



	Budget	Given	Expenses	(+/-)
Month-to-date	\$165,372	\$327,914	\$195,061	\$132,852
Year-to-date	\$1,613,398	\$1,677,447*	\$1,592,688	\$84,759
Ytd 2013-14	\$1,655,667	\$1,560,014	\$1,578,767	(\$18,752)

\*Includes transfers from Contingency Reserve Funds: YTD \$100,000

Questions? Feel free to call our Church Administrator David MacFarlane at 678.533.0567



## Annual World Mission Offering Report December 31, 2014

Thanks to everyone for your faithful support of Smoke Rise Missions!

Offering Goal – \$35,000.00  
 Total Unpledged Gifts Received – \$11,417.00  
 Total Pledged Gifts Received – \$13,622.00  
 Total All Gifts Received – \$25,039.00  
 Total Pledged – \$28,732.00

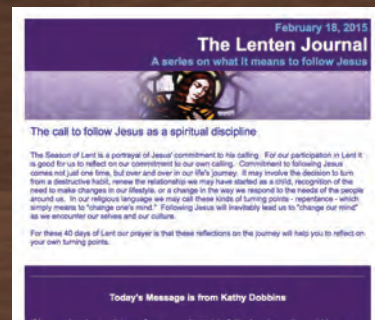


(When all pledges are received by March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will surpass our Goal of \$35,000.)



## The Lenten Journal: Kathy Dobbins

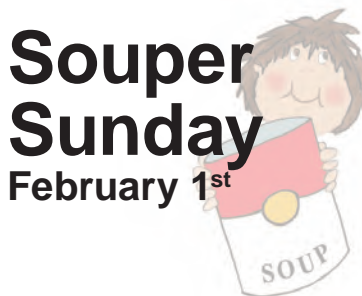
The Season of Lent is a portrayal of Jesus' commitment to his calling. For our participation in Lent, it is good for us to reflect on our commitment to our own calling. Commitment to following Jesus comes not just one time, but over and over in our life's journey. It may involve the decision to turn from a destructive habit, renew the relationship we may have started as a child, recognition of the need to make changes in our lifestyle or a change in the way we respond to the needs of the people around us. In our religious language we may call these kinds of turning points repentance – which simply means to "change one's mind." Following Jesus will inevitably lead us to "change our mind" as we encounter our selves and our culture.



Members of our Smoke Rise family have been asked to reflect upon a sign or turning point in their commitment to their calling to follow Jesus. **Each day of these 40 days of Lent (except Sundays), you will receive via e-mail one of these reflections beginning February 18<sup>th</sup>.** You must be signed up for our churchwide e-mail list. If you already receive church emails, you don't have to do anything else. If you are not already signed up and would like to be, contact the church office. **If you don't use e-mail, copies of The Lenten Journal reflections will be in the Lower Brezeway for pick up.**



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Please begin collecting cans of soup for Lilburn and Stone Mountain Co-ops. Containers will be located outside the Missions Office, in the Nursery Welcome Center and in the Welcome Center under the gym.



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# Answering God's Call: Why Missions?

by *Tim Adcox*  
Minister of Missions

Is it because they are so poor and need our help to have more material goods?

Is it because we feel God has commanded us to help others?

Is it because we have an abundance of resources that we need to distribute?

Is it because we have knowledge that we need to share with those less educated?

Is it to help our friends in a different culture have a better life?

Where do we find our true calling to missions? It is found in a phrase we say all the time, "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven." Christ, through His resurrection, has begun the process of redeeming this world and bringing His Kingdom to this earth. It is through the sharing of God's love in our mission work that we become agents of this transformational process. But this transformation is not just external as we serve him; it is also internal.

A new mission team member was asked by their mission leader why they came on a mission trip. "I came to save their souls." The mission leader responded, "Yes, but more than that, we have come to save our souls."

Why do you respond to God's call to missions?



## New Members



Bruce and Beverly Minett 11-09-14



Clay and Sarah Wood 11-16-14



Gerry and Vicki Hutchinson 11-23-14



Clint and Denise Hilley 1-11-15

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## Lilburn Co-op pantry needs for January

Toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, jelly, mac 'n cheese, dried beans, rice and packages of instant oatmeal and grits.