

***FORMER BLACKSBURG CHURCH SECRETARY SENTENCED FOR BREACH OF TRUST
CONVICTION***

A former secretary at Blacksburg First Baptist Church has been sentenced to 90 days in jail and three years of probation after she admitted to taking about \$6,000 from her employer.

Karen Lee Floyd, 45, of 308 W. Cherokee St., pleaded guilty to breach of trust on Oct. 14, 2003 before Circuit Judge Derham Cole. The judge issued a 10-year sentence that was suspended to 90 days in jail, three years of probation, more than \$9,200 in restitution and 100 hours of community service.

The crime occurred between March 2001 and May 2002 while Floyd worked as the church secretary and an accounts payable clerk. During an interview with a State Law Enforcement Division Agent, Floyd said she got behind on some personal bills and began overpaying herself without anyone's authorization. Floyd said she would take blank church checks, have deacons pre-sign them and make the checks out to herself. She said she planned to re-pay the church but she left the job before she turned over any money.

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