



## RELAY FOR LIFE . . .

Among the many miracles performed by Jesus were many examples of healing the sick. Though the members of Christ Church, Cordele cannot perform such wondrous works, we have, for many years, worked hard to accumulate funds towards the hope of curing cancer. With several survivors in our church, we are dedicated in our support of Relay for Life. Each year members faithfully canvassed family, friends and neighbors to collect contributions to fill the envelopes provided by Relay for Life.

In 2008, Susan Barge decided to increase our giving level by having a wine and cheese party at her home. Each of the women in the church was encouraged to come to the party and bring some friends. The entry fee for the party was set at \$5/person. The party was a big success and, along with the traditional envelope campaign, allowed our small church to give \$2090 to Relay for Life.

The following year, Denise Silcox and Melody Godfrey decided to have a larger party and make even more money. They followed the lead of a group in South Carolina and had a "Save the Ta-Ta's" party. Each attendee was to decorate a bra to be shown at the party. Entry to the party was \$10 if you brought a bra and \$15 without one. Food was provided by women of the church and grand time was had by all. This effort and the envelopes brought in \$2572.

For 2010, the theme was "Hats On for the Cure" and the venue was changed to a larger home. Participants decorated and wore all kinds of hats. In addition to the entry fee, several items were auctioned (of note the wedding portrait from the first wedding of a member, who has been happily married to her second husband for 35+ years, brought \$250). The crowd was larger still. The men of the church decided that they should participate, so they had a barbecued chicken plate sale. The combined efforts yielded \$4288 for Relay.

The next move was to an even larger home for the 2011 party. With the theme "Think Pink" and the attendees wore all shades of pink as the effort picked up even more steam. Items were donated by local merchants for both silent and live auctions. A live auctioneer in a tuxedo with a pink bow tie and cummerbund added to the excitement as he urged prices higher and higher. The food and wine disappeared quickly and, with the envelopes, the total given was \$5032.

2012 brought a move to the local country club ballroom (space donated by the club) and the theme "Red Hot for a Cure". More auction items were donated. The auctioneer was there with red bow tie and cummerbund. The feature auction of the evening starred two men of Christ Church dressed as "Pimp Daddy Ted and his main bodyguard Big Al." These two offered an evening pontoon boat ride on Lake Blackshear complete with guide, wine and horsd'oeuvres which brought over \$400. The take from the evening was over \$5000, bringing our total contribution to \$6239 and the award for being the largest giving church in Crisp County.