

ANNUAL REPORT

or

Salem United

Presbyterian Church

of

VENEDOCIA, OHIO 45894

from

January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

PASTOR — REV. GEORGE W. WITMER

Jan. 1 to May 31, 1973

INTERIM PASTOR — REV. VON E. GIESSLER

June 1 to Dec. 31, 1973

During the last seven months of 1973 it has been my privilege to share with you some of the mysteries and splendors of God's grace and love from His Word.

My feeling has been much like that of the apostle Paul as he wrote to the church at Corinth: "And I, brethren when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:1-2).

I have appreciated the opportunity of sharing with you, the wonderful warm reception and expressions of Christian love shown me and my family.

We join with you in praising God for answered prayer. The people at Salem have been praying and it is evidenced by the faithful financial support and the increasing attendance. These are two means of measuring devotion and prayer life of the congregation, and another, and the most important is the witness of the Holy Spirit among believers. Each of these have been obvious and we praise God for it.

1973 is past—it is history; those opportunities and privileges afforded us to serve Him are now memories. On that period of time we can only reflect and, if wisely done, learn how we can better serve God in these days.

1974 will also bring opportunities and privileges, and with them awesome obligations and responsibilities. By our personal consecration and the leading of the Blessed Holy Spirit the local church shall be strengthened, and the community brought closer to the Kingdom of God.

Such personal dedication to the cause of Christ (not to a local church) replaces selfish motives, ideas, opinions and actions with a desire to glorify Him by the presence of the Holy Spirit leading our lives. Such dedication belongs not to the pastor alone but also to the leadership of the local church by exemplified living. When leaders are led of God's Spirit the rest of the body of Christ will willingly follow and together bring praise to Him. It is then that God will richly pour out such blessings upon the congregation that they will scarcely be able to receive it. But when the opposite occurs, when leaders look for positions of authority and honor, it is no longer His work but man's and is destined to utter failure and chaos.

It is my prayer that each individual, leader and follower, will allow themselves to be hidden completely in the Spirit of Christ. Also, that God will bless your life and that your life will be a blessing to each with whom you associate.

Yours in HIS service,

VON E. GIESSLER

Interim pastor

STATISTICAL REPORT

SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Rev. George W. Witmer
Jan. 1 to May 31, 1973

Interim Pastor Rev. Von Giessler
June 1 to Dec. 31, 1973

Elders:

Robert Bolton, Delbert Dolbey,
and Edgar L. Morgan Class of 1973

Elliot Jones, Stanley Roberts
and Tom Jones Class of 1974

Daniel Foster, Bebb Jones
and Reese Morris Class of 1975

Officers:

Clerk of Session and Vice Moderator Robert Bolton

Financial Secretary Mrs. Florence Jones

Treasurer Everett Koenig

Organist Mrs. Daniel Foster

Chorister Bebb Jones

Handbell Choir Director Mrs. Bebb Jones

Head Usher Larry Eustler

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Communicants Jan. 1, 1973 252

Received by Confession of Faith 3

Return to Active Roll 1

Total 256

Transfer by Letter 3

Deaths 3

Total Communicant Members Jan. 1, 1974 250

BAPTISMS

James Jay Evans	Christopher Darrin Bragg
Lori Lynn Williams	April Lynn Decker
Jon William Friesner	Angela Louise Snyder

IN MEMORIAM

William B. Evans	Feb. 9, 1973
William T. Davies	Oct. 28, 1973
Mrs. Gladys Pugh	Dec. 5, 1973

WEDDINGS

September 8, 1973

Alice Jean Bolton .

Perry M. Hux

Minister: Rev. Dale Dickey

November 4, 1973

Linda M. Thatcher

Dennis M. Weaver

Minister: Rev. Von Giessler

November 10, 1973

Linda Lee Hawk

Ronald D. Richards

Minister: Rev. Joe and Emma Richards

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Bolton,

Clerk of Session

Audited Jan. 10, 1974 and found correct.

David I. Van Eman

Vaughn Morgan

FINANCIAL REPORT**SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Venedocia, Ohio

January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

CURRENT FUND**Receipts:**

Balance on Hand January 1, 1973	\$ 419.65
Envelope Offering	11,341.74
Plate Offering	2,764.38
Per Capita Envelope Offering	516.38
Lincolnview Bible Teacher Offering	201.94
Ministers Retirement Fund Offering	117.93
Deposited by Trustees from	
D. S. Owens Estate	2,000.00
Interest Money received	215.32

Total Balance and Receipts	<u>\$17,577.34</u>
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Disbursements:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 2,625.00
Pastor's Pension	834.75
Pastor's Transportation	210.00
Pastor's Convocation	39.25
Pulpit Supply	1,241.46
Rev. Martin Griffith, Moderator	7.40
Organist and Assistants	520.00
Chorister	210.00
Janitor	1,080.00
Janitor Supplies	71.65
Printing Bulletins	150.00
Financial Secretary	150.00
Treasurer	100.00
Clerk of Session	75.00
Insurance on Bells	57.00
Postmaster	67.40
A.D.	113.75
These Days	18.00

Office Supplies	476.19
Telephone	142.60
Electricity	448.00
Coal	979.50
Insurance	585.00
Central Soft Water Service	117.00
Maumee Presbytery (Per Capita)	821.52
Flowers	30.00
Rockford Press	34.75
Lincolnview Bible Teacher	201.94
Taxes	134.92
Paul Price—Mower Rent and Mowing Pars. Lawn	50.00
General Labor and Supplies—	
Manse	58.01
Church	281.52
Wm. Burnett (Labor and Material)	96.75
Burger & Shafer Organ Co.	75.00
Post Office Box Rent	2.40
Fuel Oil for Manse	71.34
Rev. George Witmer Gift	100.00
Ministers Retirement Fund	117.93
Commercial Bank (Interest on note)	285.53
Commercial Bank (Payment on note in full)	3,000.00
Transferred to Improvement Fund	880.98
Total Expenditures	\$16,547.54
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 1,029.80

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Receipts:

Envelope Offering	\$ 2,045.00
Great Hour of Sharing	104.35
Thanksgiving Offering	41.20
Total Receipts	\$ 2,190.55

Disbursements:

Central Receiving Agency	\$ 1,986.20
Great Hour of Sharing	104.35
American Bible Society	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,190.55
Balance on Hand January 1, 1974	\$ 00.00

IMPROVEMENT FUND

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 145.89
Envelope Receipts	1,410.00
Received from Field Science Day Project	2,918.63
Transferred from General Fund	880.98
Total Receipts	\$ 5,355.50

Disbursements:

Interest on Loan	\$ 173.72
Field Science Day Supplies	1,681.78
Payment on Loan	3,500.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,355.50
Balance on Hand January 1, 1974	\$ 00.00
Loan paid in full.	

Respectfully Submitted,
Florence Jones
Financial Secretary

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.

David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1973

Members of the Board:

Haydn Williams—Vice Chairman

Dennis Van Eman—Secretary

Edward Jones, Emmett Jones, T. Ellis Jones,

Donald Fissel, Larry Profit and John C. Lloyd

Memorial Fund

Horeb Memorial	\$ 800.00
Thomas E. Jones	100.00
Venedocia Male Chorus	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Breese	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morris	500.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jones	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pugh	50.00
Welsh Board of Missions	400.00
Mr. and Mrs. Evan S. Jones	400.00
Hugh and Bertha Pugh	90.00
David O. Davis	500.00
Mrs. J. Brough Jones	
Mrs. Elanore Jones	
Mrs. Lillian Jones Moore	100.00
Howell A. Jones	5.00
J. Ambrose Breese	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan	300.00
Miss Abisha Morgan	100.00
Miss M. Leah Morgan	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Morris	250.00
Mr. Fred Taylor	200.00
Mr. John J. Morris	150.00
Gwen and John Edgar Morgan	17.00
Mr. and Mrs. David H. Edwards	10.00
Dwight and Mary D. Williams	10.00
Salem Trustees	30.00
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	\$ 4,537.00

Distribution of Memorial Fund Monies

Certificate of Deposit,	
Van Wert National Bank	\$ 3,500.00
Investors Mutual Inc., Lima, Ohio	1,000.00
Savings Account—Van Wert National	27.00
Cash on hand	10.00
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	\$ 4,537.00

Interest Earned on Memorial Fund Monies

Investors Mutual Inc., Lima, Ohio	
Original stock purchased Jan. 6, 1960	87.184
Total shares owned Sept. 30, 1973	119.388
Total dividends earned Jan. 1, 1973	
through Sept. 28, 1973	\$ 53.73
Disbursed to Church Treasurer	\$ 53.73
Interest earned on Certificate of Deposit	\$ 204.16
Disbursed to Church Treasurer	\$ 204.16
Savings Account:	
Deposits	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 7.00
Memorial Gifts Jan. 1973 through Dec. 1973 ..	20.00
Bequest of D. S. Owens Estate	3,000.00
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	\$ 3,027.00
Interest earned during the year	43.26
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Total Receipts	\$ 3,070.26

Withdrawals

Paid on Improvement Fund—	
Commercial Bank	\$ 2,000.00
Interest disbursed to church Treasurer	43.02
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	\$ 2,043.02
Total Receipts	\$ 3,070.26
Total Disbursements	2,043.02
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 1,027.24

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Van Eman
Secretary

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.

David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan

SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1974

Pastoral and Ecclesiastical:

Minister's Salary	\$ 5,250.00
Pension	945.00
Auto Allowance	420.00
Pulpit Supply	300.00
Organist's Salary	520.00
Chorister	234.00
Janitor's Salary	1,080.00
Janitor's Supplies	200.00
Financial Secretary	150.00
Treasurer	100.00
Clerk of Session	75.00
Bulletin Service	150.00
A. D. Subscriptions	150.00
Youth Conference	50.00
Organ Maintenance	150.00
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	\$ 9,774.00

Benevolence:

General Assembly (43%)	\$ 946.00
Synod Mission Causes (18%)	396.00
M.V. Presbytery Missions (39%)	858.00
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	\$ 2,200.00

Assessments:

General Assembly	\$ 1.07
Synod80
Presbytery	1.60
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	\$ 3.47
Allowed for 252 members	\$ 874.44

Operations:

Utilities:

Coal	\$ 1,000.00
Electricity	540.00
Insurance	650.00
Telephone	100.00
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	\$ 2,290.00

Miscellaneous:

Church Office Supplies	\$ 600.00
Taxes	160.00
Flowers	50.00
Music	25.00
Emergency Allocations	5,000.00
Manse Improvements	2,000.00
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	\$ 7,835.00

TOTAL BUDGET:

Current Expenses	\$20,773.11
Benevolence	2,200.00
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	\$22,973.44

**TREASURER'S REPORT
SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School

Superintendent	Paul Price
Treasurer	John R. Lloyd
Secretary	Mrs. Emma Jean Thatcher
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Betty Lloyd
Junior Superintendent	Mrs. Mary Ellen Lloyd
Assistant Junior Superintendent	Mrs. Eloise Evans
Chorister	Mrs. Bartie Jones
Pianist	Miss Marla Davis

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 869.42
Sunday Collections	861.98
Gideon Society Collection	18.40
UNICEF Collections	53.00
Bible School Collection	42.00
Interest on Savings Account	20.82
Total Receipts	\$ 1,865.62

Expenditures:

Gideon Society	\$ 18.40
Board of Christian Education	106.21
Christian Women United (UNICEF Collections)	53.00
Gospel Gift Shop	477.16
Penny Burnett Fund	300.00
Bible School Collection to Penny Burnett Fund	42.00
Christmas Trees	8.00
McCoys Flower Shop (Mother's Day)	8.00
Village Market	18.66
Needy Family in Van Wert Co.	30.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,061.43

Balance on Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 804.19
On Deposit in Savings Account at Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio	\$ 738.11
In Checking Account at Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio	66.08
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Average Sunday School Attendance of
all classes for the year 1973 68

John R. Lloyd
Treasurer

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.
David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan

1973 WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President	Carol Foster
Vice President	Mildred Morris
Secretary	Ruth J. Morris
Treasurer	Loretta Williams

Circle Leaders:

Martha (Morning)	Bartie Jones
Ruth (Afternoon)	Marcile Lare
Lydia (Evening)	Maxine Morgan

Coordinators:

Interpretation	Margaret Morris
Studies	Arlene Morris
Involvement	Marvel Lloyd
Nominating Committee Chairman	Evelyn Dolbey
Finance Committee Chairman	Ruby Jones
United Church Women—Key Woman	Evelyn Dolbey
Chorister	Doris Price
Pianist	Minnie Jones

WOMEN'S ASSOC. TREASURER'S REPORT 1973

Loretta Williams, Treasurer

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 147.51
Martha Circle Offerings	96.90
Lydia Circle Offerings	81.90
Ruth Circle Offerings	118.36
Study Books	4.00
Association Offerings	14.10
Morris Sale	115.20
Jones Sale	171.21
St. David's Banquet	287.23
Apron Donations	277.77
Stationery	37.50
Silent Auctions	33.55
Donations	2.00
Summer Medical Offering	33.00
Least Coin Offering	7.10
Thank Offering	121.85

Total Balance Plus Receipts \$ 1,549.10

WESTMINSTER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

REPORT FOR 1973

Disbursements:

Groceries and Supplies	\$ 264.32
Cash for Sales	40.00
Maumee Presbytery	485.00
Contingent Dues	14.50
National Dues	24.00
Thank Offering	121.85
Summer Medical	33.00
Least Coin	7.09
Flowers	17.10
Program Material	39.30
Sewing	35.34
Church Women United	15.00
Speakers	50.00
Salem Church	100.00

Total Disbursements	\$ 1,246.50
Total Receipts	\$ 1,549.18
Less Total Disbursements	1,246.50
Balance in Checking Account Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 302.68

Savings Account: Van Wert Federal Savings and Loan

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 157.01
Interest June 30, 1973	3.73
Interest December 31, 1973	4.02
Total Savings Account Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 164.76

Field Science Day Report

Receipts	\$ 2,918.63
Expenses	1,691.70
Net Profit	\$ 1,236.85

Note: All \$1236.85 sent to the Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio as Payment on original Improvement Loan.
Signed Florence Jones, Financial Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loretta Williams
Treasurer

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.
David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1973	\$ 138.56
Pop Money	29.25
Easter Breakfast Donation	110.70
Donation (Paul W. Purmort)	35.00
Donations: Hayride and Weiner Roast	15.91
Total Balance Plus Receipts	\$ 329.42

Disbursements:

Village Market—Supplies	\$ 92.77
Van Wert Book Store	2.02
Pangles Market—Supplies	31.16
Kenneth Conrad (Guest Minister)	20.00
Penny Burnett (Kidney Fund)	57.00
Mrs. Latimer Breese (Easter Breakfast)	8.95
Butlers Bakery	7.08
Showalter Sporting Goods	17.50
Jerry Koenig (Cider)	3.40
Anne Morris (Meat)	6.00
Mac's Delicatessen	17.10

Total Disbursements	\$ 262.98
Balance on hand January 1, 1974	\$ 66.44

Jill Carole Lloyd, Secretary

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.

David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

1973

Balance on hand January 1, 1973	\$ 187.79
Receipts:	
Donation: Bebb Jones	10.00
Sale of Gymanfa Hymnals	2.00
Donation: 125th Anniversary Committee	200.00
Total Balance and Receipts	\$ 390.70

Disbursements:

Zender-Kohn Music Store	\$ 10.61
Francis Evans Christmas Decorations	8.17
Joyce Profit Christmas Decorations	8.75
Mary Ries Christmas Decorations	15.00
Van Wert Gospel Gift Shop	6.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 48.53
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 351.26

Joyce Profit, Sec-Treas.

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.

David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan**HANDBELL FUNDS 1973 REPORT**

Checking account balance Jan. 1, 1973	\$ 141.34
One deposit for sale of projector	30.00
Transferred to savings account	\$ 171.34
Interest earned during year	5.39
Total remaining in savings account	\$ 130.39
Total remaining in checking account	46.34
Total amounts in Handbell funds,	
Dec. 31, 1973	\$ 176.73

Respectfully Submitted,

Bartie Jones

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.

David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan**125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
THE SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH****Receipts:**

Gifts	\$ 640.00
Plate Sales	460.00
Book Sales	179.00
Returned Change	20.00
Returned Check	15.00
Collections	622.92
Buffet Supper Profit	125.80
Total Receipts	\$ 2,092.72

Disbursements:

Feigert Fotos	\$ 6.27
Longmeier Printing	185.50
Change	20.00
Lois Bassett (Postage)	4.00
Speakers and Musicians	585.00
Music Committee (Joyce Profit)	200.00
Richard Learned (Speakers)	20.00
Plates, Stationery and Postage	335.65
Becky Zirkle (Programs)	20.00
Stanley Roberts (Basement Display)	12.00
Foster's Flowers	20.40
Reginald Clifton (Piano Tuning)	15.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,423.82
Total Receipts	\$ 2,092.72
Total Disbursements	1,423.82

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1974

\$ 668.90

Dennis Van Eman, Treasurer

Audited 1/10/74 and found correct.

David I. Van Eman
Vaughn Morgan

SALEM CONTRIBUTORS

Current Benv. Impr.

Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Ashton, Mr. Charles

Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Bassett, Mr. Thomas Joe

Bassett, Miss Linda

Beerman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert ..

Boley, Mrs. Dixie Evans

Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Bolton, Miss Janice

Bolton, Mr. Stephen

Bolton, Miss Christena

Boroff, Mr. and Mrs. Charles ...

Boroff, Mr. Stephen

Boroff, Miss Joy Lynn

Bragg, Mrs. Clifford

Breese, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alford

Breese, Mr. I. N.

Brown, Mrs. Ralph

Coil, Mrs. John

Coil, Mr. Barry

Davis, Mr. Alfred

Davis, Mrs. A. E.

Davis, Mrs. Mary

Davis, Mr. Gregory

Davis, Miss Sharon

Davis, Miss Marla

Davis, Mr. Mark

Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Reese

Davis, Mr. W. T.

DeCamp, Mrs. Nancy Sells

Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Eugene

Diss, Mr. T. Dewey

Dolbey, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert ...

Dolbey, Mr. Gary

Eutsler, Mr. and Mrs. William ..

Eutsler, Mr. Larry

Eutsler, Mr. Rodney

Eutsler, Miss Rosemary

Evans, Mrs. Daniel J.

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David Elgar

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harries

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David Hugh

Evans, Mr. Thomas

Evans, Miss Claudia A.

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene

Evans, Mr. Owen

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin ..

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David John

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. William R.

Evans, Mr. William R. Jr.

Evans, Miss Diane

Evans, William and Nancy

Evans, Mrs. Nellie

Evans, Mrs. Ona

Fissel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald

Fissel, Miss Ann Louise

Fissel, Mr. Brent

Fisher, Mrs. Linda Coil

Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Orbie

Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel

Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn

Foster, Mr. Eric

Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Jack F.

Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Jack G.

Fox, Mr. Larry Joe and Mrs.

Fox, Mr. Billy D.

Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne ...

Gamble, Miss Monica

George, Mr. M. N.

George, Miss Mary

George, Miss Dorothy

Girod, Mrs. Daryl

Gorman, Mrs. Ruth

Haines, Mrs. Robert

Hoadley, Mrs. Deanna

Hunziker, Mrs. Janice

Hux, Mrs. Perry (Bolton)

Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Layton

Jones, Miss Anna Mary

Price, Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Price, Mr. Paul Brent

Price, Mr. Douglas

Price, Mr. Timothy

Price, Mr. Eric Alan

Profit, Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. John Owen

Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Owen

Pugh, Mr. Owen Lloyd

Pugh, Miss Kathy

Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon D.

Rauch, Mr. R. P.

Ree, Mr. Clarence

Rees, Mrs. Evelyn

Rees, Mr. Haydn

Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Howard

Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Donald ..

Richards, Mr. Ronald

Richards, Miss Sandra

Richards, Mr. Randall

Richards, Miss Mary Joe

Richardson, Mr. Tim

Richardson, Mr. Rick E.

Roberts, Mr. Stanley

Snyder, Mrs. Linda Fox

Summersett, Mrs. Shirley Beerman

Taylor, Mrs. Delilah

Taylor, Mrs. Melvia

Thatcher, Mrs. Stanley

Thatcher, Miss Linda

Uhl, Mr. Henry

Van Eman, Mr. and Mrs. David

Van Eman, Mr. Dennis

Van Eman, Mr. Steven

Van Eman, Mr. David S.

Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth

Waltz, Mr. Richard

Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward

Williams, Mrs. Griffith

Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn ..

Williams, Mr. Joe

Williams, Mrs. Robert

Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell

Zirkle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Zirkle, Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Missions

Women's Association

No Name

Backensto, Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Giessler, Rev. Von

Etzler, Mrs. LaDonna Linton