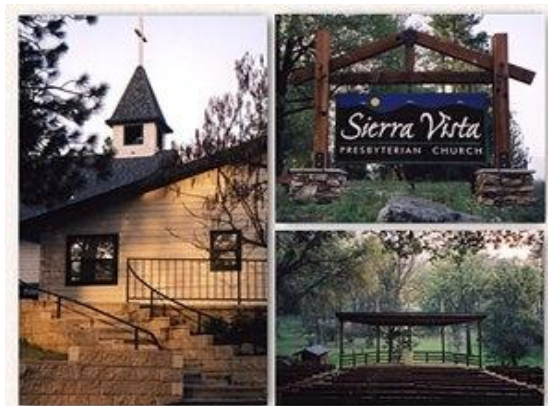


## Pastor's Annual Report by Rick Lemberg



This past year seems like a blur to me. I am a little concerned that the pace of my life is picking up and most everything can seem like a blur. My goal for this next year...simplify!

I continue to enjoy being your pastor. This is a great place to be. Sierra Vista is filled with wonderful people and faithful Christians. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with you.

There are several things I need to mention from this last year. Things I wish to highlight:

First, Our staff is a great staff. We have wonderful people working here and it is my privilege to get to work with them each day. Amy Smith's death earlier this year was difficult for all of us, but that is particularly true for our staff. Most of us had a special relationship with Amy. We will miss her. Her death left a big hole in

our office.

But you stepped up and helped. I want to give special thanks to all the women who helped by volunteering in our office to cover Amy's job. Sara Robison took the lead and got volunteers lined up and as a result, our work went on. I appreciate Sara stepping in and getting that set up. I need to give particular thanks to Nancy Iden as well. She just showed up the Monday after Amy's death and said "I am here to help." She came faithfully over the next several months, and in fact, she is still volunteering in the office. (I should also mention that most of the time she brings cookies for us!). Thanks to all of you who helped.

The Personnel Team and The Session eventually hired Ginger Allen to work in our office. Ginger has been a terrific

addition to our staff. She is competent, hard working, great with people and fun! Her job is a little different than Amy's was, as she is charged to improve our communication. Ginger brought us into the computer age. Please check out of Website and/or Facebook as there is much information there. She keeps that up to date and it is a great place to discover what is happening at Sierra Vista. Ginger is also working with our Ministry Teams and helping pass communication back and forth to the Session. I am grateful that Ginger is a part of our staff.

Second, as most of you know by now, our denomination (actually the presbyteries within our denomination) voted to change the constitution of the church. As a result of this vote, the standards for ordination (the requirements for ordaining Pastors, Elders and Deacons) was changed. It is now totally up to each presbytery and congregation to determine who is fit to be an officer of their church. On the one hand this seems like a good thing, for it allows each church to set the standards and choose who they believe is faithful to Christ. On the other hand, it is

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### Annual Congregational Meeting June 19, 2011

10:45 am

Officer Names placed in nomination:

- ◆ Elder Class of 2014: Sophia Ewert (2nd), Karen Fruth
- ◆ Deacon Class of 2014: Adrienne Artus, Rick & Connie Sue Badgett, Dave & Barb Detmer, Antionetta Haggard, Eldine Stillman (2nd)
- ◆ Members at Large (Nominating Committee): Dennis Creighton, Joyce (Green) Dineley, Linda Maddox, John Thor



*Rick and Kathy Lemberg*

***“Our Session has decided that we will keep the standards that were in place prior to 2011.”***



*Thom Guthrie*

## Pastor’s Annual Report con’t.

clear that some presbyteries and some churches will interpret the Scriptures much differently than we do. The concern is primarily in regard to the ordination of gays.

Our Session has decided that we will keep the standards that were in place prior to 2011. One of our standards will continue to be that those seeking ordination should live a life of fidelity within the covenant of marriage (between a man and a woman) or chastity in singleness. Since our church now has the right to set this standard, we can assure you that nothing has or will change here at Sierra Vista in this regard.

This has been a disturbing time for many of us. Our Session is concerned about our denomination. We have begun to discuss within our presbytery and with other churches and presbyteries, what our appropriate response should be. We ask your patience and prayers. We are committed to not making any quick decisions, but rather take our time and move in concert with like minded churches and presbyteries. We will keep you informed.

Third, with the downswing in the economy continuing, we have felt the results here at Sierra Vista. Our church budget in 2008 was \$752,864. Our budget for the next year will be \$574,250. That is a decrease over the last several years of \$178,596. Let me share with you how we have handled that reduction.

a) we have reduced our staff and our benefits to our staff, b) we have cut back the monies we spend on our programs, and 3) we have worked to keep our utility costs down (ex. Both services worshipping outdoors help cut our air conditioning costs), 4) we have not increased the funding of many of our ministries, and 5) we have used monies from our savings.

I want to thank you who faithfully give to Sierra Vista. You are a great source of encouragement to me and the staff. Many of us have had furlough days, our hours cut or maybe even we lost our jobs. We understand that for many of you, you can’t raise the amount you are giving. We understand that and don’t want to put you in a financial bind. The Session will work hard to keep expenses in line. It is our hope that you are tithing. If you are not, please consider increasing your offerings to the church. We have a couple of really pretty exciting plans for the future, but for the moment they are on hold.

Lastly I want to thank two wonderful volunteers: Thom Guthrie and Tom Morris. Thom came to me and said he was willing to help me. He is a seminary graduate and has been a pastor in several churches. So I asked him to visit some of our elderly folks, He has done an outstanding job. He visits in homes, hospitals, retirement living centers and nursing homes. He works three afternoons a week to help provide care for

those in need in our congregation. I appreciate his work and he has been a huge blessing to us. Tom Morris came to work with us for 3 months in 2009. He and Ellen have come back for another 3 months this summer. He too comes to volunteer his expertise in administration. He is working with our Session, staff and Ministry Teams to help us get better organized and on task. He came here from North Carolina at his own expense to help us. Please take some time and thank both of these fellows and their wives. They are making a great contribution to our church.

Once again let me thank you for the privilege of being your pastor. You have invited Kathy and I into your church, your homes and your lives. We both have been greatly enriched by you. May the blessings of our Lord Jesus flow upon you this year.



***Tom & Ellen Morris arrive just in time for AFS: The Royal Wedding***

## And now a word from your Invisible Pastor by Paul DePledge

Being a pastor is an interesting vocation. In his recent memoir "The Pastor", Eugene Peterson remarked that when the call is answered, the prospective pastor takes up a vocation in which they are often "invisible six days a week and incomprehensible on the seventh" (p. 272). That is, as Peterson puts it, because "the only time most of the people in our congregations see us at work is when we are leading worship on Sundays" (pp. 273-274).

Well, I hope that I am not that invisible. For the last 14 years, I have been your associate pastor and I love serving our church, even if much of what I do is behind-the-scenes. As we mark off another year of ministry together, I am reminded of the many

ways our lives interconnect. I am grateful for the opportunity of blessing weddings, conducting funerals, visiting the sick and homebound, praying with the broken-hearted, and preaching the good news. Most of this activity goes unnoticed but it is also the important work of the church.

I am also grateful for the overwhelming sense of calm and prayerful hope that has characterized all of our church leadership during this season of discernment with our denomination. In "Church Dogmatics," Swiss theologian Karl Barth once said "The Church permanently finds itself in an emergency!" (CD 1.1, 76-77) As the body of Christ, crisis is nothing new and we are to engage in it courageously and humbly. Barth goes on to say, "there is no more urgent task

for a Church under assault from without than that of consolidating itself within, which means doing theological work!" (CD 1.1 p. 77)

Although this is a challenging time for our church, I also feel it is a unique opportunity for our church leadership. Any time a church has a chance to re-declare what it believes, who it is and where it is going --that is a good thing! It is my hope that for our church, this will be a clarifying, galvanizing moment for us as a congregation. My prayer is that Sierra Vista will continue to be a faithful presence in the mountain community, staying rooted and grounded in Scripture and centered in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Thanks for allowing me to be one of your pastors!

Grace and Truth,

Pastor Paul



Paul De Pledge all dressed up for commenting on AFS: The Royal Wedding

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## Building and Grounds

Ralph Lucas, Team Leader

The church buildings and grounds continue to be kept in great condition by the many faithful servants of Sierra Vista.

Property Manager Al Lewis's oversight of maintenance and repair issues has ensured that things are taken care of in an efficient and timely manner. The result is that Sierra Vista Church is a beautiful place to worship our Lord as well as a place that hosts numerous groups and activities that benefit our community.

### MAINTENANCE REVIEW

Our buildings are aging well and with the great work of our custo-

dians Rudy Encinas and Jim Burgess we have been able to stay within budget for our maintenance costs while keeping the buildings in great condition. Rudy and Jim often go beyond their job descriptions to repair problems at great savings to Sierra Vista. Our utilities usage remains close to previous years and although price increases have occurred we have remained diligent in keeping within our budget. This has been a result of good work by our church staff, the security team and education of groups using our buildings.

### PROJECTS COMPLETED

The church office was remodeled

and updated for more efficient use of work space and to provide a work area for staff and volunteers. Along with the office remodel the children's nursery was relocated to Promiseland which then provided office space for the Youth, Worship and Children's ministry directors. A big thanks to Dave Detmer for heading up this project and to those who helped him bring this about. Because of all the time and effort so many people contribute to Sierra Vista it continues to be a beautiful gathering place. I've said it before (many times), without your help the work would not get done. I am thankful for your willingness to serve and grateful to work alongside you all !



Lupine covering the grounds earlier this year

## Children's Ministry

by Ann Hamel, Director



*Kingdom Crew Art Program produced many different types of art forms and hosted an art show and silent auction.*

Greeting from the Children's Ministry Team. We feel so privileged to help support and serve the many ministries and programs that affect the children and families at Sierra Vista.

This past year has been an exciting one. I have now been serving at Sierra Vista in this position for just over a year, and I feel very blessed by the opportunity that I have been given to get to know the children of this church. My life has been very enriched by the time I have spent with your children. I have learned so much.

We have had some exciting new programs start up in the past year. We bid farewell to our AWANA program and welcomed Kingdom Crew. In the fall, our Kingdom Crew kids met once a week to practice for the Christmas musical that many of you witnessed in

December. We also took that time to learn about God, play together, and have some mid-week fun. This spring Kingdom Crew took part in our first weekly art program. What a success! The children did a wonderful job in learning, practicing and perfecting many different art forms. In May the children put on an art show and silent auction to raise money to donate to Heifer International. They raised over 800.00 dollars!

We are looking forward to the summer VBS program taking place in July as well as the return of Kingdom Crew in the fall. As a team we are looking at ways to take our ministry outside of the church and into the community more and more.

We are ever thankful to the wonderful, dedicated volunteers that have helped with summer programs, Kingdom

Crew and Sunday School. Thank you so much! We couldn't do it with out you!

Even with the help of our regular volunteers we have a very real need for more help. We are searching and praying for others in our congregations that are wanting to serve God through serving His children. If you feel a call or nudge to work with the children of our church, we have a place for you. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to get to know the younger members of our church family. We cannot do the work God has called us to without many hearts and hands working with us.

Please pray that God will show us the right steps to take, provide us with the right people, and lead us to the places to go in order to advance His kingdom and reach His children.

*"As a team we are looking at ways to take our ministry outside of the church and into the community more and more."*



*Corbin Jasper shows off his basket of eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt*



*Olivia & Emma Hagen excited with the shiny eggs they found*



*Quilt made by the children with the help of Teri Lucas, Eldine Stillman, Barbara Detmer, Robin Kessler, Nancy Mason*



*Cindy Presho attending Kingdom Crew's Art Show and Auction*

# Community Outreach

by Joan Yeatts, Team Leader

Although the news continues to report that our recession is over and the economy is on the way up, I must admit I see very little sign of it in our mountain community. Therefore as I look back over the past year, it is especially gratifying to see that you, as members of Sierra Vista and the body of Christ, have continued to support our community.

The emphasis in this our third

year of ministry was primarily focused on assisting the homeless and poor. As gas prices continued to soar, Jubilee funds were used to fill tanks so that members of our community could get to doctor appointments and job interviews. Basic needs such as groceries and electricity were met.

Thanks in part to the support of Sierra Vista, Manna House will be moving into its new

facility this summer.

This past winter, Sierra Vista was one of the churches that participated in a new community ministry of providing food and shelter to the homeless during inclement weather.

Earlier this year, team members toured a hostel to gather first hand information to better address Session's request that we consider running a

hostel locally. We are praying about the possibility, as the Lord wills, of using a hostel to house the homeless during the winter and putting the unemployed to work in the summer.

None of this would be possible without your generous support of time, money, and prayers. Thank you so much to all of you; may God richly bless you for it. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

# Membership

by Ronna Hendrickson, Team Leader

Two Core Values that are at the very center of our life together at Sierra Vista are GRACE and COMMUNITY. It is the heart's desire of this ministry team to have our church family commit themselves to being gracious to others and a welcoming people. Giving particular attention to any who may feel awkward in our midst, specifically those of a different race, economic level, single, divorced or those who are just new. When we join the Church we join Christ's family and see each other as brothers and sisters. We commit to care for each other, reach across generations, caring for those of all ages, and understand that we all have a role to play in the spiritual development of one another. Thank you to all those who lovingly make the commitment of being an active part of Christ's body.

*During the past year we had 17 attenders of our Come & See Membership Classes join our Sierra Vista family. Please take the time to get acquainted with these new members. If you don't already know who they are you can find their photos dis-*

*played on the Community Bulletin Board located in the hallway. This bulletin board is continuously updated to reflect how our church family is actively reaching out and serving others in the community. Photos of our church Staff, Session and Deacon Boards are also displayed on a bulletin board in the hallway. Get to know them and feel free to contact them if you have a special need, concern, or question in their area of ministry.*

Looking ahead to next year, if you are considering joining Sierra Vista we invite you to attend one of our Come & See Membership Classes. Our next class will be offered in the fall. For sign-ups, look for notices and future class dates in the Sunday bulletin and the "Tell It On The Mountain" newsletter.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to those who took leadership roles in my area of ministry:

**Greeters:** Janet Mattison  
**Welcomers:** Carolyn Croker  
**Name Tag Sunday:** Ber-

niece Miller/Judy Gleason  
**Membership Class Sign-ups:** Jackie Begg  
**Attendance:** Waunita Montgomery/Evelyn Thor

I am truly blessed to serve this congregation as Membership Team Leader and I look forward with great anticipation to see what God will accomplish at Sierra Vista in the coming year.

### In Memorium

These dear members went to be with the Lord in the past year: Marge Abert, Del Bireline, Jackie Christensen, Virginia Hopkins, Doane Myers, Amy Smith, Ed Soar, Bert Strain

*"We commit to care for each other, reach across generations, caring for those of all ages, and understand that we all have a role to play in the spiritual development of one another."*

### *Maudy Thursday Service*



## Missions

by Lana Jackson, Team Leader



*Melody Wachsmuth left as a missionary to the Balkans for 2 years with the US Center for World Missions. She resides in Croatia but will be traveling throughout the region.*

***“Thank you Sierra Vista for having a heart after HIS!”***

### Because You Gave in 2010 -2011...

SVPC was able to give to our Jerusalem, Oakhurst, \$10,200. These ministries included Calvin Crest and ministries under Community Outreach (Helping Hands, Jubilee Fund, and Manna House).

### Because You Gave in 2010 -2011...

SVPC was able to give to our Judea, the region surrounding Oakhurst, \$30,700. These ministries included Bakersfield Hispanic NCD (New Church Development), Corcoran Hispanic Ministry, FIRM, Intersity Christian Fellowship – Fresno State, LifeSpring NCD, Lindsay/Terra Bella, Madera Rescue Mission, Jim Adair (Madera Jail Chaplain) and Rob Carter (JARON Ministries).

### Because You Gave in 2010 -2011...

SVPC was able to give to our Samaria, the adjoining region, \$12,100. These ministries

included Emmanuel Orphanage, Intersity Christian Fellowship – Mike Karim, and Spectrum Ministries.

### Because You Gave in 2010 -2011...

SVPC was able to give to the ends of the earth, or global missions, \$19,600. These ministries included Bob & Jan Blincoe (Frontiers – US Director), Bill & Donna Davis (New Tribes – Philippines), Jason & Erin Gilbert (Pioneers – Kyrgyzstan), Becky Neufeld (Leadership Development – China), Witnessing Ministries (Philip & Elizabeth Prasad – India) and Vic & Marty Wiens (Mennonite Brethren – Overseas).

### Because You Gave in 2010 -2011...

SVPC was able to give as Senders, to our very own, \$24,000. We serve as senders to Ron & Margie Grant (MAF – Ecuador) and Jack & Keiko Marshall (Deaf Ministries – Japan). We had a work team consisting of Rick Jackson,

Michael Jones, Doug Lewis, Ralph Lucas and John Ramsey come alongside Ron and Margie in September.

### Because You Will Give In 2011-2012...

SVPC will hopefully be able to take on Melody Wachsmuth (US Center World Missions – Croatia) as Senders.

### Matthew 6:21

**“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

Thank you Sierra Vista for having a heart after HIS! Thank you for your prayer support, your time and resources to further God’s Kingdom Work.

I am grateful to be serving with a team that wants to make the invisible God visible! Team members are Ginger Allen, Bill & Mary Dodge, Kirsten Gist, Rick Jackson, Nick Nickerson, Bev O’Gorman and John Ramsey. Christ’s Blessing on You!

## Personnel

by Sara Robison, Team Leader



***Thank you Valerie for 20 years of dedicated service.***

For several years Sierra Vista has seen numerous changes in staffing, but this year the Personnel Team is pleased to report that is not the case! We are a fortunate congregation with a continuing, solid crew at the helm of our ship and a few vital additions.

Pastors Rick Lemberg and Paul DePledge continue to lead our worship and teaching. Their dedication and faith provide many blessings for Sierra Vista. Pastor Lemberg is very pleased to be nearing the completion of his doctoral thesis.

Last year three vital young leaders joined us: Steve Wetzel as director of Youth ministries, Ann Hamel leading a dynamic

program for children, and Sarah Ottley who has brought excitement to our worship times. They have contributed additional gifts and strong faith to our team. Cathy Walker works with Sarah and an expanding choir to provide musical gifts throughout the year.

One new addition to this youthful team is Dustin Maddox who has taken the leadership of the popular Sunday 6 worship time. His enthusiasm and his love of the Lord bring special meaning to his work.

Ginger Allen, in the position of communications coordinator, has joined Valerie Ramsey in the office; these two ladies are on top of technology and just

about anything else needed by church teams and groups as well as those in the community seeking assistance. Valerie celebrated her twentieth year at Sierra Vista this spring.

Natalie Carrott coordinates nursery and childcare and will soon be joined by Taylor Olney as our newest assistant. Rudy Encinas and Jim Burgess continue to provide the highest level of care and maintenance for the church and church property.

With thanks to this amazing staff, we are the Personnel Team of Ginny Fulmer, Teri Lucas, Bob Miller, and Sara Robison.

## Prayer

by Joanne Celum, Team Leader

*"The assumption of spirituality is that always God is doing something before I know it. So the task is not to get God to do something I think needs to be done, but to become aware of what God is doing so that I can respond to it and participate and take delight in it."*

--Eugene Peterson

Our prayer team meets once a month for sharing and intercessory prayer. Last year, we shared excerpts from the book by Philip Yancey, *PRAYER*. The current team members are: Betty Erford, Christie Cole, Diane Shirey, and Joanne Celum.

We continue to provide prayer cards to encourage our congregation. This is organized by Betty Erford.

Prayer requests are posted on the internet's Quick Topic for

our church. To access the site, go to our church website: <http://www.sierravistachurch.org> and click on "Prayer Blog" to enter your prayer request. This continues to keep all of us posted on concerns, needs for our church, family, friends and also is an encouragement as people share answers to prayer.

Nancy White reports on the Prayer Shawl ministry:

"We began this ministry on a hope and a prayer in the summer of 2008. In these 4 years, 686 prayer shawls have been sent across America, and throughout the world.

Donations were requested for yarn and needles, and helping hands to knit and crochet the shawls. We began our efforts and were immediately rewarded by the blessings we

experienced, and the "Thank You" cards began to arrive. There is a Memory Book in the 'yarn closet' with all the cards and notes of appreciation. We rely on donations of yarn and gift offerings to keep this mission going along. Postage has increased, as has the cost for the yarn. We try to shop carefully for supplies, and hand-deliver as many shawls as possible. Our expenses include yarn, the postage, the labels and tissue for wrapping.

My biggest challenge is to keep the program alive by recruiting new people to share in our ministry. Our group meets at 9:00 on Tuesday mornings at the church in the Chapel. Some women crochet or knit at home, too. We encourage more to join in this mission."



Prayer Shawls given out in Chicago by SVPC Youth on their Spring Break Mission Trip.

"We encourage more to join in this mission."

## Small Groups

by Seth & Carrie Waltner, Team Leader

A Small Group is a group of people who have committed to meet together regularly to worship, meditate on scripture, pray, fellowship and provide pastoral care for each other, and serve together in the church and community.

We currently have 10 accounted for Small Groups in our church. They are comprised of all different age groups and walks of life.

This past year, we studied 3 books along with Pastors Rick and Paul: "Psalm 23", "The Red Sea Rules", and "The Good and Beautiful God". Our groups worked at their own pace. Some studied a week

ahead of the corresponding sermons, some a week behind, while others meet once or twice a month.

Once again we will take a break from curriculum during the summer months as most of our groups don't meet regularly during this time. Unfortunately, due to a lack of participation, we cancelled our annual Leader's Retreat scheduled in November.

As a team, our vision is to see the participation in small groups grow. Small groups are a great place for people attending our church to connect with other believers, gain accountability and encourage-

ment, receive care and participate in service.

Current members of the Small Group Ministry Team are Seth and Carrie Waltner, Rick and Lana Jackson and Roy and Betty Erford.



Dennis Creighton, David & Linda Rush, and Nancy & Art White enjoying and evening together with their small group.

# Finance

by Steve Ewert, Team Leader

“As the 2009/2010 fiscal year came to a close, those managing the finances for SVPC realized that the budget for the 2010/2011 FY would need to be less than the year before. Ministry Teams were asked to examine their budgets and submit a budget that was reduced by about 10%. Each Ministry Team did this and submitted their budgets. The final proposed for budget for 2010/2011 FY was

\$588,536. Salaries for all SVPC staff were maintained at the same level as the year before. Staff worked hard at finding ways to cut expenses, e.g. adjusting thermostats and “non-opping” the SVPC Surburban. The Outreach/Missions budget was also cut, but was still 21 per cent of the total budget.

Giving for the 2010/2011 FY was \$562,095.33. Expenses for

2010/2011 FY were \$571,435.64. This created a deficit of \$9,340.31. Savings account totals for the 2010/2011 FY gained \$32540.00.

As already stated, giving for 2010/2011 FY was \$562,095 compared to \$571,940 for 2009/2010 FY, a decrease of \$9845. In addition to the regular budget, \$19,235.16 was contributed to the Jubilee fund.

Disbursements from the Jubilee Fund totaled \$18,597.13.

The Finance Ministry Team would like to thank the SVPC staff for the time they devote to compile and organize the monthly reports. The hard work of the volunteer offering counters and financial secretary are also gratefully appreciated. These people contribute to the financial well being of SVPC.

## BUDGET/ACTUAL REPORT

	2011/2012 Budget	June 2010 through May	2010/2011 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund	544,000.00	543,633.56	563,000.00
Loose plate	12,500.00	12,760.94	10,000.00
Facility Use	5,500.00	5,700.83	4,000.00
From Savings/	12,250.00	0	11,536.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>574,250.00</b>	<b>562,095.33</b>	<b>588,536.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Payroll	364,999.00	368,703.75	373,594.00
Administration	77,574.00	77,573.71	80,740.00
<b>Program</b>			
Adult Min.	3,250.00	3,164.55	3,600.00
Youth Min.	8,900.00	10,507.21	10,400.00
Children's Min.	7,750.00	4,298.68	9,900.00
Community Life	2,725.00	2,333.40	4,125.00
Membership	450.00	218.03	550.00
Prayer	450.00	392.02	450.00
Worship	3,552.00	2,644.29	3,577.00
Total Program	27,077.00	23,558.18	32,602.00
Mission/Outreach	104,600.00	101,600.00	101,600.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>574,250.00</b>	<b>571,435.64</b>	<b>588,536.00</b>
Net Income	0.00	-9,340.31	0.00

## BALANCE SHEET

Assets/Liabilities May 31, 2011

General Checking	-5,995.69
Deacon's Funds	5,136.38
<b>Synod Savings Accounts</b>	
Building Savings	42,814.22
Building CD	643,699.87
Facility Dev. CD	34,630.32
Facility Maint. Savings	18,258.74
Facility Maint. CD	54,247.38
General Fund Savings	11,452.41
General Fund CD	23,306.09
Weekend in the Word	17,871.98
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>845,421.70</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Loan	12,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>857,421.70</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Awana	138.90
Camp Registration	620.00
Choral Workshop	473.65
Memorials	3,635.00
Women's Fellowship	356.79
Youth Trips	-1,450.00
<b>Current Liabilities Total</b>	<b>3,774.34</b>
Payroll Liabilities	30.84
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,805.18</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	
Fund Balance	838,154.57
Net Income	15,461.95
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>853,616.52</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>857,421.70</b>

## Worship

by Sarah Ottley, Coordinator



*Sarah Ottley on fiddle*

During the past year the worship at Sierra Vista has flourished and been a blessing to many, due to the dedication and love of many volunteers. Many new people got involved in choir, praise team, and the sound booth this year, and it's been such a delight to develop those relationships and teamwork. The choir gained some wonderful, new voices this year and had a really special time collaborating with other choirs for the Christmas Cantata and the Sierra Choral Festival in March. A few folks have gotten involved in improving our sound system this year, and

we hope to continue making improvements in the system, as well as the training that our volunteers can receive. Several of the praise team members have been leading a song here and there and an entire service here and there, and it's been fun for all to feed off of each others' love for Jesus, talent, and creativity.

In the coming year we hope to continue facilitating Christ-centered, corporate worship while we develop as Christians, musicians or supporters, and teammates. We plan to have a professional sound engineer visit and make a few

changes to improve the quality of our sound system. He may also be able to provide more helpful training for our sound booth volunteers. We continue to pray that we can find a bell choir director, and our Sierra Singers look forward to another great season after a relaxing summer off. We are so grateful for praise team members who are committed to twice a month or more, consistently showing up for rehearsals and worship. Every volunteer is so valuable! Thanks for everything.

## Youth Ministry

by Steve Wetzel, Director

*“The experience for our youth is still being processed as it was a huge shock of culture, economics, lifestyles, and even racial differences.”*

This year has seen many changes and the youth ministry of Sierra Vista has finally solidified into a stable group with a core of kids that are regular attendees. There are several reasons for this, mainly due to the changes in schedule, the 2011 mission trip and consistency of the group meetings.

We are currently switching to our summer schedule with scheduled events and will pick back up with weekly meetings in August.

### Weekly Youth Group Schedule

Halfway through the year we switched our weekly youth group schedule from one night back to two nights a week due to youth schedules. The Jr. High officially meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm and the High School meets on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm. This schedule seems to work well and we will continue this in the fall.

### Chicago Mission Trip

In April we took 21 people (16

youth and 5 adults) to Chicago to serve the poor and homeless population. The experience for our youth is still being processed as it was a huge shock of culture, economics, lifestyles, and even racial differences. Students had the opportunity to work with school children from two inner-city public schools and spent most of their time tutoring or just hanging out with kids. The response from our youth to this was overwhelming senses that “hope” and any future schooling was just not a normal thought to those kids.

Statistically, 50% of the kids that our youth worked with will not live to see high school. These numbers are sobering. The effect of this trip on our youth is still being assessed, and the impact was tremendous. Several of the teens are reevaluating their future plans and want to go into teaching as a direct result of this trip.

We also had the opportunity to distribute 21 prayer shawls

to the homeless in Chicago and that experience alone was worth the trip expense. Students were asked to each take a shawl and give it away and spend time in prayer with those people. This experience was one of the highlights of the students' trip.

### Future Plans

**Youth Group** – Weekly meetings will start back up in August with Jr. High on Tuesdays, and High School on Thursday.  
**Sunday School** – I have opted to keep teaching SS through the summer months as this gives me a consistent time each week to see students. This is something that was lacking last year.

**Confirmation** – Starting in the fall, I will be teaching a confirmation level Sunday school class. The exact format has yet to be established.

**Jr. High winter retreat** – I will be planning a winter retreat for our Jr. High students during the 2012 February break.



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### 2011-2012 Mission Opportunities –

We have adopted a bi-annual mission trip model with large scale trips scheduled every other year and smaller trips scheduled for the off years. With that in mind, I will be scheduling two trips for 2011-2012 with one during the October break and the second during the spring break. These trips will be closer to home

mission opportunities and we will release those plan details soon.

### Needs & Concerns

We are still in dire need of volunteers for both Jr. High and High School. Please keep this need in your prayers and steer anyone that you would think would be a great volunteer toward me.

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