



**ESCALON
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**2007
ANNUAL REPORT**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
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MISSION STATEMENT

ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EXISTS TO:

- SEEK** *To bring others to faith in Jesus Christ*
- SERVE** *In mission locally and around the world*
- SUPPORT** *Personal growth through learning, teaching and sharing God's word*
- SUSTAIN** *A loving, Christ-centered fellowship among our members, friends and community*

OUR VALUES

- Christian Ed:* Bring people to accept Christ and deepen their commitment to God through a biblically based Christian education program.
- Church Life:* Develop Christian relationships through fellowship and communication with all age groups.
- Deacons:* Demonstrate Christian living as a congregation by caring for each other in times of joy and sorrow.
- Stewardship:* Develop and use resources of time, talent, treasures and prayer to carry on and expand our mission.
- Mission:* Reach out to meet the needs of people in the community and the world as a reflection of our Christian love and concern.
- Outreach:* Invite and encourage all people to join us in a life in Christ by sharing the Good News and living according to Christ's example.
- Trustees:* Maintain, improve and use church facilities in the best interest of the Lord's Kingdom.
- Worship:* Glorify God through creative, Christ-centered worship.
- Ministry:* Develop a Team Ministry involving all members – maintaining opening communication so the congregation as a whole can work toward common goals.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Every year our annual report includes reports from the various Ministry teams in this church. It serves as a written summary of the work of ministry during the year of 2007. Much of the work that happens here goes unnoticed and what is noticed is quickly forgotten. The Session of Escalon Presbyterian Church commits this report to its members as an accounting and remembrance of the ministry of its ministers: everyone.

This has been quite a year of transitions personally and professionally. On the personal side of things, my wife and I were blessed with the arrival of our firstborn son Andrew. As most of the parents know, such an addition to family is truly life-changing. The joy of the blessing of parenthood is virtually impossible to adequately describe. And the change of daily schedules, sleep patterns, social priorities all seem to hit at once. It has been a transition that Leslie and I are learning to adjust to – but the adjustment has been one of pure joy. Leslie and I would like to thank you for your prayers and support during this year of anxious anticipation and now parental adjustment.

On professional/pastoral side, the year has been a full one as well. The past year's sermons included a series on our church's mission statement, a series entitled "How Long O Lord" on the subject of pain and suffering, a

series entitled "Where Faith Meets Life" on the practical wisdom of the book of James, and an Advent series through the book of Micah. I have received helpful and constructive feedback on these series as well as potential future series and topics, as I continue to learn and grow in how to communicate God's word faithfully and clearly with connections to your lives.

This year was the final year for me as chair of the Mission Outreach Committee for the Stockton Presbytery. It has been an exciting few years for me on the committee, in particular our Presbytery endorsed plan to plant a church in the growing community of Lathrop. We have received General Assembly funding for the church plant and will be calling a pastor for this new church development sometime this spring. My Presbytery responsibilities for 2008 will include chairing the steering committee for this Lathrop new church development as well as serving as the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Stockton. This year was also the final year of rotation as President of the Escalon Ministerial Association. We continued our support of C.A.R.E., our local food bank, the Christmas Fund, organizing joint worship services, and we started a new event this year, Faith in Action Weekend. This year's event included the sanding and painting of new benches

for Hogan Park, the refurbishment of benches at Heritage House, and the assembly of HIV CareGiver Kits through World Vision. We had an encouraging turnout for our first year and hope to continue partnering with our community churches for joint service projects in future years.

I participated in one course of study leave, the annual West Coast Pastor's Conference at Mount Hermon. Speakers were Earl Palmer, senior pastor of University Presbyterian in Seattle, WA, and Darrel Johnson, professor of spiritual theology at Regent College, Vancouver, WA. This was the 35th anniversary of the conference and was the first year Leslie attended the entire week with me. It was an important week for us to learn and to connect with other pastors and spouses, and we hope to continue doing this together as long as possible.

The Session in March graciously allowed me to accept an invitation to travel to Guatemala with LifeWind International on their annual board trip abroad for purpose of planning mission trips with them in the future. It has been our hope for some time now to partner with those doing international mission, and in particular, partner with Christian organizations whose mission and work we believe in and trust. The trip to various villages and cit-

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ies in Guatemala was eye-opening to me. The needs of the world's poor makes a much stronger impression on you when you witness it in person. I was greatly impressed by the ministry of LifeWind there and an invitation was extended to us to participate in their ministry in Central America. We are planning a mission trip to Guatemala for July 2008.

I am thankful for the consistent and faithful, work of our ministry staff – music director Joel Adams, secretary Linda Hagen, and new youth director Mike Fahey. Our facilities staff – custodian Laura Alcantor and groundskeeper Mark Arnold – have made our facilities and grounds look amazing. I'd like to thank Eric Holderman for his service to us as organist. He left California in September to move

to South Carolina to use his music gifts at a church there.

Volunteers are what makes a church run and I am thankful and blessed by the work of the elders and the deacons whose help was indispensable to me in this year of personal transition. Thank you to our officers Diane Houglund (Treasurer) and Wayne Engel (Financial Officer) for their faithful work. And I close with a special thanks to our Clerk of Session Gertrude Hogue. She has put more attention to detail and organization to her role than most anybody I have ever known. She is stepping down as Clerk and will be greatly missed in that capacity. But I know I will continue to rely on her for many things in the future.

This year we have witnessed the

birth of many children in our church. We have also said goodbye to beloved members: Bea McQuade, Mary Anna Love-Isenhower, Bill Holmes. The untimely deaths of our former Pastor Bob Flagg and former member of Presbytery Christine Albany were felt strongly by many in our congregation. The writer of Ecclesiastes is right, there is a season for all things under the sun – a time to be born, and a time to die. The church is meant to be there on both points, and all the ones in between. May the Lord bless Escalon Presbyterian as it continues its mission to SEEK, SERVE, SUPPORT and SUSTAIN according to the Word of God and in His strength.

To the Glory of God
Pastor Troy J. Onsager

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery of Stockton gathered together four times – Gustine Presbyterian, Assyrian Presbyterian church in Turlock, Trinity United in Modesto and our own Escalon Presbyterian. We received Nelson DeBrosse as the new pastor for Harvest Presbyterian in Ceres and hired Jerry Hurst as the new interim associate for congregational support for the Sierra Mission Partnership (they work with our presbytery, as well as the presbyteries of Sacramento and Nevada).

We said goodbye (in retirement only!) to Revs. Dave and Wendy Warner of Geneva Presbyterian in Modesto. They are still actively involved in the life of our Presbytery. We also were shocked by the death of Christine Albany, hospital chaplain and member of our Presbytery to cancer this year.

This leaves the churches of Geneva Presbyterian in Modesto, First Presbyterian in Stockton, Turlock Presbyterian, Trinity Presbyterian in Stockton and Tracy Presbyterian all in

searches for full-time pastors. We voted to have Paul Fandl of Delhi Community Church represent our Presbytery at this summer's General Assembly in San Jose, CA. There was very little national denominational business to attend to this year as our General Assembly only meets every other year. Elected officers for 2008: Dave McGurk (associate pastor at Merced) is chair of Council and Marily Vaughn (elder at First Stockton) is Moderator of the Presbytery.

2007 CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

We rejoiced with our beloved Pastor Troy and Leslie Onsager the birth of their son Andrew Glen. He arrived on a Sunday, just about at the end of fellowship. (Sept. 30 at 1:01).

Faith in Action held on Saturday, Oct.13 drew members to projects on local and global levels. Escalon Ministerial Association sponsored this activity.

Pastor Troy traveled to Guatemala in April with LifeWind International. Late in 2007 plans began for a return trip involving EPC members.

Pianist Shannon Duncan's exceptional talent had many of us staying to hear her Postlude. We also appreciate member Tisha DeHaven as a pianist.

Elders on the Session for this year:

Class of 2007

Dan Adams
Carol Adams
Rodney Alcantor
Margy Sawyer

Class of 2008

April Adams
Rick Dodge
Richard Hogue
Lorie Macsenti

Class of 2009

Laura Alcantor
Wayne Engle
Michele Hood
Dick Nelson

We lost three loved members: Bill Holmes, Bea McQuade, and Mary Anna Love. Another loss felt locally was Rev. Christine Albany who passed on March 27.

The use of our Faith Center increased as the Escalon Community Center closed for remodeling. We gained the Gentle Exercise and Senior Lunch programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mom's Time Out and Girl Scout Troop 1860 continued to meet twice monthly.

This is your Clerk of Session's final sign off after seven years in office. I began in late 2000 when Clerk Burl Rice became ill. Burl died in April 2001. I always joked I was not staying until I died. Good luck Jeff Hood. The Session and I welcome you.

Respectfully submitted,
Gertrude Hogue
Clerk of Session

2007 STATISTICAL REPORT

Active membership January 1, 2007 **135**

Gains

By Affirmation of Faith	0
By Re-affirmation of Faith	9
By Restoration to Active Roll	0
By Certificate of Transfer	1
By Baptism and Confession of Faith	0
Total Gains	10

Losses

By Death	3	
By Transfer to Inactive Roll	0	
By Letter of Transfer	0	
By Deletion from Roll	3	<i>Maize Brown, Sammy Brown, Allen Oberst</i>

Total Losses **6**

Active membership December 31, 2007 **139**

Plus Affiliate Member **1**

Necrology

<i>William R. (Bill) Holmes</i>	<i>January 14, 2007</i>
<i>Mary Beatrice McQuade</i>	<i>June 17, 2007</i>
<i>Mary Anna Love</i>	<i>July 9, 2007</i>

Infant/Child Baptisms	0
Adult Baptisms	0
Weddings	4
Funerals	3
Session Meetings	
Regular	12
Special Called	0
Congregational Meetings	2

New Members in 2007

*Patti Farhat, Angie Guevara, Rick Guevara,
Dave Hall, Cheryl Hall, Bob McCune,
Lisa McCune, Jayne Fahey, Mike Fahey,
Bob Whitt*

*Respectfully submitted,
Gertrude Hogue*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee met to select nominees from church members to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in January 2008. Each nominee will be asked to serve in leadership roles including governance, discipleship and responsibilities for the life of the church.

Those serving on the Nominating Committee were Erma Jean Barton, John Mostowski, Angie Guevara, and Jerry Hougland. Rodney Alcantor and Michele Hood served as co-chairs of the nominating committee.

We would like to offer our most sincere thanks to those who have fulfilled their commitments in serving within the various offices of the session and as members of the Deacons. Your leadership, dedication, cooperation and efforts to promote the welfare of the church are gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Session will determine the final areas of responsibility for each of the nominees that we have tentatively assigned areas of responsibility. Session will arrive at the final assignment when they make their placement which will

contribute most effectively to the accomplishment of the goals of the Church.

A Congregational meeting, chaired by Pastor Troy Onsager, was held after services on January 6, 2008. Names of nominees, proposed by the committee, were submitted for consideration. A vote was taken and the slate accepted.

Each of our nominees will begin their 3-year term on the committee listed but subject to change; Jerry Hougland will serve on the Finance Committee; Carol Adams will serve on Christian Life; Margy Sawyer will serve on the Worship Ministry Committee; and Dan Adams will serve on Mission Committee. In addition Sandy Thompson will serve a one year term on the Christian Education Committee.

We have one new Deacon Grant Thompson. We will be electing two additional Deacons at our Annual Meeting on January 27, 2008.

Congratulations to our nomi-

nees for accepting the call and to the congregation for their acceptance, affirmation and support of all those selected.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Hood
Co-Chairman, Nominating
Committee

Note from Pastor Troy: I'd like to thank the committee for their diligence and hard work in this process. I'd also like to apologize to the congregation for two errors made in the process: 1) the late timing of the meeting and 2) the failure to have an active Deacon representative. With our baby born this fall, I didn't realize that the committee hadn't been organized until December and in my haste I spent most of my time trying to meet the book of order requirements for equal representation for age and gender, which we had. Thus the two errors on my part. Every effort will be made to ensure that this does not happen again, and that the committee's work will be organized and made known to the congregation early in the fall as it should be.

BOARD OF DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons continued in their calling of "Sympathy and Service" during the year of 2007. A number of receptions were arranged following funerals, as well as meals for members and families who were in post-hospital status. This year, deacons were also on stand-by to a church family who was burned out of their home just prior to Christmas. We continue to be in contact with this family and are ready to provide assistance as needed.

Deacons continue to provide flowers for weekly services as well the elements for monthly communion. We are responsible for obtaining "offering takers," greeters and lay-readers on a weekly basis. If you've ever wondered why someone is walking up the side of the church

during worship, it's the Deacon of the Month who is counting the attendees; check the calendar in the back of the church if you've ever wondered what the attendance was that day. The Deacons have activated the prayer chain often this year, requesting prayer as well as notifying the church family when necessary.

Our funds have been garnered from you, the congregation, on the annual Deacon Sunday; which this year is February 24. The Deacon's Yard Sale is considered to be a mission for our community which also raises funds for our work. This year the congregation was careful to donate only items in good shape, which were offered at the sale for very reasonable prices. We were rewarded with fewer un-

sold items and a healthy profit, and the community was happy to get quality clothes and household products. Deacons' finances continue to run in the black, always realizing that an emergency can happen at any time.

We are thankful for your support in our mission and look forward to the new year and the challenges ahead.

In Christ,

Barbara Jones

DEACON TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 2007		\$ 576.85
Miscellaneous Contributions	700.00	
Deacons Sunday	2,615.00	
Yard Sale	<u>1,707.37</u>	
Total Income		<u>5,022.37</u>
Total		\$5,599.22
Expenditures:		
Communion Supplies	29.91	
Funerals	218.37	
Stamps	161.96	
Cards	151.78	
Yard Sale Expenses	78.39	
Yard Sale Pedi Cash	200.00	
Mother & Father Day's Gifts	54.00	
Helping Hands	120.00	
Graduation Gifts	190.00	
Pastor Appreciation Day	150.00	
Staff Christmas Gifts	950.00	
Escalon Ministerial Association	900.00	
Calvin Crest	600.00	
World Vision	250.00	
Other Gifts (Shut-ins)	19.30	
Babb Family Donation	<u>300.00</u>	
Total		\$4,373.71
Checking Balance December 31, 2007		\$1,225.51
<u>Savings Account:</u>		
Balance January 1, 2007		\$1,679.23
Interest for 2007		<u>4.24</u>
Savings Balance December 31, 2007		\$1,683.47

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Holt

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is unbelievable to realize 2007 has come and gone. As the official elders on the Christian Education Ministry Team, April and I have had another fulfilling yet humbling year. The only way to best serve our church body is to have the support of our entire congregation. We have been blessed with exactly that! Being chair of this team with April, is only a technicality for she was definitely an equal partner when it came to fulfilling our commitment. I must thank her and acknowledge how much of an asset and friend she has become. April will be handing over her official elder position as of 2008, but she will continue to be a driving force for our ministry team. I want to welcome aboard Sandy Thompson as the new elder on our two person team. Sandy has already been an active and inspiring role model for our ministry team and has accepted the official position for 2008. Sandy has and will continue leading our children's choir as well as being one of Sunday school teachers for our Jr. and Sr. High classes.

Our team was also excited to welcome Mike Fahey as Youth Director for our Jr. and Sr. High School group. Mike is an amazing asset to EPC and his ability to minister to our youth shows in their growth both in numbers and in spirit. He has been very busy in and out of our newly completed youth room. Mike

has taken the youth group on many outings such as bowling, going to Joy Fest, having water wars on bumper boats, playing miniature golf, and the excitement has and will continue in 2008. What a blessing Mike has been for our team and his service is a reflection of his ministering abilities. He has brought on board two college students, Andy Schmidt and Michael Beeman, to keep our youth hopping. The great games they plan and the mentors they are becoming reflect the growth of our youth ministry. Thanks to both of them as well as the countless others in our church who have supported Mike, our youth, and the ministry we strive to provide.

We had another delicious and successful pancake breakfast this Easter which netted \$840.00 and went directly to our campership program for Calvin Crest. Thanks to all who donated time, supplies, raffle items, and great cooking ability. Our other fund raiser was a hot dog Sunday during fellowship. This also brought in a substantial donation to the campership program.

As host of Vacation Bible School, we were blessed to have approximately 93 students who were taught through music, missions, study, crafts, and recreation. Our theme "Game Day Central" taught us to be mem-

bers of God's team at all times. Through sports and cheering we learned to "A" Admit, "B" Believe, and "C" Confess! This simple yet profound week-long concept will hopefully and prayerfully stay with our young attendees. As April and I co-chaired the event, we were again blessed with the full support of our church body as well as the Lutheran and Methodist Churches. We want to thank all of you who participated in making this week possible.

Christian Ed this year also hosted the Annual Church Picnic and Father's Day Barbecue on our own church grounds. We definitely missed the beautiful tree shaded yard at The Roberson Ranch but still enjoyed the comfort of their wonderful umbrella shaded tables.

Thanks to our talented crew of Rick, Rick and Richard for helping with barbecuing, set-up and clean up. Also for everyone who helped make our celebration fun and delicious.

As our Sunday School kicked off its new season, we were forced to make a couple of exciting additions. We added another class to our ever growing children's Sunday School ministry and also offered two adult Sunday School options. Dan Adams and Rick Guevara led an Alpha study and Scott Mayfield continues to offer a video series of Faith Lessons. We thank all of

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our teachers, helpers, and attendees who make Sunday mornings Bible based and Spirit led.

Our 2nd annual Chili Cook-off was also a great event that April and The Thompson Family made possible. The festivities were complete with hay rides, games, wonderful food and, of course,

beautiful surroundings at The Thompson Ranch. We can't wait until next year.

As you can surmise, the Christian Education Ministry Team survives with the full support of our congregation, and we hope to continue in 2008 to SEEK, SERVE, SUPPORT, and SUS-

TAIN the holistic ministry of Escalon Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Alcantor,
Chair CE Ministry Team

CALVIN CREST

Calvin Crest 2007 was again a life renewing and changing event for our young campers. As a first time registrar, I must admit there were some organizational challenges, but with the great help of Calvin Crest staff I humbly made it through. We sent eleven campers and two counselors to the beautiful forest above Oakhurst and just south of Yosemite National Park. We hope you were able to see the videos during our Youth Sunday Worship Service that gave us just a glimpse of all the wonderful activities, awesome Bible studies, and Christ-centered worship services that take place during the week. We were able

to arrange an earlier date for our high school group due to the ever changing Escalon School District's schedule and that now guarantees our spot for the years to come. Andy Schmidt counseled our High School boys group this year and Samantha Alcantor counseled for our Sherwood Forest girls. It is hard to tell who gets more out of a week at Calvin Crest, the counselors or the campers themselves. The entire experience is beyond comparison. Thanks to all of the many supporters of Calvin Crest and enabling our campership program to assist in the costs. Calvin Crest 2008 looks to be even better than ever

with new and exciting activities, on line registration and even a Camp being offered to the Senior Citizens of our congregation. We at EPC fully support the Calvin Crest Program and highly encourage our young congregation to attend and to invite friends who might not otherwise get this Christ-centered and Spirit-filled opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Alcantor,
Christian Ed Ministry Chair

CHURCH LIFE

Looking back over this year of 2007, I am thankful for the opportunity that we as a Church Life team have had in functioning as part of the Body of Christ. I believe we have been able to assist in the mission of the church to Seek, Serve, Support and Sustain.

Church Life has a solid team consisting of the following: Lorie Macsenti, Pat Brown, Patti Farhat, Angie Guevara, and Myself. Our goal is to function as facilitators, by assisting through opportunities for fellowship, small groups, and Bible Studies.

The following are some of the

activities, and events that were orchestrated and supported this year: Church Directory, Senior Fling, Baby Showers, Ladies Tea, Golf Tournament, DVD/ Discussion Nights with Pastor Troy, Worship Evening W/ Dinner, Young Families Monthly Events, Weekly Fellowship, and Support of Small Group Bible Studies.

Our goal is to continue to work within the team and with others to create and support opportunities so that we as a church family can grow together in Christ. We are not about becoming "Activity Generating Stations," but rather becoming an avenue

for God's power and life. We want to listen to God's direction and honor Him in every event and activity, so that we become representatives of His Living, Functioning Body in our corner of the world.

Please know that this team would like to be your point of contact. We want to share your ideas and help make your dreams a reality. Also, we welcome additions to the Church Life team.

In Christ,
Carol Adams
Church Life Chair

MISSION OUTREACH

Purpose: The Mission Committee has a three fold task, identifying and meeting local needs in our community, identifying international missionaries and missions we can support, as well as mobilizing some of the gifts and resources of the congregation to participate in the outreach of the gospel to our own congregation, community, and the world.

A. Local: There is not much of a systematic effort to deal with the needs of the community with the following exceptions:

1. Care: This is a food program which is run by the Escalon Ministerial Association. There are few people from our church

involved or interested in this other than Shirley Engel.

2. Community Work Day: This was a three pronged event in October which primed and sanded park benches, worked at the Heritage House, and packed Aids kits for World Vision at Covenant Church. St. Patricks, Escalon Christian Reformed, and Escalon Presbyterian, Covenant were the main churches involved in this.

3. Heritage House Christmas Project: Members of the church selected list from a tree to purchase Christmas gifts for Heritage House residents. This would be a natural outreach for

our church since we have people on the Board there.

4. Don Nickerson and I will be taking a group of young men through a discipleship course on Tuesday evenings. Four adults are completing the Alpha course during the Sunday School Hour.

B. International: This has been a fairly quiet year with little on the international front. We are not involved in denominational activities, other than on an individual basis.

1. Pastor Troy went to Guatemala with LifeWinds to see some of the work which they are doing in Guatemala. We are gearing up to send a team their

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in July of 2008. Bob Paul, President of LifeWinds has preached at our church several times. On December 2 he spoke to the Mission Committee and interested parties about what would be entailed in a short term trip to Guatemala. The regional director, a medical doctor who has been active there for 18 years, will be coming to Modesto in mid January. At that time we can firm up exactly what we might do and where we might be going.

2. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley- Aids and the Evangelical World Conference. This conference in October was a sobering look at Aids in the Third World. This conference was headed by world class speakers from Egypt, Malawi, India, Uganda, Malaysia. The conference was attended by Dan Adams, Josh Giddens, Troy Onsager, Dick Nelson.

3. July 2008 – People leave from Escalon Presbyterian Church and go to Guatemala for a week or so. We will be assembling a team of people who welcome the opportunity to see God at work, and are available for whatever HE might have in mind for them. You might have to stretch a bit. If you can't go, pray for us. If you don't want to go, figure out a way to support those that do. If you can't go, encourage someone you think might have the gifts to be useful,

or might profit from the exposure. That being said, I think that would cover most of the members of the congregation. This is a congregational mission. This team will be your ambassadors.

4. One area where I think we can be helpful: identifying and supporting candidates for short term missions, particularly gifted college students. For example, a kid from Cal Poly, a graduate in mechanical engineering who goes to Sudan to construct water projects with SIM, what used to be called the Sudan Interior Mission, now called SIM, Servants in Mission. If we are not going, at least we can support some of the kids that are.

5. We need to develop an appropriate mechanism to publicize mission efforts to our congregation. This could be done in the weekly E-Mail or the Monthly newsletter.

C. Men with a Mission: This is a small Bible Study which has met for the last year and a half. We have gone through John Piper's, "50 Reasons Why Christ Died." This has been a fairly heavy study which has provided a good theological framework for the men involved. We spent three weeks discussing the idea of desire as it relates to our desires, our desires or lack of them for God, and what happens when our desires are not met, i.e. dis-

appointment. Framework for this study was derived from material by John Eldredge, Gordon Macdonald, and Phillip Yancey. Starting in 2008 we will be starting a study of Ephesians. Ideally we would like to develop a much larger men's ministry with a major impact in our church and community. My prayer continues to be the same as last year that revival would start with the men in our church, that their love for Christ would spark the beginning of a contagion which would impact their wives, children, and communities. Imagine the impact of Godly Husbands, Godly Fathers able to instruct their children. Imagine men who go to work each day as models of conviction, integrity, having a passionate love of Christ. Those would be men with a mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Adams

FINANCE / STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The Session of our church has agreed to the proposed budget of over \$198,000.00 for 2008. This budget represents our hopes and prayers to support our growing congregation. We thankfully closed 2007 with contributions of \$3,900.00 over our expenses.

This year the Finance Team will be planning for our church's future financial needs which in-

clude the continued growth of our congregation, the management of the proposed budget, and the careful stewardship of our existing assets.

The gifts and contributions we are blessed with in 2008 will guide us in determining our congregation's future opportunities and possibilities. We welcome anyone to the Finance Team meetings if you feel the call to

help with this mission.

In God's Service
Michele Hood
Finance/Stewardship Chair

TRUSTEES

Trustee Committee

Rick Dodge **Chair**
Richard Hogue
Wayne Engle
Rodney Alcantor
Dave Hall

Projects Completed in 2007

1. Redwood trees planted at the northwest corner of the property in Honor of Ray Betcher.
2. The trees between the Sanctuary and the west property line were removed by PG&E at no charge to the church.
3. The city required a "backflow device" to be installed where the

city water supply comes onto our property. We were able to install this ourselves at a substantial savings versus having a contractor do the installation.

4. Had the large window in the middle classroom in Faith Center replaced.
5. Installed the new fence and mow strips along the Hwy 120 side of our property.
6. Pastor Troy's Office was repainted and cabinets refurbished.
7. We had the Sanctuary carpet shampooed.

8. We had two work days with very good turn outs.

9. We purchased 4 new tables for Faith Center.

10. We are in the process of converting the Fireside Room to a useable Classroom and Conference room.

We want to thank everyone who volunteered their time and financial assistance to the projects of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Dodge

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As our church family continues to grow so does our desire to worship and praise our Lord. We are blessed with a pastor who nurtures our faith with Bible based teachings and encourages us to actively study the word to develop a more personal relationship with God. Pastor Troy continues to grow in his abilities as our pastor and to lead us as a church of Christ. We are deeply committed to his continued growth in Christ and as a Pastor. He has challenged us with several sermon series' designed to expand our knowledge, prayer life, service to others and devotion to God. We are so grateful to God to have such a wonderful servant of His leading us. At the end of each service we now have the opportunity for more personal/hands on prayer time with our prayer teams: Dan Adams, Tom Roberson, Elaine Holt, Jeff Hood and myself. We consider it a great honor to be able to pray with you and for you.

During the time Pastor Troy and Leslie awaited Andrews' arrival and subsequent bonding time, we enjoyed the teachings of several Pastors and we are grateful to them for sharing their time and talents with us; Brian Ralston, Wendy Warner and Jerry Hurst. We also had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Michael Holmes

and always are delighted to hear from Al Opdyke.

Our organist Eric Holderman resigned this year taking a full time position in South Carolina. Although we miss his playing for us, we know God has great plans for him in the new church and we wish him well. In the meantime we would be remiss if we didn't say a big **THANK YOU** to all who have stepped in to continue the fine music in our worship service. Shannon Duncan and Trisha DeHaven on the piano and Margaret Van Vliet as guest organist. Their gift of music has been a gift to us and I can't thank them enough for bringing that soothing sound to our worship service. Our Praise Band members have been a blessing to us adding guitar and congas/bongos and we thank them for stepping in and giving our praise songs new life; Jeff Jarchow, Josh Giddens, Tanner Roarke, Mark Macsenti and Richard Thompson.

Music is an integral part of worship as well as being a form of prayer to our Lord. Worship services this year were filled with the voices from our Chancel Choir, Praise Team members, Sandy Thompson's Sunday School Choir and guest instrumentalists who sang/played our prayers and praises to an ever

faithful God. The special services that surround us as Christians were deeply moving: Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Cantata by the Chancel Choir, and the Children's Christmas performance. We thank Joel Adams for his coordination and direction in leading the music in our worship. His dedication to strive for excellence in serving God through music is seen every Sunday and has lifted us up.

This year we held a "Make a joyful noise night" filled with singing and praising and fellowship. We want to do more of these events to give us all more opportunities to worship in less formal and more spontaneous ways.

We are truly blessed by the many people who perform the large and small tasks that make worshiping the Lord in His House something to look forward to each Sunday. Thank You to all of you, for you are the ministers in this church. May we continue to bring joy to the Lord by our worship of Him and may the Holy Spirit move mightily among us this next year.

Yours in Christ,
Margy Sawyer

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Our purpose is to glorify God, uplift and encourage others, and enrich ourselves through excellence in music.” This is why the Music Ministry exists at Escalon Presbyterian Church. We enrich our lives musically and spiritually, bring the “Word of the Lord” to our congregational family through music, and most importantly, we Glorify God.

CHANCEL CHOIR

2007 was a year of choral quality and spiritually rich moments. Reviewing the year takes us through a variety of musical styles and spiritual messages. The choir is comprised of individuals, yet we are one. This is the beauty of choral ministry, it is similar to the Body of Christ. Everyone has a part and is needed to make the unit function appropriately. We need our tenors, altos, basses, and sopranos. The combined voices create a wonderfully rich and complex sound, not able to be reproduced by anything but the authentic voices God has gifted us with!

Introits and Anthems – Our weekly music has been selected from the church’s substantial choral music library and newly purchased pieces. The music has been joyful, majestic, upbeat, contemplative, and soft in style. The choir works hard

every week to prepare music for our worship services. Its themes have communicated a wide range of Biblically based messages. They are selected to coincide with the pastoral theme and/or the liturgical church year.

Good Friday – “Song of the Shadows” was the title of our Good Friday Cantata. Piano, violin, and congas were used for accompaniment. Joseph Martin has created a masterful work in this cantata, placing it as standard at EPC for years to come.

Christmas Cantata – “Canticle of Joy” was a fantastic cantata which included familiar Christmas music and new tunes. The program’s focus was deep joy that comes into our lives through Christ. The congregation experienced joy, peace, excitement, awe, etc. as the ancient story of God coming to earth was told once again.

PRAISE TEAM, SPECIAL MUSIC, and CONGREGATION SINGING

Our church is blessed with so much wonderful musical talent. Each week we are encouraged by various people that contribute to our worship services. Our congregational singing this year was led by a mixture of instruments, including; organ, piano, congas, bongos, guitar, cello, and violin. We added

violin and cello more frequently during worship throughout the year. We were also able to purchase bongo drums, adding additional percussion options. Vocally, we were blessed by choir and praise team. We were fortunate to enjoy special music by individual instrumentalists and vocalists, as well. The time and energy spent in preparation for our services is commendable and appreciated by all who participate. **THANK YOU MUSIC MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS!**

Our year was filled with great moments which will stay with all of us forever. Our music is presented with heart and skill. Our goal continues to be the inclusion of quality music that is new and old, classical and contemporary, and varied in musical style. We will continue to work hard and present music that is excellent in quality. We will also never forget to sing with heart, believing the words we sing!

Honored to Serve God and You,

Joel Adams
Music Director

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2007 BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

CASH

Bank of the West Checking Account	\$ 35,008.05
New Covenant-B	6,911.23
New Covenant-H	3,577.11
New Covenant-R & P	14,152.58
Synod-767A	19,894.30
Synod-767C	17,910.83
Synod-767D	18,295.69
Synod-MDC767	94,324.80
Synod-Downer Trust Fund	114,321.20
Synod-Downer Trust-MDC767-1011	30,964.67
Synod-Downer Trust-MDC767A-1007	55,818.89
New Covenant-Downer	<u>\$ 46,287.71</u>
Subtotal Cash	\$457,467.06

OTHER ASSETS

Note Receivable (Pastor's House)	<u>\$102,000.00</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS \$559,467.06

LIABILITIES

Taxes Payable-Payroll	\$ 3,894.12
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TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 3,894.12

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$555,572.94

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE \$559,467.06

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2007 RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND	\$167,282.38
MISSIONS	\$ 2,810.46
MEMORIALS	\$ 1,095.00
PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ -
ORGAN FUND	\$ 2,754.00
MUSIC FUND	\$ 1,050.00
TAPE MINISTRY FUND	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS FUND	\$ 7,190.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND	\$ 2,150.00
ENGEL MEMORIAL FUND	\$ -
CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 3,296.13
PASTOR STUDY LEAVE FUND	\$ 285.94
DOWNER FUND	\$ 275.00
YOUTH FUND	\$ 50.00
REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION FUND	\$ 11,000.00

SUBTOTAL CONTRIBU-	\$199,238.91	\$ 199,238.91
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OTHER INCOME

MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 753.44
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SUBTOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$ 753.44	\$ 753.44
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INVESTMENT INCOME

INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	\$ 20,881.78
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SUBTOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 20,881.78	\$ 20,881.78
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TOTAL INCOME AND TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

\$ 220,874.13

DISBURSEMENTS

OPERATING EXPENSES

PERSONNEL	\$115,771.88
TRUSTEES	\$ 29,448.69
CHURCH LIFE	\$ 3,051.18
MISSION OUTREACH	\$ 1,936.45
MISSION SUPPORT	\$ 9,000.04
WORSHIP & MUSIC	\$ 4,808.71
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 2,891.87

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$166,908.82	\$ 166,908.82
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DESIGNATED FUNDS & MISSIONS

\$ 35,200.84

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 202,109.66

TREASURER'S REPORT - 2007 FUND BALANCES

<u>FUND DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BALANCE @ JAN. 1, 2007</u>	<u>YTD INCOME</u>	<u>YTD EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE @ DEC. 31, 2007</u>
General Fund	\$ 27,458.03	\$ 168,057.25	\$ 159,994.22	\$ 35,521.06
Missions Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,810.46	\$ 2,104.87	\$ 705.59
Memorial Fund	\$ 8,387.98	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 973.71	\$ 8,509.27
Pastoral Ministries Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Organ Fund	\$ 10,224.48	\$ 2,754.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,978.48
Music Fund	\$ 504.71	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,138.66	\$ 416.05
Tape Ministry Fund	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Fund	\$ 859.10	\$ 7,190.00	\$ 7,190.00	\$ 859.10
Pastor Housing Fund	\$102,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$102,000.00
Baymiller Fund	\$ 5,268.35	\$ 366.16	\$ -	\$ 5,634.51
Mary Harris Estate Fund	\$ 14,269.57	\$ 814.47	\$ 2,537.20	\$ 12,546.84
Gus Harris Memorial Fund	\$ 1,845.59	\$ 189.52	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,935.11
Lloyd Engel Memorial Fund	\$ 89,265.42	\$ 5,059.38	\$ 3,905.98	\$ 90,418.82
Camp Scholarship Fund	\$ 450.00	\$ 3,296.13	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 356.13
Popp/Rollins Fund	\$ 11,980.54	\$ 749.78	\$ -	\$ 12,730.32
Buildings & Grounds Fund	\$ 2,337.23	\$ 2,959.43	\$ 2,695.17	\$ 2,601.49
CD Growth Fund	\$ 17,113.49	\$ 797.34	\$ -	\$ 17,910.83
Pastor Study Leave Fund	\$ -	\$ 285.94	\$ -	\$ 285.94
Downer Fund	\$243,068.65	\$ 12,349.27	\$ 6,937.55	\$248,480.37
RiceTechnology Fund	\$ 851.56	\$ -	\$ 851.56	\$ -
Youth Fund	\$ 721.72	\$ 50.00	\$ 88.69	\$ 683.03
Real Estate Acquisition Fund	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00
Grand Totals	\$536,831.42	\$ 220,874.13	\$ 202,132.61	\$555,572.94

ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - PROPOSED BUDGET 2008

Category Description	Actuals from 2007		2008 Budget	Budget +/-
	2007 Budget	2007 Actual		
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE				
Ministerial Personnel				
Pastor Salary / Housing	\$30,526	\$30,526	\$36,526	\$6,000
Housing Actual (Included Above)	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
Workmans Comp (All employees)	\$2,155	\$1,854	\$1,199	(\$956)
Pension / Medical	\$15,286	\$15,286	\$17,176	\$1,890
Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,200	\$1,925	\$2,200	\$0
Pastor Discretionary	\$300	\$271	\$300	\$0
Study Leave	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Secretary Salary	\$16,050	\$16,050	\$16,532	\$482
Secretary Payroll Tax	\$1,228	\$1,228	\$1,265	\$37
Total	\$86,745	\$86,140	\$94,198	\$7,453
Music Personnel				
Organist	\$9,690	\$7,850	\$10,000	\$310
Organist Tax	\$741	\$547	\$765	\$24
Accompanist	\$2,000	\$2,775	\$4,000	\$2,000
Accompanist Payroll Tax	\$153	\$258	\$306	\$153
Choir Director	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$7,000	\$400
Choir Director Payroll Tax	\$505	\$581	\$536	\$31
Total	\$19,689	\$18,611	\$22,607	\$2,918
Other Personnel				
Janitorial	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$9,552	\$3,052
Janitor Payroll Tax	\$497	\$497	\$731	\$234
Total	\$6,997	\$6,997	\$10,283	\$3,286
Christian Ed Personnel				
Nursery	\$1,560	\$1,560	\$1,364	(\$196)
Nursery Payroll Tax	\$119	\$119	\$125	\$6
Worker's Comp (All C/E Employees)	\$132	\$83	\$62	(\$70)
Youth Worker	\$7,200	\$2,100	\$7,200	\$0
Youth Worker Payroll Tax	\$551	\$161	\$551	\$0
Total	\$9,562	\$4,023	\$9,302	(\$260)
Total Personnel	\$122,993	\$115,771	\$136,390	\$13,397
<i>Total Personnel Less Christian Ed</i>	\$113,431	\$111,748	\$127,088	\$13,657

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>	<u>2007 Actual</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>Budget +/-</u>
Operating Expenses				
TRUSTEE COMMITTEE				
Supplies (Office)	\$1,800	\$749	\$1,000	(\$800)
Supplies (Grdnr/Cust)	\$450	\$267	\$1,000	\$550
Postage	\$450	\$586	\$450	\$0
Newsletter bulk mailing	\$600	\$153	\$300	(\$300)
Technology Expense	\$500	\$556	\$500	\$0
Utilities (Gas & Elect)	\$6,000	\$4,017	\$6,000	\$0
Cell Phone	\$600	\$640	\$660	\$60
Telephone	\$1,200	\$1,277	\$1,200	\$0
Utilities (Water/Garbage)	\$1,600	\$1,164	\$1,600	\$0
Liability/Property Insurance	\$6,000	\$9,749	\$4,870	(\$1,130)
Gardening Services	\$3,600	\$3,060	\$3,600	\$0
Maintenance - Minor	\$800	\$784	\$800	\$0
Maintenance (Copier)	\$700	\$358	\$700	\$0
Maintenance - Major	\$5,000	\$2,823	\$5,000	\$0
Carpet Cleaning	\$1,000	\$437	\$1,000	\$0
Per Capita	\$2,072	\$2,072	\$2,184	\$112
Offering Envelope & Steward	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$300	\$759	\$300	\$0
Total	\$32,722	\$29,451	\$31,214	(\$1,508)
CHURCH LIFE				
Activities and Supplies (Kitchen)	\$500	\$1,427	\$2,000	\$1,500
Discipleship	\$1,200	\$1,624	\$2,000	\$800
Total	\$1,700	\$3,051	\$4,000	\$2,300
MISSION OUTREACH				
Vistors Packets	\$150	\$42	\$150	\$0
Advertising	\$825	\$885	\$900	\$75
Outreach Programs	\$1,500	\$1,009	\$1,500	\$0
Total	\$2,475	\$1,936	\$2,550	\$75
GENERAL MISSION				
General Mission Support	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Mission Interpretation Materials	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
Ministerial Association Dues	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
Fund for Theological Education	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
Ethnic Ministries within Presbytery	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0
Total	\$9,100	\$9,000	\$9,100	\$0
WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE				
Sanctuary Supplies	\$500	\$244	\$500	\$0
Tape Ministry	\$500	\$196	\$500	\$0
Pulpit Supply	\$600	\$800	\$600	\$0
Pulpit Supply Mileage	\$100	\$133	\$100	\$0
Substitute Organist	\$400	\$1,200	\$400	\$0
Guest Musicians	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Music Material	\$1,000	\$850	\$1,000	\$0
Copywrite Authorization	\$228	\$230	\$280	\$52
Maintenance (Music. Instmnt)	\$1,400	\$1,155	\$1,400	\$0
Total	\$4,728	\$4,808	\$5,780	\$1,052
GENERAL FUND Less CE	\$164,156	\$159,994	\$179,732	\$15,576

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (DOWNER FUND)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Downer Misc/Youth Worker Expense	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Calvin Crest Camperships	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
SS supplies Gift/Bibles	\$550	\$427	\$750	\$200
SS Curriculum	\$800	\$631	\$1,100	\$300
Program Expense / Youth Fellowship	\$1,000	\$737	\$1,000	\$0
Donation to Calvin Crest	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Bibles	\$200	\$290	\$300	\$100
Vacation Bible School	\$500	\$397	\$500	\$0
Total CE (Excluding Personnell)	\$7,050	\$2,482	\$8,650	\$1,600
CE Personnell (From above)	\$9,562	\$4,023	\$9,302	(\$260)
Total CE (Including Personnell)	\$16,612	\$6,505	\$17,952	\$1,340

EPC 2007 & 2008 Comparison

\$180,768	\$166,499	\$197,684	\$16,916
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REPORT OF AUDITORS / 2007 FINANCIAL RECORDS

On January 17, 2008 the audit team of Elaine Holt, Ellen Nelson and Clint Voorhees examined the books and records of the Escalon Presbyterian Church, the Downer Fund for Christian Education and the Deacons Fund for 2007.

It is the opinion of the auditing team that the financial statements correctly reflect the financial position of the Church, Deacons, and the Downer Fund.

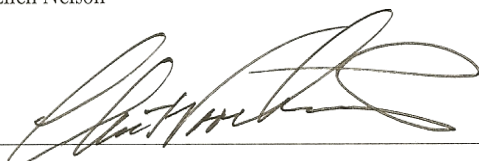
Reported as complete the 17th day of January, 2008.



Elaine Holt



Ellen Nelson



Clint Voorhees