

**Return Service Requested**

**Staff Directory**

- Senior Pastor—Dr. Philip May
- Associate Pastor—Rev. Richard Brown
- Minister of Music—Rev. Mark Winstead
- Minister of Students (middle & high school)—Dan Fuller
- Minister of Education/Business Administrator—Rev. Ted Fuller
- Minister of Children—Kathy Winstead
- Minister of Media—Tom Pilcher
- Worship Director—Jennifer Pitcher
- Orchestra Director—Clay Mayben
- Administrative Assistant—Ellen McWeekin
- Financial Secretary—Patsy Jordan
- Music Secretary—Ginger Ferrin
- Church Secretary—Kim Sisson



**On My Heart...**



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We begin 2022 and look forward to the Lord using PVS in a special way. Our staff has planned great ministry and worship opportunities for you. Richard Brown has partnered our church with RomeGaCares and Chaplain Thornton of the Floyd County Baptist Association to deploy workers to Kentucky to assist tornado victims January 3-7. Our church is already donating requested materials.

Thank you for your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We reached our goal of \$22,000. I appreciate your continued gifts to the Heritage Fund as we have reduced the debt from over \$800,000 to about \$500,000 in 18 months. We need to pay this down further before interest rates are raised.

Our attendance on Sunday mornings in December increased to almost 500. It's time to take proper precautions and obey God's word and get back to church. It has been exciting and encouraging to see the numbers grow!

Let's reach people for Christ like never before in 2022.

Your Pastor,  
Phil May

# Financial Report

Thank you for your faithfulness with your tithes and offerings. Through November 31, our status is:

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2021</b>	<b>\$ 1,763,811.53</b>
<b>YTD BUDGET REQUIREMENT THRU 11/31</b>	<b>\$ 1,616,827.30</b>
<b>NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 146,984.23</b>

<b>MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>\$ 146,984.30</b>
<b>REC'D THRU 11/31</b>	<b>\$ 126,191.96</b>
<b>RECEIVED UNDER BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 20,792.34</b>

<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS REC'D TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 1,589,182.18</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD</b>	<b>\$ 198,742.35</b>
	<b>\$ 1,787,924.53</b>

<b>SPENT TO DATE</b>	<b>\$(1,629,440.22)</b>
<b>UNDER SPENT YTD</b>	<b>\$ 158,484.31</b>

<b>HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 11/31</b>	<b>\$ 60,487.37</b>
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Effective January 1, 2022, the Awana Game room will only be available for rent on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 pm. Call the church office for rates.

The chapel will be available to rent Monday-Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at no charge.

Please call the church office to make reservations for the chapel or Awana room.



Women's Bible Study will begin a 7 week Course by Priscilla Shirer, titled

**Elijah: Faith and Fire.**

This course begins January 25th and runs through March 8th, and will be led by Diane Jones.



# HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face  
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...

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**Dan Fuller, Minister of Students**

We have had a great end to the semester! Since our last newsletter we had our Zombie Outreach Event! The big win of the night was that we had twenty new students come play the game, and hear student testimonies and the gospel! We also had a great time serving alongside our children's ministry to help them host our Trunk or Treat event! In November we had an awesome worship night! I am so thankful that we get to have a talented and worshipful band back at Student Fusion!

In December we had a great Christmas Party! Addie, our assistant to the minister of students, led a Christmas devotion about Peace, Hope, Love and Joy. Then we ate a Country Christmas dinner and did a \$5 gift exchange! It was a great night!

We have lots already planned for next semester! We will begin a teaching series on the life of David called "After God's Own Heart." We will be looking at good and bad examples from David's life and talk about what it means to be a person "after God's own heart." On January 12<sup>th</sup> we are planning a Mario Kart Video Game Tournament! Grab your gamer friends and come to fun night of digital racing, cosplay, competition, student testimonies and a gospel presentation! In February we are doing a D-Now weekend called Collide! We will partner with other churches in Rome to put on the big meetings, but our students will stay in PVS host homes and small groups led by our leaders. We did this event 2 years ago and it was a great time of growth for our students.



**Ted Fuller**

*Minister of Education/Business Administrator*

The new year is here and you may be thinking about making some new year's resolutions. Let's consider our own spiritual growth as a top priority in 2022. Each one of us are called to spiritually grow and develop as Christians. The primary way we can do that is by reading and applying God's word to our lives. God promises that if we apply His word, He will bless us with abundant blessings. God says to Joshua "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:8 NKJV). A healthy diet and a new exercise plan are great ideas for the new year, but let's make 2022 a year of "good success" by making a new commitment to learning God's word. One way you can learn God's word and grow spiritually is by attending a Sunday School class. If you are not in a class, I encourage you to find a new class in 2022.



**Mark Winstead, Minister of Music**

Greetings from the music ministry here at Pleasant Valley South! The new year has started and with it comes new opportunities to worship and to be used by God with the gifts He has given you for His glory. It reminds me of one of the songs I know you have heard multiple times during December. "Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful." We live in a world where the "weather" is very frightful. Yet, when we gather together in God's house we should be able to feel the warmth of the fire in our hearts and the love that God has for us. I know in the choir the fire is burning brightly. The warmth of family and Christian fellowship is here. Come and join us as we use the talents He has given us. We would love to see you and have you as a part of this ministry. See you soon!



**Richard Brown Associate Pastor**

*Evangelism, Missions & Pastoral Care*

Happy New Year! This is my first official newsletter article since arriving on staff last month. Denise, Erin and I are so glad to be here, and we look forward to

many great years ahead. We want to thank you for the warmth with which you have received us! We are so grateful for your kindness. We love the folks of Pleasant Valley South!

With each New Year, I am reminded that this *could be* the year when Jesus comes again! This could also be the year when Jesus chooses to call us home through death. Therefore, let's commit our hearts to obeying the mission the Lord has given us: *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*" (Matt. 28: 19-20). Let's share Jesus with folks across the street, across town, across the state, across the nation and across the world. Thank God for the gospel! The gospel will still preach in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! The gospel still makes dead men alive, crooked men straight and the despairing heart glad! 2022 *could be the year* for many, many people to be saved! May this be the year when we resolve to win souls like never before! Happy New Year!



**Kathy Winstead, Minister of Children**

We've made it through another year. Sigh. I admit it. Sometimes that's exactly how I feel when the new year rolls around. Many of you suffered personal and professional loss last year. Family members and friends are no longer with us. Jobs were eliminated or paychecks drastically reduced. Medical diagnoses were not what we had anticipated. Vacations and travel were limited and living expenses soared. Natural disasters abounded. What will 2022 bring? More of the same. But that's where hope comes in. Solomon said in Ecclesiastes, "there's nothing new under the sun" and how true that is! The earth will always be filled with trials and tribulations until Christ comes again, but our hope as believers is in what He has already done for us (Romans 8:23 -25). Let's live 2022 with the hope of Christ in our hearts! Let's share that hope with those we encounter this year who haven't yet met the Savior or who need a gentle reminder of who He is and what He's done. The ministry of PVS kids wants to make a concerted effort this year to bring hope and healing to those who are hurting and feeling helpless. We'll be sharing some of these efforts with you in the coming months. In the meantime, we would love to have you involved in the children's ministry. There are many ministry opportunities available. As of this writing, we are patiently waiting for the person whom God is calling to teach the 3-year-old Sunday School class to step forward. If this is you, won't you please answer His call? Thank you to all those who currently lead and teach in PVS kids. We are thankful for your commitment and look forward to serving Him



*A Program of Prison Fellowship®*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Ministry this year. Over 130 gifts were purchased through the generosity of the PVS family! Special appreciation to Richard Brown, Linda Castellanos, Hugh and Linda Kinsey, Kent Mathis, Tim and Terry Mathis, Kathy McKelvey and Mark, Anna, and Sam Winstead for delivering the gifts.