

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

Outreach, Membership, & Evangelism Annual Report

2004 Committee members: Bill & Janet Bailey, Al Kromholz, Eunice Hazelton, Adeline Decker, Mitzi Moran, and Harold "Doc" Decker, chairman.

Membership was and is the main concern of this committee and it should be a big concern for our congregation. Our membership at the close of 2002 was 124, at the close of 2003 -- 122, and at the close of the 2004, a total of 126. We realize that we have an older congregation. Through deaths last year, we lost many good members. Also we lose older members that wish to be back with their children and the grandchildren. There were several that moved this past year.

Thanks to Al Kromholz, we initiated a program that may help. We obtained a list monthly of new arrivals in Spring Lake. This list is given to Wanda Bender who will send out four mailings: a brochure about our church; followed about every ten days with three postal cards; - the first to again welcome them to our church, the second one about our youth and fellowship program, and the third to where they can find good preaching wonderful fellowship, and thoughtful Christian education for children and adults. It is too early to assess the results.

Our Outreach Program have been active. Transportation for the elderly, sick, and those that need help has been a project for Adeline Decker and has an available list to assist those in need. Publicity for and about our church is very important, and thanks to Eunice Hazelton, we have had good public relations through both local newspapers. We certainly appreciate working with the Fellowship Committee on many of the activities that helps to promote our Outreach Program.

Our sincere thanks to Mitzi and Kevin Moran who promoted; and did much for our evangelism program. Many thanks to Kevin for giving us his guidance. His knowledge on past experience with this committee did help us do our task in an acceptable manner.

Thanks to committee members, to Rev. Treadway, and to all members of our congregation, it has been my pleasure to be a part of our church activities. We have sincere, wonderful, caring parishioners. We all should be so grateful and thank our Lord for our many blessings.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold "Doc" Decker
Elder