Ottawa Food Basket.....	\$44.00
Ottawa Food Basket (senior ministry on hold).....	\$500.00
Macedonian Fund (Person in need).....	\$750.00
Stamps.....	\$8.80
National Missionary Convention registration fee.....	\$110.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$7,686.80

Balance December 31, 2009..... \$2,038.42

[12% of the undesignated offering is used for miscellaneous expenses. Also the Macedonian Fund (Person in need) in the amount of \$426.78 is included in the general mission fund.]

Mission Treasurer
Jill Quinn



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Worship Ministry Report for 2009

The goal of our Worship Ministry at Southside is to plan "corporate worship" services that lead and prepare people to genuinely worship God as a lifestyle. Our Worship Ministry (Tate Bolatto, Lloyd Ludwick, Marla Mengarelli, Tom Wyatt, Pam Ludwick) meets once a month to plan worship services and discuss other matters pertaining to Christian worship. We plan congregational music, special music, arrange for people to help with sound and slides, and prepare materials for worshippers to use during our service. Even though much of our time is spent planning our Sunday worship service, we hope our ministry encourages genuine worship throughout the week.

Reflecting on the past year . . .

- We presented a Christmas Cantata and an Easter Cantata.
- We expanded the use of live accompaniment for our song services. Ryan Glasner began playing for worship services and we added a set of electronic drums which have been played by Kathy Mendell and Al Martin.
- We continued to involve different people in the worship ministry through calls to worship, operating the sound system, and advancing song slides.
- In an ongoing effort to help children worship in a way that is biblical and age appropriate, we have continued our "Time with the Kids" on the third Sunday and continue to provide children's bulletins for each service which are related to the sermon topic for the day.

Looking ahead to 2010 . . .

- We would like to continue to increase the number of people involved in operating the sound system and advancing slides. We plan to do this by having people assist an experienced sound person to gain "hands on" experience for future service.
- We will be preparing an Easter Cantata and perhaps another Christmas Cantata.
- We would like to introduce new songs when possible.
- We will continue to seek ways to enhance the accompaniment (instrumental and recorded) we use for our song service.
- We will continue to blend music styles in such a way as to encourage genuine worship by God's family at Southside.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Worship Ministry,

Lloyd Ludwick

Building Fund 2009

Building Fund

Balance January 1, 2009 \$2415.61
Income \$489.00
Interest \$14.52
Balance December 31, 2009 \$2,919.13*

Priority Projects Fund (P.P.F.)

Balance January 1, 2009 \$1508.00
Income \$6,850.00
Transfers to General Fund for projects \$5,875.00
Balance December 31, 2009 \$2,483.00*

Total Building Fund Bank account balance December 31, 2009 **\$5,402.13**
(*Building Fund & P.P.F. share same account)

Certificate of Deposit (CD) Balance December 31, 2009

CD #1 -\$1,262.29 18 months C.D. Rate 2.28%
Next maturity 07/04/2010
Start on 1/04/2000 (\$1,000.000)

CD #2 -\$1726.68 18 months C.D. Rate 2.28%
Next maturity 07/04/2011
Start on 1/04/2001 (\$1417.39)

Building Fund Treasurer

**SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2009 to DECEMBER 31, 2009**

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2009 **\$ 8,962.00**

INCOME

Offerings	\$70,479.74	
Pastor Appreciation Gift	400.00	
Minister's Professional Exchange Allowance	841.47	
Interest Income on Checking Account	7.21	
Youth—Shearing Day	302.00	
Thornton's Gas Rebate	37.61	
Great America	33.00	
Illinois Christian Teen Convention	220.00	
Donations	32.00	
Vacation Bible School	1,079.00	
Athletics	227.00	
Memorials	50.00	
Scarecrow Festival	30.00	
Advertising—Live Nativity	529.00	
Property Upkeep—Transfer to General Fund for gutters and soffits on church building and white house garage improvements	5,875.00	
Women's Christian Fellowship	300.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$80,443.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Minister:

Compensation and Salary	\$40,352.00	
Professional Exchange Allowance	841.47	
Health Insurance	8,863.44	
Education Allowance	500.00	
Pastor Appreciation	400.00	
Christmas Gift	260.00	

Utilities:

AT&T	366.52	
Ameren IP	1,776.09	
NICOR Gas	2,090.33	
MCI (Long Distance)	109.16	
City of Ottawa (Water)	389.63	

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DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)

Benevolence	\$ 0.00	
Janitor Supplies	204.97	
Electronics Equipment	1,087.95	
Christian Education	4,355.97	
Office Supplies	1,219.71	
Postage	1,088.54	
Property Upkeep	9,514.11	
Outreach/Advertising	1,324.49	
Youth	1,219.58	
Church Mutual	3,483.00	
Vacation Bible School	1,488.93	
Food	804.78	
Music and Worship	1,663.17	
Athletics	665.86	
Other: Pulpit Supply	400.00	
Check Printing/Safe Deposit Box Rental	65.90	
Transfer to Women's Christian Fellowship	300.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(\$84,835.60)
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2009		\$ 4,569.43

PROJECTED CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2010

	Budget for 2009	Actual for 2009	Projected Need for 2010
Minister (Salary * Compensation)	\$40,352.00	\$41,193.47	\$40,976.00
Health Insurance	\$8,800.00	\$8,863.44	\$9,728.04
Education Allowance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Utilities	\$5,750.00	\$4,731.73	\$4,710.00
•Ameren IP	\$2,000.00	\$1,776.09	\$1,800.00
•AT&T	\$350.00	\$366.52	\$360.00
•NICOR Gas	\$3,000.00	\$2,090.33	\$2,100.00
•MCI	\$100.00	\$109.16	\$100.00
•City of Ottawa (water)	\$300.00	\$389.63	\$350.00
Benevolence	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Janitor Supplies	\$250.00	\$204.97	\$250.00
Equipment (electronics)	\$1,500.00	\$1,087.95	\$1,500.00
Christian Education	\$3,500.00	\$4,355.97	\$4,000.00
Vacation Bible School*	\$1,000.00	\$1,488.93	\$1,200.00
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,219.71	\$1,200.00
Postage	\$800.00	\$1,088.54	\$1,100.00
Property Upkeep	\$9,000.00	\$9,514.11	\$4,000.00
	\$5000-Soffit&Gutters \$3000-White house porch \$1000-Bldg.Upkeep	See treasurer's report for breakdown	
Outreach/Advertising	\$1,200.00	\$1,324.49	\$2,000.00
Property Insurance/ Workman's Compensation	\$3,700.00	\$3,483.00	\$3,700.00
Food	\$750.00	\$804.78	\$800.00
Youth Ministry*	\$1,500.00	\$1,219.58	\$1,200.00
Music & Worship	\$1,250.00	\$1,663.17	\$1,600.00
Athletics	\$450.00	\$665.86	\$400.00
Miscellaneous*	\$500.00	\$1,025.90	\$500.00
Pulpit supply	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
TOTALS*	\$82,327.00	\$84,835.60	\$80,064.04

*Actual Compensation total for 2009 includes \$841.47 for minister's Professional Allowance Exchange. Misc. includes \$400 for Pastor Appreciation Sunday, and \$260 for the minister's 2009 Christmas gift. Donations of \$1,079 were received to be used toward VBS. Some Youth Ministry costs are offset by donations, youth projects, registration fees, etc.

Weekly need for 2010 will be \$1,539.69

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 Terrell Hobbs
 Lloyd Ludwick
 Jill Quinn
 Rodney Verdine
 Marie Verdine

Prayer

Nancy Edwards*
 Georgia Kolesar
 Lloyd Ludwick
 Jim Quinn

Stewardship

Jim Quinn*
 Tate Bolatto
 Tom Wyatt
 Lloyd Ludwick

Christian Education

Gina Hobbs & Pam Ludwick*
 Cindy Bayer

Wendy Glasner
 Marla Mengarelli
 Lloyd Ludwick
 Jill Quinn
 Marie Verdine
 Jim Quinn
 Nichol Bolatto
 Tate Bolatto
 Rachelle Ludwick
 Rod Verdine
 Pam Gatewood

Property

Jon Lowe*
 Dave Bayer
 Jeff Carlson
 Alan Greene
 John Glasner
 Terrell Hobbs
 Tom Wyatt
 Bill Mengarelli
 Nancy Lowe

Music & Worship

Lloyd Ludwick*
 Tate Bolatto
 Marla Mengarelli

Tom Wyatt
 Pam Ludwick

Membership & Evangelism

Jim Quinn*
 Lloyd Ludwick

Hospitality

Jill Quinn*
 Dorothy Erickson
 Dora Sila

Planning (inactive)

Lloyd Ludwick*
 Cindy Bayer
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