

Annual Report

of

Salem and Zion

Presbyterian Churches

of

Venedocia, Ohio

From

Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953

**TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SALEM
AND ZION CHURCHES, VENEDOCIA.**

Greetings:

It is with a feeling of gratitude that we present to you the report of your church activities for the year ended December 31, 1953.

The report is incomplete, because the story of our church life during the year cannot be told in cold figures, nor can we measure the value of the efforts put forth during the year by what appears on the surface.

To all the societies and organizations, and the members, we say "Thank You" for your labor of love and devotion during the year. We shall count on you for an increasing measure of love and devotion in the years to come. The following excerpt from the report of 1951 is still true, and is worthy of our earnest consideration.

"The Church can make its voice heard in these days, only in the measure that its members continue to join in loyalty and devotion. That the world needs the Church, and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is becoming increasingly evident.

It is time therefore for us to fully mobilize our Christian forces, that we might protect and safeguard our Christian heritage.

Your church needs you, and you need the church and the power of the Gospel for victorious living in this day.

As we face a future that is still uncertain, let us do in the bonds of Christian fellowship making the church and its Services of Worship an integral part of our life.

Your pastor and fellow worker,

Ellis Lloyd

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF
THE SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VENEDOCIA, OHIO**

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Officers of the Church

Pastor Rev. Ellis Lloyd

Elders

Charles H. Foster — J. Layton Jenkins

Howard Richards — Wm. B. Evans — Stanley Roberts

Osborne Jones — Thomas R. Morris — Delbert Dolby

John L. Rees

Financial Secretary Hayden Lloyd

Treasurer Henry Uhl

Clerk of Session John L. Rees

Chorister Carl Morgan

Assistant Chorister Lee Lare

Organist Mrs. J. Alford Breese

Membership

Communicants January 1, 1953 290

Received by letter 1

By Affirmation of Faith 2

Restored 1

Total 294

Deceased during year 3

Dismissed by letter of communicants 8

Total membership December 31, 1953 283

Baptisms during year 15

John L. Rees, Clerk.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SALEM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 1460.29
Envelope offering	5432.65
Loose offering	1297.74
Interest on Bonds	15.00
Interest, Memorial Fund	39.61
Zion Church (Bible School, Printing annual reports, Pastors Ins.)	38.42
Rebate on Insurance	7.36
Offering at Bible School	28.62
Good Will offering Rev. Thompson	68.42
Presbyterian Building Fund	200.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 8588.11

Disbursements:

Pastor's salary	\$ 3000.00
Pulpit supply	294.57
Pastor's Pension	310.50
Janitor's salary	660.00
Organist	185.00
Assistant Organist	7.00
Chorister	100.00
Assistant Chorister	4.00
Mimeographing bulletins	61.00
Financial Secretary	60.00
General Assembly dues	142.50
Coal	527.98
Electricity	172.32
Insurance	515.26
Taxes	54.74
Office supplies	190.42
Labor and material (Church)	217.17
Labor and material (manse)	153.39
Safety Box rental	2.40
Tuning 2 pianos, organ repair	15.00
Printing annual reports	90.99
Evans Motor Freight (moving piano)	8.05
Flowers	13.00
A. J. Suever Co. (stone)	35.25

Conference delegates expense	20.10
Presbyterian Life	115.80
Rev. Thompson (Good Will offering)	68.42
Arthur's Cleaners (cleaning flag)	1.70
Morgan's Grocery	18.46
Presbyterian Building Fund	200.00

Total Disbursements	\$ 7251.02
Balance December 31, 1953	1337.09

Total	\$ 8588.11
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THE BENEVOLENCE REPORT

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Receipts:

Sunday offering	\$ 1250.15
Day of Sharing	83.38
Easter	117.65
Mother's Day (Dr. Sharpe)	72.02
Thanksgiving offering	101.23
Offering at Bible School	20.63
Bible Society	42.85

Total Receipts	\$ 1687.91
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Disbursements:

Central Receiving Agency	\$ 1072.00
Central Receiving Agency (National)	101.23
Central Receiving Agency (Foreign)	117.65
Sharing	83.38
Dr. Sharpe	72.02
Offering at Bible School	20.63
Bible Society	100.00
Ohio Presbyterian Home (dues for 52-53)	121.00

Total Disbursements	\$ 1687.91
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CHURCH IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

to December 31, 1953

Total Receipts	\$ 4,629.00
Disbursements	none
Balance	\$ 4,629.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953)

Memorial

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

Total	\$ 2175.00
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Receipts:

Interest on "G" Bonds	\$ 15.00
12 months interest on deposit	39.61

Total	\$ 54.61
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Disbursements:

To Church Treasurer	\$ 54.61
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Depository

In Government "G" Bonds	\$ 600.00
On deposit, Citizens Federal Savings & Loan, Delphos	1575.00

Total	\$ 2175.00
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Trust Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 200.02
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Receipts:

Interest earned	\$ 6.69
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Disbursements:

None

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 273.31
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Depository of Trust Fund

On deposit, Citizens Federal Savings & Loan, Delphos	\$ 273.31
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Members of the Board of Trustees

Marvin Evans, chairman, Everett Koenig, secretary, John Pugh, Lester Morris, Rufus Morris, David J. Evans, Gordon Pugh, Wm. Morgan, vice chairman and John R. Lloyd

**TREASURER'S REPORT OF SALEM
PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR YEAR 1953**

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 171.21
Receipts for year of 1953	607.43

Total Receipts for year of 1953\$ 778.64

Disbursements for year of 1953:

Presbyterian Book Store for Literature	\$ 448.06
Supplies for Primary Department	22.23
Gideon Bible Fund	28.55
Expenses for Delegates to Summer Camp	20.10
County Soft Ball League	30.00
Expenses for Sunday School Picnic	12.20
Morgan's Store Xmas Treat	24.65

Total Disbursements for year of 1953 ..	585.79
Balance on Hand January 1, 1954	192.85

FRANK J. UHL, Treasurer

REPORT OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 659.76
Apportionment from Circles A, B and C	432.00
Proceeds from miscellaneous sales	48.11
St. David's and Brotherhood Banquets and M. N. George Sale	392.87
Collections at Association Meetings	21.72
Total	1554.46

Disbursements:

Foreign, National, Christian Education, C. & I. Pension, Opportunity Gift, Summer Offering, Buchanan Scholarship Fund, Quad- rennial and Contingent Funds	\$ 279.13
Ohio Council of Churches	5.00
Church Benevolence	25.00
United Church Women, National Council of Churches	7.70
Miss Betty Hilty, Missionary in India	150.00
Delegate to Wooster	15.00
Literature	16.17
National and Overseas Sewing	13.02

Postage on bundles for Korea	26.98
Circles A, B and C	108.00
Flowers and Gifts	29.00
New Song Books	12.75
5 new tables plus freight	137.98
For weaving rag rugs	48.00
Guest night speaker	10.00
Supplies for Banquets and Sales	145.99
Service charge on checking account60

Total 1031.12

Balance on Hand December 31, 1953 523.34

Basement Fund on Savings Account 1513.71

MRS. EDWARD M. JONES, Treasurer

REPORT OF MUSIC COMMITTEE OF 1953

Members of the Committee

Mrs. Bebb Jones, Chairman

Mrs. J. A. Breese

Lee Lare

T. Carl Morgan

Thomas A. Morgan

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 292.89
Offering for Saured Concert, Van Wert High School Choir	86.39
Gymanfa Ganu Offering	178.03
Receipts from sale of Gymanfa Ganu Books25
Receipts from Trustees for tuning piano	15.00
Donation from Bank	1.00

Total 573.56

Disbursements:

Stamps and envelopes70
Robe for organist	17.90
Van Wert High School Choir	86.39
Gymanfa Ganu Leader; Wm. A. Hughes	50.00
Transportation for Cambrian Chorus	25.00
Reginald Clifton for tuning two pianos	15.00
Mrs. Leona Davies Owens; accompanying Gymanfa Ganu	5.00
Mrs. Coil, meal for Cambrian Chorus	30.00
Mrs. J. Alford Breese; Accompanying Gymanfa Ganu Chorus	10.00
Postal Cards	2.00
Telephone Call85

EM. B. Inc. for choir music	13.94
Christmas Trees	8.02

Total	264.80
Balance on Hand December 31, 1953	308.76

REPORT OF WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 262.68
Total Receipts	183.93

Total	446.61
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Disbursements:

Tiffin Conference	33.00
Building Fund	150.00
Ice Cream Social and Misc.	114.25

Total	298.30
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Balance January 11, 1954	148.01
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RICHARD MORRIS

REPORT OF SALEM & ZION BROTHERHOOD FOR THE YEAR OF 1953

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1st, 1953	\$ 178.20
Sale of tickets for 3 Banquets	461.75
Rent of hall for Sales	100.00

Total	739.95
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Disbursements:

Salem Ladies for serving 2 Banquets	271.25
Zion Ladies for serving Banquet	107.00
Taxes on Cambrian Hall.	35.30
Insurance on Cambrian Hall.	13.52
Light Bills on Cambrian Hall.	13.07
Coal for Cambrian Hall	17.59
Repairing windows on Hall	18.51
Speakers for two Banquets	20.00
Printing of Programs	6.00
Printing of Tickets	4.00
Janitor	2.00
Miscellaneous	18.31

Total	520.55
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Balance on hand December 31st, 1953	213.40
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SALEM CONTRIBUTIONS

	Current	Benev- olence	Building Fund
Alban, Mrs. David			\$
Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul			
Alban, Mr. George			
Bassett, Mrs. Thomas			
Beerman, Mr. and Mrs. Robt.			
Beerman, Joyce			
Beerman Linda,			
Beerman, Shirley			
Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Robt.			
Bolton, Miss Helen			
Bolton, Mr. Wayne			
Breese, Mr. and Mrs. Abner			
Breese, Mr. Edward M.			
Breese, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alford ...			
Breese, Mr. and Mrs. I. N.			
Brown, Mrs. Virginia			
Buroff, Mr. and Mrs. Chas.			
Coil, Mr. and Mrs. John			
Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. E.			
Davis, Mrs. Thomas T.			
Davis, Mr. Sidney			
Davis, Mr. D. Palmer			
Davies, Mr. W. L.			
Davies, Mr. D. O.			
Davies, Miss Pauline			
Davies, Mr. and Mrs. E. W.			
Davies, Mr. and Mrs. W. T.			
Davies, Miss Ruth			
Davies, Miss Doris			
Diss, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dewey			
Diss, James D.			
Diss, Susan C.			
Dolbey, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert			
Dolbey, John David			
Dolbey, Martha			
Dolbey, Gary			
Evans, Mrs. D. J.			
Evans, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harris			

Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David H.
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene
 Evans, Mr. David Owen
 Evans, Rebecca Jane
 Evans, Eugenia
 Evans, Mr. Owen
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David E.
 Evans, Elgarda Jane
 Evans, Mrs. Hannah
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David J.
 Evans, Marcia Sue
 Evans, Gordon David
 Evans, Mr. Thomas L.
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. James R.
 Evans, Miss Joanne
 Evans, Bill
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. John M.
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Roland
 Evans, Mr. William R.
 Evans, Joyce
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. W. B.
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Russell O.
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin
 Evans, Richard Otis
 Evans, Mary Jane
 Evans, Martha Jean
 Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J.
 Evans, Miss Marilyn Ann.
 Evans, Daniel John
 Evans, Mrs. Thomas T.
 Evans, Miss Emma
 Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Orbie
 Fissel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald
 Foster, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.
 George, Mr. M. N.
 George, Miss Mary
 George, Miss Dorothy
 George, Miss Elizabeth L.
 Good, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene
 Good, Mr. and Mrs. Rudell
 Griffiths, Mrs. Emma
 Hundley, Clayton
 Hundley, Mrs. Vernon

Hurless, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B.
 Houser, Mr. and Mrs. Henry
 Jenkins, Mr. J. L.
 Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Layton ..
 Jenkins, Mr. David R.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David M.
 and family
 Jones, Mrs. Jennie
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. Paul
 Jones, Sue Ann
 Jones, Mrs. D. T.
 Jones, Miss Luella
 Jones, Miss Gladys
 Jones, Miss Evelyn
 Jones, Mr. Howell A.
 Jones, Mr. David E.
 Jones, Mr. David O.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M.
 Jones, Edith Carol
 Jones, Mr. Ervin
 Jones, Mrs. Evan S.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David R.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
 Jones, Mrs. Ellis
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.
 Jones, Mr. David H.
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott
 Jones, Helen Elaine
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ellis
 Jones, Thomas Lee
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett
 Jones, Mr. Gerold
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. Beeb
 Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M.
 Jones, T. M.
 Koenig, Mr. and Mrs. Everett
 Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. D.
 Knittle, Merle
 Lare, Mr. and Mrs. Lee
 Lewis, Mrs. Hannah
 Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Bert
 Lloyd, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINISTER

Ellis Lloyd

ELDERS

E. Minor Davies

D. Edwin Jones

Alonzo Rhoades

D. J. Breese

OFFICERS

Treasurer

E. Minor Davies

Financial Secretary

P. M. George

Assistant Secretary

Gomer Breese

Organists

Mrs. D. B. Williams

Mrs. D. J. Breese

Flower Committee

Mrs. Leona Wentz

Mrs. Anna Swygart

USHERS

Dwight Rhoades

Ben Heigt

David J. Williams

Dean Swygart

George Swygart

Roger Price

Lowell Lewis

Paul Price

Jerry Bolton

AUDITORS

Dwight Rhoades

Carl Rider

TRUSTEES

S. D. Grogg

Latimer Breese

Edwin Swygart

Carl Rider

J. Paul Jones

MEMBERSHIP

Communicant Members Jan. 1st, 1953 120

Members received by Re-affirmation of Faith 2

Members received by letter' 1

Total 123

Dismissed by letter none

Deceased none

Communicants Dec. 31st, 1953 123

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:

Cash on hand January 1, 1953\$ 336.39

Envelope offering 1,690.50

Westminster Fellowship 10.00

Building Fund offering 170.50

Offering for Rev. Chas. M. Thompson 33.75

Total Receipts and Balance\$ 2,271.14

Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Donald			
Richards, Mr. Joe			
Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley			
Roberts, Mr. Morgan S.			
Roberts, Miss Mary Rachael			
Robeson, Mrs. Donna			
Schafer, Mrs. Elizabeth			
Sensabaugh, Mr. and Mrs. N.			
Showalter, Mr. and Mrs. T.			
Stannard, Mrs. A. E.			
Strother, Mrs. Idella			
Smith, Mrs. Jeanette			
Taylor, Mrs. Delilah			
Taylor, Mr. Robert Wayne			
Taylor, Mr. Marvin			
Taylor, Miss Marcia			
Thomas, Mr. M. N.			
Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Henry			
Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J.			
Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth			
Waltz, Miss Gretta Lee			
Waltz, Miss Carol Sue			
Williams, D. H.			
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed.			
William, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R.			
Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Robt.			
Zirkle, Paul			
Alpha Kappa S. S. Class	25.00		
Commercial Bank, Delphos	5.00		
Women's Association		25.00	
No Name Envelopes	124.50	190.58	245.00

Expenditures:

Pastor's salary	\$ 970.00
Board of Pension, member deposit	30.50
Board of Pensions, organization deposit	91.50
Ecclesiastical expenses	60.50
Building Fund	170.50
V. W. Book Store, Testaments	4.50
Church Trustees	72.00
Communion Cups	2.00
Home Printing Co., for sundries	8.50
Flowers for Rev. Ellis Lloyd	6.17
Rev. L. W. McIntire, Young People Con'f.	20.50
Printing Annual Report	22.75
Bible School and Pastor's Ins.	15.87
Rev. J. Miller Gold for Rev. Thompson	33.75
Music for Organist	2.60
Pulpit Supply	110.00
Transferred to Savings Account	200.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	449.70

Total Expenditures and Balance\$ 2,271.14

MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES**Receipts:**

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 10.00
Envelope offering	466.85
Gideon's Society	25.79
Thanksgiving offering	74.75
American Bible Society offering	18.50
American Mission to Lepers	33.35
Women's Missionary Society	15.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 644.24

Expenditures:

Central Receiving Agency	\$ 479.25
Gideon's Society	25.79
Unit of City and Industrial Work	70.85
Presbyterian Home, Sidney, Ohio	25.00
American Mission to Lepers	33.35
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	10.00

Total Expenditures and Balance\$ 644.24

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

First Federal, V. W. O. January 1, 1953	\$ 1316.43
Interest for One Year	26.45
Deposit from Church Fund	200.00
Savings December 31, 1953	\$ 1542.88

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**Receipts:**

Balance on hand January 1st, 1953	\$ 78.67
Collections	613.76
Church Treasure	72.00
Sunday School	130.00
Come Join Us Class	50.00
Westminister Fellowship	40.00
Hugh F. Jones for fence	20.00
S. D. Grogg for brick	12.50
Interest on Savings Acct.32

Total Income

Government Bonds

Disbursements:

Janitor	\$ 159.00
Central Ohio Light and Power	59.08
Coal	134.34
Jonestown Store—refreshments for family night	12.70
Re-lettering honor roll	6.00
S. D. Grogg for sand and cement	4.00
Dull Lumber & Coal Co. - sand and cement	8.13
B. H. Pickering—concrete walks	304.25
Gunsett Hdwe. for rope	3.24
B. S. Porter Sons—tubes for organ	4.35
A. J. Suever Stone Co.	153.89
Farmers Mutual Aid (Fire Ins.)	22.88
Ohio Mutual Windstorm Ins.	18.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	127.39

Total Disbursements

Latimer Breese, Treas., Trustees

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Receipts:	
Balance on hand January 1st, 1953	\$ 244.43
Collections	262.15
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Total Receipts	\$ 506.58

Disbursements:	
To the Trustees of Zion Church	\$ 130.00
Flowers for Mothers Day	35.00
David C. Cook Publishing Company	44.60
For Leadership Training School	28.00
Van Wert Gospel Gift Shop	16.84
Christmas Treat for Sunday School	28.55
Redmonds Gospel Gift Shop, Lima, Ohio	4.10
Balance on hand December 31st, 1953	219.39
Total Disbursements	\$ 506.58

ZION MISSIONARY REPORT

Receipts:	
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 151.86
Brotherhood Banquet	69.03
Offerings	62.46
Sales Tax	33.00
Sale of Products and rugs	109.80
Misc.	3.00
Total Receipts	\$ 434.15

Disbursements:	
National Missions	\$ 22.00
Foreign Missions	17.00
Christian Education	6.00
City and Industrial	1.00
Pension	2.00
Quadrenial	2.00
E. Buchanan Scholarship Fund	5.00
Sidney Home	15.00
National and Foreign Sewing	5.47
Christmas boxes for service men	11.72
Today, Devotional Publication	12.00
For Products	116.00
Products on hand (value)	35.50
Miscellaneous	14.61
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	168.85

Total Disbursements and Balance

\$ 434.15

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Receipts:	
Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 10.13
Received from birthday offerings during the year	38.55
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Total Receipts	\$ 48.68

Disbursements:	
Paid for flowers for sick	\$ 14.85
Paid for funeral flowers	6.00
Easter Liles	6.00
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Total Disbursements	\$ 26.85
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 21.83
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	\$ 48.68

WESTMINISTER FELLOWSHIP

Receipts:	
Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 100.58
Profit from Chili Supper	40.00
Collections	27.91
Donations for Boxes for Service Boys	11.00
Total Receipts	\$ 179.49

Disbursements:	
Polio Fund	\$ 10.00
Sunrise Service	6.35
Gift for Dean Swygart	6.13
Church Camp	10.00
To Trustees for Improvement Fund	40.00
Refreshments and parties	24.52
Miscellaneous Checks	9.00
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Total Disbursements	\$ 106.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	\$ 73.49

Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight
 Rider, Mr. and Mrs. Carl
 Rider, Miss Virginia
 Rider, Tex
 Swygart, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin
 Swygart, Mr. and Mrs. Dean
 Swygart, Mr. and Mrs. Emery
 Swygart, Miss Jane
 Swygart, Mr. George
 Swygart, Miss Janell
 Stageman, Miss Elizabeth
 Thomas, Miss Ida
 Thomas, Mr. Allen
 Vandemark, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence
 Vandemark, Mr. Donald
 Vandemark, Miss Jennine
 Walters, Mr. and Mrs. D. L.
 Wentz, Mrs. Leona
 Wentz, Miss Jean
 Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. B.
 Williams, Mr. David J.
 Wilson, Mrs. Myrta
 Yoh, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
 No name

7.25