

# The News of National City

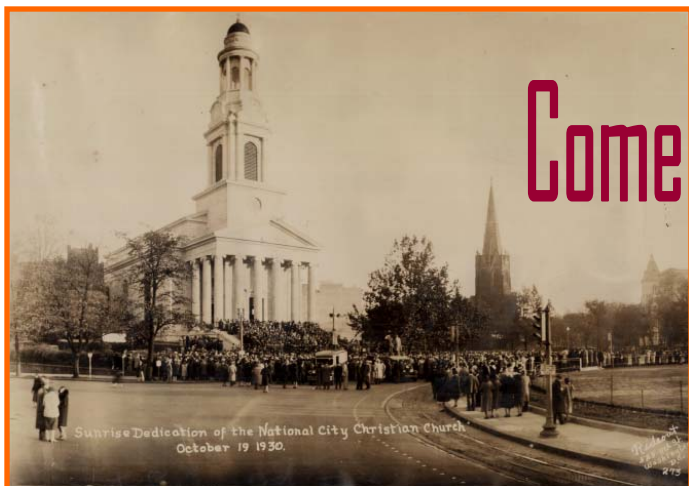
Our 80th Year: *Representing Disciples' hopes for a great church with far-reaching influence*  
– R.A. Long

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## Come Celebrate Our First 80 Years!

National City Christian Church's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary will approach its climactic conclusion as an ark is processed to the front of the sanctuary on **October 17**. A magnificent celebration has been planned.

During the service worshipers from our usual three services will come together. **Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m.** with a concert from our Gospel Choir. The formal celebration begins

with a special introit composed by Minister of Music Charles Miller. Later in the service we will sing an original hymn by Mr. Miller. A full choir, including choir alums, will sing Christ is our Cornerstone by Jack Ossewarde and God is a Spirit by W. Sterndale Bennett. I will preach on "If These Stones Could Speak" from Joshua 4, the story of an ancient ark leading the people across the Jordan River and an altar of twelve stones being built to praise God. Our pastor, Dr. Stephen Gentle, will then direct the filling of our ark with sacred objects and documents. Mo Jackson, our faithful building superintendent for twenty-five years, will then seal the ark. It is to be reopened in twenty years at the celebration of National City's centennial.

Our processional began last April when the ark was presented, a reminder of the Ark of the Covenant which represented God's presence in the biblical story. The ark has been filling with our sacred documents just as in ancient times the Ten Commandments were kept in the Ark of the Covenant. Our sacred documents include the stories told across the last five months by persons whose lives have been deeply touched by National City.

Worshipers entering the sanctuary may "stroll through the scrolls" of a pictorial history of our eight decades. The display ends with a record of our Columbia Male Quartet. Strollers hear them singing in the 1920s as they raised money to build our new church. At the conclusion of the celebration a group photograph is planned as well as lunch. The celebration will continue across the next several weeks in "hundreds of acts of gratitude." Members are encouraged to be creative in coming up with acts of kindness and extra service as an outreach of appreciation for National City.

– Peter Morgan  
Historian in Residence

### SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR OUR CELEBRATION

**9:30 a.m.:** "Stroll through the Scrolls" display  
and Gospel Choir Concert

**10 a.m.:** Formal Celebration

**After Worship:** Photograph of Congregation  
and Lunch

### How Well Do You Know Your Church Members?\*

This person creates stained glass windows.  
Who is this? See page 5 for answer.

\*This is the first in a periodic series on church members.





# Gentle Reminder: The Practice of Genuine Hospitality

Jesus says, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35). “Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to

me” (Matthew 25:40). Paul writes, “Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7).

We never know who is going to walk into the sanctuary at National City Christian Church during Sunday morning worship. We receive people from many walks of life: long-time members, families new to the city, homeless persons, government workers, interns in D.C. for a semester, students working on a degree, persons who are challenged mentally, spiritual seekers, and yes, even an occasional attorney. I am so proud of our members who take these words of Jesus seriously and welcome the stranger and extend goodwill to one another. In a world where people increasingly draw boundaries and other distinctions, many of our people practice genuine hospitality.

Among the many of the strengths identified for our congregation during our New Beginnings small groups – music, worship, diversity, fellowship – at the very top of the list were hospitality and welcome. Many churches say that they are friendly, but

it is truly a unique gift to be a church that is warm and welcoming like National City. So as we think strategically about our future missional work, we will want to fortify this gift of hospitality. The Washington, D.C., area is full of “strangers” or persons new to this community trying to navigate through all the social networks and hurdles. How can we grow in our welcome and extend genuine hospitality to them? This is the question we will need to answer as we begin to imagine our future story and put into practice our missional calling.

In the month of October, our congregation will celebrate its future story at the time of our 80th anniversary. Since genuine hospitality is one of the keys to our missional work in this community, I hope that you will continue to participate in the Sunday morning worship services and small groups as we discuss the Five Practices of Fruitful Living ... and the first practice is radical hospitality! Lend your energy and talents to make National City Christian Church a beacon of warmth and welcome to all who enter these hallowed grounds.

Happy 80th anniversary, National City Christian Church. May we be the church that welcomes “the Christ” among us even as we welcome the stranger and one another, for the glory of God.

– Stephen Gentle

## Dear Friends of NCCC –

True to form and heritage you have come though again! Connie and I are deeply touched and grateful for the prayers, remembrances, and cards you shared with us during my recent surgery and recuperation. (Amazingly, they are still coming!) And – although belated – know how thankful we are for your tender love and support of our precious Stephen, Miriam, Wesley, Ana-Elisa, and Phillip. Historically your encouragement for your ministerial family is well known across this nation – but during the last two or three stressful years – you, once again, have manifested faithful Christian community. Many of us take notice and appreciate your “koinonia.” You have come through again! Our grateful love and admiration.

Peace,

– Jim Gentle

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Join Team

### National City Christian Church for AIDS Walk on October 2

We are all invited to join Team National City Christian Church on the annual AIDS Walk on Saturday, October 2. The walk benefits the Whitman Walker Clinic. Our group will meet at the church at 10 a.m., then walk to Freedom Plaza, where the walk begins. The AIDS Walk continues to the Capital and back, a distance of 2 miles. Lynda Carter, "Wonder Woman herself!," is Grand Marshall.

To join our team:

1. Go to <http://www.wwc.org/>
2. Click on "AIDS Walk" under "WWC Info" on the right side of the screen.
3. Click "Register here."
4. Execute the waiver agreement.
5. Click "Join a Team" & scroll down to NCCC.

Follow the remaining steps.

Registration fee is \$25. NCCC goal is to raise \$500 for the walk, an amount we have easily surpassed in the past.

Chrys Lemon is Team Leader. Contact him at cell 703-798-9580 or e-mail: [cld@mcintyrelf.com](mailto:cld@mcintyrelf.com), with questions and to let him know you have enrolled. Be sure to ask him about the fun party after the walk!

Photo: John Scott Williams



## New and Ongoing Opportunities

To volunteer or receive information about a specific opportunity, please contact the person listed below:

### October 17

Homecoming Sunday/80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### October 30

Church Rummage Sale.

Volunteer organizing, setup, and sale:

Contacts: Lorraine Magnussen [hjm2@verizon.net](mailto:hjm2@verizon.net),

Barbara Boward [bbow77@hotmail.com](mailto:bbow77@hotmail.com),

Loretta Tate [lorettawas@aol.com](mailto:lorettawas@aol.com)

### Church School teachers and Nursery assistants

Teresa Swihart [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com)

### Children's Time (11:15 Sunday morning)

Beverly Schacht [bev-schacht@starpower.net](mailto:bev-schacht@starpower.net)

### YADA (Young Adults Disciples in Action)

#### Community Service

Trevor Dane [trevordane@gmail.com](mailto:trevordane@gmail.com)

### Serve breakfast at N Street 2nd Saturday each month

Judy Lotz [jlloz@verizon.net](mailto:jlloz@verizon.net)

### Sanctuary Choir – Singing at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday

Charles Miller [cmiller@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cmiller@nationalcitycc.org)

### Gospel Choir – Singing at the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday

Valeria Foster [valeriafoster@msn.com](mailto:valeriafoster@msn.com)

### Hilda's Gift Shop – for volunteers to work in the shop

Miriam Gentle [gentleharp@earthlink.net](mailto:gentleharp@earthlink.net)

### Atrium Desk – for volunteers to answer the phone

at the desk during the week

Barbara Collins [barbarafcollins@hotmail.com](mailto:barbarafcollins@hotmail.com)

### Property – for volunteers to assist with projects

around the building

Rick Mohn [rickerlva@aol.com](mailto:rickerlva@aol.com)

## Welcome to New Member!

We welcome Beatrice Cesareo, who joined National City on September 5. She has been attending both the Hispanic and 11 a.m. services since August. Beatrice is a lawyer and lives in the neighborhood. She is especially interested in community service.



Dr. William Howland and Frances Gleason were the behind-the-scenes leaders in the needlepoint cushion project in the early 1980s – resulting in 66 needlepoint cushions done by 54 individuals both at National City and around the country. (1981 photo)

### **In Sympathy**

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of long-time member Frances Gleason, who died on September 12 at the age of 91.

Each Sunday we are reminded of one of her many gifts – the needlepoint cushions in the pews. She served as chair of the needlepoint committee that oversaw this project in the early 1980s, as the congregation prepared to move back into the sanctuary after a major renovation.

You'll find a book on National City Needlepoint, immediately to your left as you leave the Sanctuary by the baptistry. The book – a gift by the Strotmans – details the history of the project, along with photos and descriptions of the pew cushions, including the names of the people – both at National City and around the country – who did the needlepoint.

Among her many gifts, Frances served as an elder, a deaconess, president of Christian Women's Fellowship, cook for the Summer Enrichment Program, and as a costume outfitter for plays and programs. She was also an active member of the Hearthstone Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband Cedric and her sons Laurence and Richard.

She is survived by her daughters Candace Clay Barnes and Rebecca Clay Huck, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was scheduled for September 25 at 11 a.m. at Westminster at Lake Ridge, 12191 Clipper Dr., Lake Ridge, Virginia.

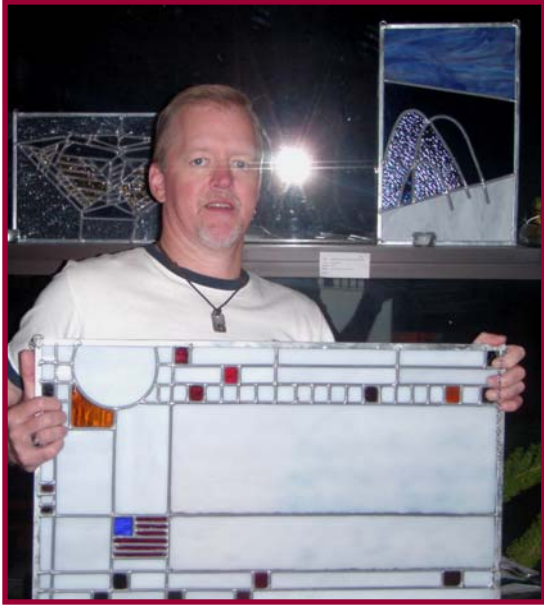
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**Please submit articles for the November Newsletter by October 15**

**to Diana Morse at [morsediana@comcast.net](mailto:morsediana@comcast.net)**

**or to Colleen Walsh at [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org)**

# Connector's Corner



Ron Moser is owner/glass artist with Capital Art Creations, [www.capitalartcreations.com](http://www.capitalartcreations.com), 1211 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Unit 602.

## How Well Do You Know Your Church Members? – Continued

Ron Moser, in addition to creating stained glass windows, serves as deacon and part of GLBT at NCCC. He works at the U.S. Department of Energy as a fire protection engineer and is studying for his Master's Degree in non-profit management at Marylhurst University, Oregon. Ron is the President of the Rutherford Condominium Board, a board member of Naomi's Closet in Maryland, providing clothing for homeless and under-privileged children from K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. He is also a regional consultant to Run4Life.org, a non-profit agency in Albany, New York, which raises money for youth ill from childbirth.

Ron grew up in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and is proud of his Moravian heritage and has made DC home for the last 4 years and loves the diversity of people and activities it provides. Ron also is an active singer in the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.

## Another Reason to See All's Well That Ends Well

Russell Jonas, a frequent visitor to NCCC, has a role in Director Michael Kahn's production of Shakespeare's All's Well that Ends Well at Lansburgh Theatre. This play is an adventuresome romance between lovers Helena and Bertram, set in a World War I time frame. (Four-time Academy Award Nominee Marsha Mason plays the role of Countess of Rousillon.) This play continues through October 24.

Russell has only been a graduate of GW for 18 months, and has already appeared in several performances at Studio Theater, as well as his current role. Congratulations, Russell, for a great start to your theatrical career. You will be seeing some of your church members in the audience, for sure!



Photo: Clinton Brandhagen



**Welcome to new additions to NC3 Cradle Club**  
Dr. Stephen Gentle joins Keri and Eric Woodard in welcoming new family members, twins Piper (girl) and Fletcher (boy) Woodard. Parents report they are doing fine, altho missing sleep on a regular basis. We look forward to seeing the twins in church some Sunday soon! Many blessings to this fine young family!

# Chi Rho



Campers, including Danny and Kevin from NCCC, having some serious fun in the big meadow at Camp Mary Mac.

### **Chi Rho Campers Name Their Faith at Fall Retreat; Look Ahead to 2011**

Three counselors and four campers from NCCC attended the fall retreat at Camp Mary Mac. The campers created skits, played Pictionary, and talked about how they could better practice their faith in God by doing good, not harming others, and staying in love with God. The campers also led worship and communion (with bread they made together), went swimming at the lake, roasted s'mores over the campfire, and sang praise music.

Remember the Chi Rho Spring Retreat and Summer Camps will be here before you know it. Contact Kathleen Simpson at 615-424-6498 if you know a kid (6th-8th grade) who could use some fresh air and lasting friendships!

– Kathleen Simpson



Elise Roberts, Katie Blaisdell, and campers attempt to unravel a Human Knot!

### **Disciples Women To Meet October 5**

Disciples Women will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 5, in the Music Suite. Rev. Steven Moore will speak; Sylvia Snyder will provide the devotion. The program will be followed by lunch, with bring-your-own sandwiches and a potluck addition by Circle 2.

### **Deaconesses To Meet October 31**

Because of conflicts with church-wide events in both October and November, the deaconesses have decided to hold an October-November meeting on Sunday, October 31. As usual, it will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room after the 11 a.m. service.

– Sara Ketchum



# YADA DA

Gentry, Matt, Shana, Jieun, Steve, Alan, Beverly, Ann, and Kathleen.

### Young Adults Retreat to Camp Mary Mac

Rev. Steve Moore led YADA's Fall Retreat as they discussed "Making Your Faith Your Own." The "campers" enjoyed a campfire with s'mores, worship in the woods, and great conversation at the region's Camp Mary Mac.

### Upcoming YADA Events

**YADA D-Space** – YADA (Young Adults) gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. This month, we'll be discussing *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* by Robert Schnase

**YADA (Young Adults) are headed to Boordy Winery** – On Saturday, October 9th, meet at 11 a.m. with brunch in your stomach. We will be heading to Boordy Winery to taste wine, picnic outside, and frolic about. Please RSVP to Kristi Beckwith-Dane.



Rev. Moore leading a session on Jesus.

# Magical Mystical Musical Machine organ recital and demonstration series

## Free

## Fridays 12:15-1 pm

- October 1 - Andrew Senn, Philadelphia, PA
- October 8 - Eugene Lavery, New York, NY
- October 15 - David Brock, Reno, NV
- October 22 - Neil Weston, Falls Church, VA
- October 29 - Robert Bright, Washington, DC



# Highlights from the General Board Meeting

The General Board of National City Christian Church held a quarterly meeting on September 14 in Howland Center. Highlights include:

- A financial report from David Walker, finance chair, with a comparison of the 2010 budget with actual year-to-date figures through August (this report is on page 11 of the newsletter).
- A report by Barbara Boward and Lorraine Magnussen on the upcoming church rummage sale.
- A report by Teresa Swihart, chair of the Education Department – Sue Frost will be teaching the pre-school Sunday School class during the 8:30 a.m. service; the Cub Scout initiative is moving forward; and more than 40 members and former members and friends attended the church picnic in September.
- A report by the local trustees on requests and expenditures. This board has agreed to draw up to 5 percent of its funds and set aside all money earned from 2009 in anticipate of requests to supplement the church’s income.
- A report from the Board of Elders that the board will be in retreat on September 18.
- A report from Dr. Gentle on the New Beginnings sessions and how National City might focus its ministry and mission.

– Loretta Tate  
Moderator

## National City Rummage Sale on October 30 Making Way for New Beginnings

We are going to hold a church-wide rummage sale on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Atrium courtyard (at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street entrance). Our purpose is to clean out the clutter from the church from the Education Building and our own homes to make way for our New Beginnings plans.

All of us have excess clutter in our homes, clothes that don’t fit, objects that take up space and collect dust, and that lamp in the corner that would look better in someone else’s home. We are accepting luggage, handbags, furniture, lamps, children’s clothing and toys, men and women’s clothing, and other goods that are clean and in usable condition.

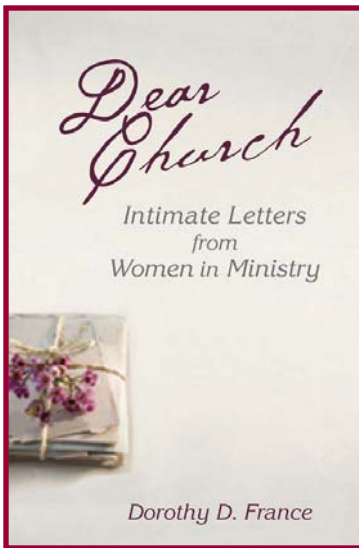
Our goal is to raise enough money to strengthen our various ministries that have been reduced due to the recession. We want to include everyone –

the children, YADA, Disciples Women/CWF, GLBT, choir, and staff for music, food, and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to continue to get to know each other as well as our neighbors.

If you can help in any way, there are many ways to help. Of course, we need people to help set up and sell. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, you are greatly appreciated. We also need help with publicity, organizing, and pricing. We are also looking for special talent to provide music, work with children, food, and other creative activities.

We all come to this with many talents. This is the time to share a part of yourself and help the church and our larger Christian mission. To volunteer contact Lorraine Magnussen, Barbara Boward, or Loretta Tate.

– Lorraine Magnussen  
Barbara Boward



**Recommended Reading:  
Letters From 35 Disciples  
Women Ministers**

“You’ve Got Mail.” Dorothy France’s collection of letters is both to National City and partially about National City. In *Dear Church*, thirty-five Disciples women ministers share the challenges and joys of being faithful to their calls to ministry.

Three women associated with National City have letters:

Janet Hellner Burris, Narka Ryan, and Virginia Taylor. Janet, a “Priscilla” of National City, remembers her basement play area when she was a child. “I created my own prayer center with a picture of Jesus. Before Jesus lay the open Bible which I was given by my home church, National City Christian Church.”

You will also enjoy reading about National City from Narka, a member of our congregation, and Virginia, a former minister of education during the ministries of Dr. Howland and Dr. Jackson.

“Dear Church/Intimate Letters from Women in Ministry” is available from Chalice Press. It may be ordered from (800) 366-3383.

– Peter Morgan

**Six Named to Be Delegates  
to the Regional Assembly on October 2**

Moderator Loretta Tate reported at the September board meeting that National City will have six delegates to the CCCA regional assembly on Saturday, October 2: Kristi Beckwith-Dane, Trevor Dane, Lorraine Magnusson, Kathleen Simpson, Kathleen Swihart, and Teresa Swihart. The regional assembly will focus on how to transform the region to better serve congregations. The day includes a business meeting, workshops, and a keynote address by Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The assembly will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Universities of Maryland at Shady Grove in Rockville, Maryland.



# October Birthdays

- 2 **C. William Nichols**
- Emily Strotman**
- 4 **David Hemingway**
- 5 **Barbara Boward**
- 6 **Leah Craig\***
- Diane Ives**
- 7 **Randa Kayali**
- 11 **Lucinda Klaphor**
- Taylor Tate \***
- 15 **Alex Jones**
- 16 **Mona Corneiro**
- 19 **Judith Bolton**
- 20 **Greg Howell**
- 21 **Teresa Swihart**
- 24 **Guy Gibbs**
- Bill Ryan**
- 25 **Betty Jones**
- Beverly Schacht**
- Wes Strotman**
- 27 **Jessica Kelley\***
- 28 **Roy Ross**
- 29 **Adelaide Madsen**
- LaFon Terrell**
- 31 **Miriam Gentle**
- Claudine Nichols**

**\*Indicates child or student**

# Foundation News . . .

It has been a challenging summer for the Foundation. Rev. Steven Moore has been working with commercial real estate brokers to list and lease any vacant space in the Beasley Building as well as negotiating with the Charter School that desired additional space in the Campbell Building.

The school requested the exclusive use of Wells Parlor, Miller Hall, Room 109, and the Christian Education storage closet/office. As a result of the negotiations, the Foundation has agreed to a 2.5-year lease with the school for the additional space at the current market rate for Charter Schools in DC.

In addition there is a proposal to lease the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor office suite (4 offices) as well as a vacant office space on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Beasley Building to a local non-profit. The brokers are now in negotiations with our current tenants to extend leases and also begin the process of bringing payments in line with the market.

The Foundation continues to experience severe financial stress. It is imperative that the Foundation limit the draw on the Endowment of 5% for 2011. The Foundation Board also recognizes that there is a lot of deferred maintenance which needs to be addressed.

Please keep the Foundation Board in your prayers as they seek to maintain and improve the witness that is National City Christian Church on Thomas Circle. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Gentle or Rev. Moore

## . . . And Updates

The Foundation of National City Christian Church met in Baltimore on Friday, September 24, for its autumn Board meeting. The primary objectives of the meeting: (1) to review and understand the financial condition of the Foundation and the congregation, (2) continue a visioning process for the NCCC Foundation Board as it relates to the congregation, and (3) begin to facilitate and implement structural change in Foundation governance as needed. Dr. Gentle shared with the Foundation Board the ongoing work of the visioning process by the congregation. Reports were received from the investment committee, finance committee, development committee, and facilities committee. A new audit committee was appointed and a conflict of interest policy was reviewed.

The National City Christian Church Foundation exists for the purpose of maintaining the financial and physical assets of National City Christian Church so that the congregation and/or ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) may pursue mission at 5 Thomas Circle. In order to accomplish this, the Foundation shall: preserve and grow the endowment; manage its facilities and property to maximize its use by tenants whose purposes are consistent with the values of the Foundation and its donors; and maintain the facilities in a manner that protects the Foundation's assets and honors perpetual care agreements.

**NCCC Congregation**  
**Financial Statement - As of August 31, 2010**  
**Comparison of Actual Year-to-Date *versus* 2010 Budget**  
(Budget as approved by Board on Jan 20, 2010)

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>2010 Budget Jan-August</b>	<b>2010 Actual Jan-August</b>	<b>Actual-Budget Difference</b>
Pledges and Gifts	543,200	362,133	347,525	(14,609)
Flower Income	7,000	4,667	2,810	(1,857)
Music Gifts			900	900
Food Pantry			2,100	2,100
Other Income (*)	21,000	14,000	15,876	1,876
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>571,200</b>	<b>380,800</b>	<b>369,210</b>	<b>(11,590)</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
Salaries and Benefits	456,000	304,000	298,811	(5,189)
YADA	1,500	1,000	0	(1,000)
Music	20,000	13,333	14,625	1,292
Flowers	5,000	3,333	2,692	(641)
Website	3,400	2,267	2,072	(195)
Accounting	15,000	10,000	5,598	(4,402)
Coffee Hour and Meals	5,000	3,333	3,365	32
Supplies, General	4,000	2,667	1,948	(719)
Worship Supplies	8,000	5,333	937	(4,397)
Food Pantry	8,000	5,333	4,369	(964)
Printing	10,000	6,667	6,515	(152)
Postage	5,000	3,333	0	(3,333)
Advertising	500	333	324	(9)
Telephone	15,000	10,000	10,383	383
Fees and Charges (Payroll)	5,000	3,333	2,780	(553)
Misc Expenses(**)	500	333	1,305	972
Interest(***)	3,500	2,333	2,230	(103)
Disciples Mission Fund	5,000	3,333	2,500	(833)
Reserve Fund	800	533	0	(533)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>571,200</b>	<b>380,800</b>	<b>360,454</b>	<b>(20,346)</b>
<b>NET DIFFERENCE</b>			<b>8,756</b>	<b>8,756</b>

(\*) "Other Income" includes: (i) money given to NCCC by the Regional Office for part of Rev. Mena's salary; and (ii) meal fees.

(\*\*) "Misc. Expenses" Includes dues of \$1,000 for Washington Interfaith Network (WIN).

(\*\*\*) The congregation has a loan from PNC bank for \$65,000. The annual interest expense is approximately \$3,500.

# Something Moore:

I'm glad to say I have completed my civic duty of serving on a grand jury for the DC Superior Court. It was a long 8 weeks (3 days a week) of hearing nearly 200 cases attempting to determine probable cause for indictment. Most of the cases my jury heard were related to unlawful possession of firearms, stolen vehicles, and drugs. I know more about street drugs than I ever wanted to know!

My eyes were certainly opened to the horrible affects of drugs on so many in our city. I heard of the addictive power of drugs and the means people will use to obtain their drugs. I heard testimony from many of our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe and secure.

Some days I found myself asking: "Where are you God?" In the midst of so much despair where people have to turn to a life of drugs and crime, it was difficult for me to see our God at work in our world and our city. I do believe that God walks alongside those who are addicts, loving them, grieving with them, and yearning for a better way. I believe God gets angry with our society and the systems we have created to prevent people from being the best they can be in our world. I believe God is with our law enforcement officers who do their best to treat us with respect. And I believe God is with those of us on the "outside" overwhelmed by a world unknown to so many of us, pushing and prodding us to practice the radical love and hospitality God offers to each of us.

Faithfully,  
– Steve Moore



## **2011 Stewardship Theme: "Our Hope for Years to Come"**

As we celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary it is also time to look ahead to our annual Stewardship Campaign: OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME! What are your hopes for National City Christian Church in 2011 and years to come? As we continue with our New Beginnings process and implementation, how will you say "yes" to God? Please put these important dates on your calendar:

### **October 24 and 31:**

Minute for Stewardship during worship

### **November 7:**

All Saints Day Celebration  
during worship

### **November 14:**

Commitment Sunday  
a special worship service is being planned

### **November 21:**

Thanksgiving Dinner and Celebration Sunday!

## **The Staff of National City Christian Church**

Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor  
Steven Moore, Associate Pastor  
Noemi Mena, Pastor, Hispanic Ministries  
Beverly Goines, Assistant Pastor  
Charles Miller, Minister of Music  
Morris Jackson, Building Superintendent  
Michael Dula, Maintenance Assistant  
Roy Hatton, Maintenance Assistant  
Janice Glover, Housekeeping  
Sana Kifafi, Children's Ministry  
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