

Reporting from Torrington

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- Sherrod Ave, Florence, AL
- Several individuals have contributed as well
- Total outside contributions: \$5725

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The Local Work

With a warm November behind us, we consider the travails of most of the rest of you as you deal with snow, ice and cold weather. Our most recent storm passed to the east of us and left us with nothing but sunshine and a few flurries. But my trusty snow blower sits ready in the garage, waiting for whatever God brings our way.

The week before Thanksgiving I came down with shingles. The medicine the doctor gave me for the pain produced a serious reaction and I was reduced to taking Tylenol instead of the pain medications. Because of the reaction, I was unable to preach on the Sunday after the onset and Dave Cooper filled in for me at the last minute. On Sunday evening I was finally able to attend services although I was in no condition to preach. Its great to have people like Dave and Ron Dombrowski who can fill in at the last minute or when scheduled because of my absence from Torrington. I returned to preaching the following Sunday, after Thanksgiving.

The Brazilian lady with whom I have been studying is scheduled to move to New Jersey in December so that study will be ending soon. We hope to be able to connect her with a church there as soon as she gets settled in her new job.

Several other studies continue to go well and we have prospects for more. Between the studies with those who have been baptized and those who are not yet a part of the church, we have seven regular studies scheduled each week.

A local Baptist preacher is apparently quite upset with the emphasis on baptism as necessary for salvation as set forth in some of our recent articles in "Straight Bible Talk." He has been using time on a program he has on the local cable channel to argue that one is saved by faith only. We plan to do an edition of the paper dealing with "God's Plan of Salvation" and send it to every address in Torrington. We are content to know that the truth of God's Word is more powerful than any of the arguments of the enemy. We know that truth will always win in the end.

We are thankful for the generous support we receive from so many congregations and individuals. Counting all the members of our supporting congregations, there are thousands of people involved in planting a church in Torrington to honor God. We are grateful for each one of you and will always strive to be worthy of the confidence that you have placed in us. We appreciate all the cards, letters and notes, e-mails and calls that

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Address _____

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	2003	2004	2005	Nov
AM Worship	34	31	37	32
PM Worship	11	9	12	13
Sun BS	18	16	19	20
Tue BS	14	10	9	17
Offering	\$437	\$454	\$701	\$518

we have received in recent weeks from children's classes, ladies' classes and individuals. Thank you from the bottom of hearts to each of you.

For those of you who have internet connections and are interested, we post the content of our weekly bulletin on Saturday each week. We also post the copy for "Straight Bible Talk" on our web-site. Sermon outlines for our Sunday morning lessons are also available there. You can access these at: www.torringtonchurch.com.

Two of the ladies in our congregation, Marie Paganini and Barbara Rivers are planning a dinner for New Year's Eve and we will celebrate the ending of the New Year together in fellowship, singing and prayer. We truly have a congregation that cares for one another and is committed to working together to bring the lost to Jesus. Thank God for what He has done for each of us.

Personal Notes

Maryann and I were able to help Mary Ewachiw, from the Folsom congregation, celebrate her 80th birthday on our way to Cincinnati to spend thanksgiving with our daughter, her family, and our son David, and his family from Nashville. Because of my bout with shingles, Maryann did most of the driving on this trip. You can say that we suffered together, she with her fibromyalgia and me with my shingles. We also learned at the end of the month that our son will need gall bladder surgery. Pain is a common denominator for all of these infirmities.

Maryann is planning a big Italian Christmas dinner and has already invited several local families to share this meal with us along with her mother from Long Island.