

ANNUAL REPORT

of

Salem and Zion

Presbyterian Churches

of

VENEDOCIA, OHIO 45894

from

January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is my first annual pastoral report to the Salem United Presbyterian Church of Venedocia. As I look back over the past six and a half months, I can say it has been a good and busy year. God has richly blessed our efforts together as a congregation.

This has been a time of the pastor and the congregation getting to know each other better. It has been a real privilege visiting in your homes and we appreciate all the hospitality offered to us. We are looking forward to a more wonderful year in 1970.

As I look over my busy months, I feel a deeper dimension of personal growth and pastoral leadership. You all have joined in making my pastoral ministry a very pleasant and challenging one. In the year ahead I am praying that we may share in a mutual challenge that will not only deepen our personal faith but add some enriching experiences of personal witnessing and moments of bringing to others the ministry of reconciliation.

We would like to say how grateful we are for the way we have been taken into the church family of both congregations. We appreciate the lovely and spacious Manse with the fireplace which has provided a real comfortable home. We appreciate also the opportunity to share with various groups of the churches as we fellowship together in the planning and program processes of the churches.

The task of being Pastor of two congregations is a challenge and constant opportunity of pastoral activity. These past few months with both congregations has provided opportunity for visitation of members, visitation of sick and shut-ins as well as visitation at the hospitals in the area. A summary of some of the Pastoral activities are as follows:

Worship:

Morning Worship Services	35
Holy Communion Services	4
Candlelight Communions	2
Communion to Shut-ins	60
Advent Services	4
Combined Thanksgiving Service	1
Funeral Services	5
Infant Baptisms	4
Installation Services	2
Hospital Visitation	
Parish Visitation	
Devotional Speaker for PTA	1
Vacation Bible School Program	1
Presbytery	6
Synod Meeting for Ministers	1

Study:

Bible Studies	15
Session Meetings	
Trustee Meetings	
Music Committee, Organ Committee,	
Nominating Committee, Executive Committee	
Van Wert Ministerial Association	
Delphos Ministerian	

Fellowship:

Westminster Youth Fellowship	9
Youth Ice Cream Social	
Youth Fellowship Retreat and Program Planning	
Family Day	
Field Science Day	
Welcome Bar-B-Que Dinner	
Installation Reception	
Christmas Parties	
Class Parties	

Social Action:

Van Wert County Sheriff Program
Temple Beth Israel Visitation

Missions:

Van Wert County Home Programs
County Home Communion Programs
Transient Assistance Program
Minute For Mission Emphases in Worship
Use of Prayer Calendar
Mission Speakers (Family Days)
Mission Inserts for Bulletins
Mission Projects in Classes
Mission Projects of Groups
Christmas Offering for Mission

Goal for 1970

It is a known fact that many people do not turn to the Church as a possible source of help when they face their deepest needs. We all live at the growing edge of life, and the church must serve these needs where the issues of our day are being met and decided. This requires a balanced program of at least six areas of concern:

1. **Worship** — Corporate and Private
2. **Study** — Teaching—Church School—Special Classes
3. **Fellowship**
4. **Stewardship**
5. **Missions Concern** — Ecumenical, Nat'l. and Local
6. **Evangelism**

Each of us need to be involved in the activities of the church in each of these areas emphasized above. For a well rounded Christian experience and Christian program of nurture ask yourself where you fit in with each of these programs of the church.

Rev. George W. Witmer, Minister

STATISTICAL REPORT**SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Pastor—Since June 15, 1969 Rev. George W. Witmer

Elders:

David VanEman, Edgar L. Morgan
and Gordon Pugh Class of 1969
Vaughn Morgan, Thomas Jones
and Stanley Roberts Class of 1970
David W. Owens, Marvin Evans
and John R. Lloyd Class of 1971

Clerk of Session Edgar L. Morgan
Financial Secretary Mildred Owens
Treasurer Everett Koenig
Organist Mrs. Daniel Foster
Chorister Bebb Jones
Youth and Bell Choir Mrs. Bebb Jones

MEMBERSHIP

Communicants Jan. 1, 1969 264
Received by Letter 4
Received by Confession of Faith 10
Total 278
Transfer by Letter 5
Deceased 5
Total Communicants Jan. 1, 1970 268

BAPTISMS

Infant Baptisms 4
Laura Nicole Foster Sara Kathleen Geary
Charles Andrew Foster Aaron Jay Fox

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. R. P. Rauch Sidney Davies
Mrs. Lottie Owens Bert Lewis
Emma J. Griffith

Respectfully Submitted,
Edgar L. Morgan, Clerk of Sessions

FINANCIAL REPORT**SALEM UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 1, 1969 to January 1, 1970

CURRENT FUND**Receipts:**

Balance on hand January 1, 1969 \$ 1,503.94
Envelope Offering 9,842.59
Plate Offering 1,751.55
Refunds 48.41
Bond Interest 61.54
Loan 1,000.00
Memorial Interest 82.65
Lincolnview Bible Teacher 106.50
Brotherhood 53.40

Total Receipts and Balance \$14,450.58

Disbursements:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 2,654.21
Pastor's Pension	624.53
Pulpit Supply	1,117.56
Synod of Ohio Ins.	92.63
Rev. Robert McCachran (moderator service)	100.00
Organist and Assistant	390.00
Chorister	204.00
Bell Choir	200.00
Janitor	840.00
Janitor's Supplies	58.97
Financial Secretary	75.00
Treasurer	75.00
Presbyterian Life	185.00
Trustees of Maumee Presby.	709.12
Telephone	59.28
Moreo Bros. (Spouting)	335.90
Rockford Press	124.25
Ohio Power	432.53
Coal	628.09
Today	24.00
Irvin Williams (Communicants)	54.00
Fuel Oil (Manse)	204.47
Lorain Transfer Co. (Moving)	207.27
Mower Rent	25.00
Commercial Bank (Repaymt. of Loan)	1,020.70
Lincolnview Bible Teacher	106.50
Rarry Coil (Mowing)	8.00
Central Soft Water	120.00
Overholt Electric	135.92
Pulpit Committee Exp.	22.32
Freund's Nursery	198.95
Taxes	155.17
Insurance	389.00
Flowers	56.32
Church Office	670.25
Repair (Manse and Church)	1,450.01
Total Disbursements	\$13,753.95
Balance on hand January 1, 1970	\$ 696.63

BENEVOLENCE FUND**Receipts:**

Balance on hand	None
Envelope Offering	\$ 2,104.85
Gr. Hr. of Sharing	99.62
Bible School Collection (S. Ohio)	53.23
Thanksgiving Offering	12.50
American Bible Collection	17.37
Jr. Sunday School	35.00
Total Receipts	\$ 2322.57

Disbursements:

Ohio Synod	\$ 725.00
Maumee Presbytery	435.00
Great Hour of Sharing	99.62
American Bible Society	100.00
Central Receiving Agency	962.95
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,322.57
Balance on hand, January 1, 1970	None

50 M FUND**Receipts:**

Balance on hand January 1, 1969	None
Receipts for 1969	\$ 12.00
Total Balance and Receipts	\$ 12.00

Disbursements:

Total Disbursements	\$ 12.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1970	None

Respectfully Submitted,
Mildred Owens

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 E. and Bertha Pugh	80.00
David O. Davies	500.00
Mrs. J. Brough Jones	
Mrs. Eleanore Jones	
Mrs. Lillian Jones Moore	100.00
Howell A. Jones	5.00
J. Ambrose Breese	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. 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
John J. Morris	150.00
Total in Memorial Fund	\$ 4460.00

Receipts:

War Bond Series H	\$ 21.50
In Lock Box Commercial Bank, Delphos, O.	
Citizens Federal Saving and Loan Assoc., Del-	
phos, Ohio	52.82
City Loan & Saving Co., Lima, Ohio	29.83
Investors Mutual Inc., Lima, Ohio	
Original Stock Purchase 87.104 Shares	
Stock accumulated in 1968 through rein-	
vestment gain in 1968 Tendered toward	
stock \$84.30	
Dividends 14.30 and Total Shares 106.57	
Van Wert Federal Saving & Loan Assoc., Van	
Wert, Ohio	40.04
Total Receipts	\$ 144.19

Disbursements:

To Treasurer of Church	\$ 144.19
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TRUST FUND

Held at Delphos Citizens Federal Saving & Loan Assoc., Delphos, Ohio.	
Balance on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 271.51
Receipt of Interest for 18 months	18.03
Disbursement of Trust Fund	None
Balance on hand December 31, 1969	\$ 295.54

Depository

War Bond Series H No. D868942H, In Lock Box	
Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio	\$ 500.00
The Citizen Federal Saving & Loan Assoc., Del-	
phos, Ohio	1230.00
The City Loan & Saving Co., Lima, Ohio	750.00
The Investors Mutual Inc., Lima, Ohio	1000.00
Van Wert Federal Saving & Loan Assoc., Van	
Wert, Ohio	970.00
Cash on Hand	10.00
Total Depository Memorial Fund	\$ 4460.00

John M. Evans, Sec.

Audited by Dewey Diss

TREASURER'S REPORT
SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School

Superintendent	Haydn Williams
Assistant Superintendent	Hugh O. Pugh
Treasurer	John R. Lloyd
Secretary	Mrs. Emma Jean Thatcher
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Betty Lloyd
Junior Superintendent	Mrs. Marvel Lloyd
Chorister	Mrs. Doris Price
Pianist	Miss Lynn Jones

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 488.62
Sunday Collections	772.39
Bible School Collections (Evenings) ..	34.55
Zion Sunday School (Share of Bible School)	25.74
David J. Evans	5.00
Interest on Savings Account	0.80
Christmas Program Collection	54.09
Total Receipts	\$ 1,387.25

Expenditures:

Westminster Book Store	\$ 186.54
Van Wert Gospel Gift Shop	396.31
Haydn Williams	16.86
Koenig Hardware	7.46
Cash for Picnic	3.00
Good's Market	26.23
David J. Evans (Santa Claus)	5.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 641.40

Balance on Hand December 31, 1969 ..	\$ 745.85
On Deposit in Savings Account at Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio ..	\$ 234.85
On Checking Account with Commercial Bank, Delphos, Ohio, December 31, 1969	481.52
Cash on Hand December 31, 1969	29.48
Average Sunday School Attendance of all Classes for the Year 1969 ..	85

John R. Lloyd, Treasurer

Officers for 1969

President	Jean Owens
Vice President	Marcile Lare
Secretary	Minnie Jones
Treasurer	Zelma Evans
Chorister	Loretta Williams
Coordinator of Interpretation	Carol Foster
Coordinator of Studies	Arlene Morris
Coordinator of Involvement & Action	Florence Jones
President of Martha Circle	Doris Price
President of Ruth Circle	Evelyn Dolbey
President of Lydia Circle	Ruby Jones

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1969

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 296.74
Monthly Offering from Circles	302.01
Association Offerings & Donations	57.77
Thank Offering	47.19
Summer Medical Offering	20.49
Least Coin	7.30
Banquet, Field & Sci. Day, Sale etc. ..	1,183.88
Refunds from Reservations	20.00
Refund of Cash Withdrawn	140.00
Traveling Baskets	71.25
Total Receipts	\$ 2,146.63

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT 1969

Receipts:

Balance December 31, 1968	\$	120.69
Gymanfa Collection		188.72
Sale of Gymanfa Books		2.00
Cash Donations		20.00
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Total Receipts	\$	331.41

Disbursements:

Reginald Clifton — Tuning Piano	\$	12.00
McCoy's Flowers — Palms		6.00
Merril Davis — Directing Gymanfa		75.00
Bonnie Bolton — Organist		15.00
Mary Ann Owens — Pianist		15.00
Mrs. Thomas Morgan — Soloist		10.00
Becky Zirkle — Programs		5.00
Longmier — Letters		22.15
Goods Market		9.80
Fettigs — Flowers		19.40
Jean Owens — Food Bill		10.00
Lorenz Co. — Choir Music		8.05
Proclamation Co. — Choir Music		15.34
Ruth Morris — Music		1.50
McCoy's Flowers — Christmas Plants		12.00
Lion's Club — Christmas Greens		7.50
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Total Disbursements	\$	243.74

Receipts	\$	331.41
Disbursements		243.74
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	\$	87.67

Balance in Check Book	\$	85.67
Cash on Hand		2.00
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	\$	87.67

FINANCIAL REPORT OF HANDBELL CHOIRS

Balance on hand January 1, 1969 \$ 164.89

Receipts:

Earnings	794.33
Fees for outfits and trip	455.90
Gift for trip from Session	200.00
Gift from Mr. & Mrs. Layton Jenkins	578.50
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Total Receipts \$ 2,193.62

Disbursements:

Mileage	\$	274.88
Outfits		376.61
National Festival Trip		600.00
New Bells (Jenkins)		506.30
Running Expenses		146.03
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Total Disbursements \$ 1,993.82

Balance on hand December 31, 1969 .. \$ 199.80

Thirty-five people have participated in bell ringing in 1969. The choirs have traveled roughly 1700 miles, played 34 times in 17 towns and cities and 11 times in our own church. We have played in nursing homes, county homes, hospital, other churches and for many civic groups. We took 12 girls and 5 chaperones to the National Handbell Ringing Festival in Grove City, Pennsylvania in June. There they played before 1200 people and also with 000 other bell ringers. In December of this year we received 13 new bells from Mr. and Mrs. Layton Jenkins in memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. David W. Rees and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jenkins. One more large bell has been ordered but not yet received to be included in this gift.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Bebb Jones

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ORGAN FUND

SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Calendar Year 1969

Bal. in Savings Account Dec. 31, 1968	\$ 133.04	
Receipts:		
IBM Stock Dividends	117.00	
Interest on C.D. & Savings	238.43	
Donations and gifts	1,890.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 2,378.49
Disbursements:		
Appraisal Fee and Printing and Sup.	\$ 128.80	
Total Disbursements		\$ 128.80
Bal. in Savings Account Dec. 31, 1969		\$ 2,249.67
Certificates of Deposit' (5%):		
No. 5677 @	\$ 3,400.00	
No. 5684 @	1,000.00	
Total Certificates		\$ 4,400.00
IBM Stock Report:		
Rcvd. gift Sept. 1967 18s @ \$504 per		
— \$ 9,072.00		
(split) Dec. 1968 36s @ \$298 per		
— \$10,728.00		
Dec. 31, 1969 36s @ \$368½ per		
— \$13,266.00		
Total Value of IBM Stock		\$13,266.00
Grand Total		\$19,915.67

In addition the Organ Committee is holding memorial gifts indicating monies to be received amounting to \$5980.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bebb Jones, Treasurer

SALEM CONTRIBUTORS

	Current	Benv. 50 M
Alpha Kappa Class	25.00	25.00
Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul		
Ashton, Mr. Charles		
Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas		
Bassett, Mr. Thomas Joe		
Bassett, Miss Linda		
Beerman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert		
Beerman, Miss Shirley		
Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert		
Bolton, Miss Janice		
Bolton, Mr. Stephen		
Bolton, Miss Alice		
Boroff, Mr. and Mrs. Charles		
Boroff, Mr. Stephen		
Boroff, Miss Rosemary		
Bragg, Mrs. Clifford		
Breese, Mr. I. N.		
Breese, Mrs. Rachel		
Breese, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alford		
Brown, Mrs. Ralph		
Coil, Mr. and Mrs. John		
Coil, Mr. Barry		
Davis, Mr. W. T.		
Davis, Mr. Sidney		
Davis, Mr. Alford		
Davis, Mrs. Mary E.		
Davis, Mr. Gregory		
Davis, Miss Sharon		
Davis, Miss Marla		
Davis, Mrs. A. E.		
Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Reese		
Diss, Mr. T. Dewey		
Dolbey, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert		
Dolbey, Mr. Gary		
Dull, Mrs. Monte		
Eddie, Miss Mary Kathryn		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David Hugh		
Evans, Mr. Thomas		
Evans, Miss Claudia A.		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harries		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David John		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. D. Elgar		
Evans, Miss Elgarda		
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene		
Evans, Mr. Owen		

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. William R.
 Evans, Miss Dixie
 Evans, Mr. William R.
 Evans, Mr. Wayne Richard
 Evans, Miss Diane
 Evans, Mrs. James R.
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. William B.
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. John M. ...
 Evans, Mr. John C.
 Evans, Miss Margaret Ann
 Evans, Miss Jean Lynn
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. (Oma)
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Russell O. ..
 Evans, Mrs. Daniel J.
 Eutsler, Mr. and Mrs. William ..
 Eutsler, Mr. Larry
 Fisher, Mrs. Linda Coil
 Fissel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
 Fissel, Miss Ann Louise
 Fissel, Mr. Donald Brent
 Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Orbie
 Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. ..
 Foster, Mr. Eric
 Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn
 Foster, Mrs. Charles
 Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Jack F.
 Fox, Mr. Larry Joe
 Fox, Mr. Billy D.
 Fox, Miss Linda
 Friesner, Mr. and Mrs. William ..
 Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne
 Gamble, Miss Vicki L.
 Gamble, Miss Monica
 Geary, Mrs. Susan C.
 George, Mr. M. N.
 George, Miss Dorothy
 George, Miss Mary
 Girod, Mrs. Daryl
 Good, Mr. and Mrs. Earl
 Gorman, Mrs. Ruth
 Griffith, Mrs. Emma
 Haines, Mrs. Mary Jane
 Hoadley, Mrs. Deanna
 Hunziker, Mrs. Janice
 Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Layton
 Jones, Miss Anna Mary
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David M.
 Jones, Miss Nell Jean
 Jones, Mr. Douglas
 Jones, Mrs. John L.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bebb
 Jones, Miss Judy
 Jones, Miss Lynn
 Jones, Mr. John B.
 Jones, Mrs. Ellis
 Jones, Mr. Gerald
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James E.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ellis
 Jones, Mr. Thomas Lee
 Jones, Mr. David H.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett
 Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. D.
 Koenig, Mrs. F. Gerald
 Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Everett ...
 Koenig, Miss Karen
 Koenig, Mr. Jerry
 Lare, Mr. and Mrs. Lee
 Lewis, Mr. Bert
 Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden
 Lloyd, Mr. Larry
 Lloyd, Mr. Rex
 Lloyd, Miss Connie
 Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. John R.
 Lloyd, Mr. James R.
 Lloyd, Mr. Danny Lee
 Louth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
 Louth, Miss Karen
 Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Earl
 Morgan, Mr. John E.
 Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. ...
 Morgan, Mr. William
 Morgan, Mr. David H.
 Morgan, Mrs. Thomas A.
 Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vaughn
 Morris, Mrs. Ava
 Morris, Miss Ruth E.
 Morris, Mrs. Lester
 Morris, Mr. David L.
 Morris, Miss Margaret
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. David W. ..
 Morris, Mr. Timothy
 Morris, Mr. Gregory
 Morris, Miss Kimberly
 Morris, Miss Stephanie
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reese ...

Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R.
 Morris, Mrs. Rufus
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John C.
 Morris, Mr. and Mrs. David J.
 Morris, Mr. Henry
 Morris, Mrs. John J.
 Morris, Miss Edith Jane
 Morris, Mr. David Lynn
 Morrow, Mrs. Michael
 Owens, Mrs. Lottie K.
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. E. Glen
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn
 Owens, Mr. Donald
 Owens, Mr. Jeffrey
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. David W.
 Owens, Miss Mary Ann
 Owens, Mr. Michael
 Owens, Mr. Dennis
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. D. Richard
 Owens, Mr. David S.
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald
 Price, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
 Profit, Mr. and Mrs. Larry
 Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. John O.
 Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O.
 Pugh, Mr. Owen Lloyd
 Pugh, Miss Kathy
 Pugh, Mr. Robert
 Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon
 Rauch, Mr. R. P.
 Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Evan C.
 Rees, Mrs. Evelyn
 Rees, Mr. Haydn
 Richards, Mrs. Mary E.
 Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Howard
 Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
 Richards, Mr. Ronald
 Richards, Miss Sandra
 Richards, Mr. Randall
 Richards, Miss Mary Jo
 Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley

Sells, Miss Nancy
 Taylor, Mrs. Delilah
 Thatcher, Mrs. Emma Jean
 Thatcher, Miss Linda
 Thatcher, Mr. John
 Tribolet, Mrs. Gloria
 Uhl, Mr. Harry
 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, Mrs. Robert
 Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed
 Williams, Mr. Joseph
 Williams, Mrs. Griffith
 Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Haydn ..
 Witmer, Rev. and Mrs. George .
 Zirkle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
 No Name
 Salem and Zion Brotherhood
 Young Adult Class
 Bible School Collection
 Jr. Sunday School
 Women's Association Refund