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# Financial Report

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

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET 2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,788,134.92</b>
<b>YTD BUDGET REQUIREMENT THRU 10/30</b>	<b>\$ 1,469,682.91</b>
<b>NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 318,452.01</b>
<b>MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>\$ 149,011.24</b>
<b>REC'D THRU 10/31</b>	<b>\$ 122,069.19</b>
<b>RECEIVED under BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 26,942.05</b>
<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS REC'D TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,118.88</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD</b>	<b>\$ 97,643.78</b>
	<b>\$ 1,567,326.69</b>
<b>SPENT TO DATE</b>	<b>\$(1,457,774.20)</b>
<b>UNDER SPENT YTD</b>	<b>\$ 109,552.49</b>
<b>HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 10/30</b>	<b>\$ 46,441.82</b>

Thank you for your participation with Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We shipped 1,000 boxes to be distributed and the gospel shared all over the world. You always respond to the Angel Tree ministry where you bring gifts for children who has an incarcerated parent. We usually fill at least 100 requests. Our Lottie Moon goal for International Missions is \$13,500. You give to support 3,500 of our S.B.C. International missionaries.

I am thankful to serve with a church that is involved with evangelism and missions. The Great Commission is our purpose and being good stewards with our time and money is imperative.

Our choir and orchestra have prepared a special Christmas celebration Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. They will present a wonderful opportunity for worship. Also, on December 18, the Praise Band will perform their concert in the FLC starting at 6:00.

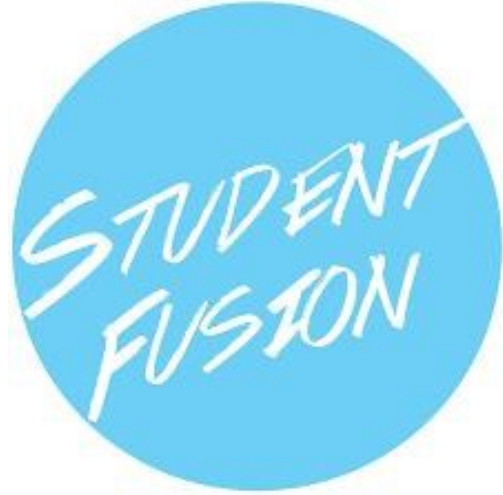
Delaine and I are blessed to serve with you. We hope you have a great Christmas with your family.

Your Pastor,  
Phil May



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**Ted Fuller**

*Minister of Education/Business Administrator*

Many thanks to all of you for your faithful giving of your tithes and offerings. Some of you have been taking advantage of online giving through PayPal. Please be advised we are ending our relationship with PayPal and switching to Realm for all online giving. (Realm is our computer church software program.) There are two reasons for this change: 1) PayPal has updated

their user policy to include a fine of \$2,500 for any customer that was determined by PayPal to be guilty of spreading "misinformation" and 2) Realm is more user friendly and you will be able to track your own giving through Realm. This change also enables us to integrate more of the features of Realm into the life of our membership. Anyone wanting to use Realm for online giving may begin on December 1. We are asking all current users of PayPal for online giving to discontinue on or before January 31 as it will not be available for PVS giving after that date. More information will be provided in the near future. We appreciate your cooperation with this transition.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to serving with all of you in 2023.



**Richard Brown** *Associate Pastor*  
*Evangelism, Missions & Pastoral Care*

Thanks to all of you who helped with Operation Christmas Child! Last week, 1,000 shoe boxes were loaded onto a truck to be distributed to children all over the world! Every child will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. I want to thank Jackie Eschbaugh for her hard work in coordinating this effort.

Many of you came out to help pack shoe boxes. I am grateful to Kathy Winstead for leading our children to pack boxes also. This ministry is especially indebted to Hugh and Linda Kinsey who have faithfully supported this ministry for many years. There is no telling how many children have heard the gospel because of your faithfulness! Thanks to all of you!

Our Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 4-11. Prayer guides will be available beginning November 27 at the Welcome Center and Connect Desk. Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal is \$13,500. Offering envelopes will be made available throughout the month of December. Let's support missions by going, giving and praying!

Our Helping Hands Ministry is looking for work! If you or someone you know needs some help around the house, please contact us. Gus Swanson is our Helping Hands point man. You may also reach him at 706-331-2952.

Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, January 29<sup>th</sup> for our DLife Bootcamp. You will learn what it means to be a disciple maker that the Great Commission requires of us. Be listening out for details and for opportunities to sign up!

Denise, Erin and I are celebrating one year here at PVSBC. We are so thankful for our church family! You have already enriched our lives over the past twelve months. On behalf of my family, we want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and prosperous and Christ-centered New Year! We love you.



**Kathy Winstead**, *Minister of Children*

As I sit in my kitchen writing this article, it's not even Thanksgiving, but through my window I can see colored lights twinkling on my neighbor's house. The anticipation of Christmas is upon us!

I recently listened to a podcast by kidmin 101 with the topic of preparing ourselves for Christmas. I'd like to share a few of my take-aways from this podcast. First of all, Christmas isn't just a day, but instead it's a season. We have the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas through the season of Advent. PVS kids makes available a Family Advent guide each year. These can be picked up in the PVS kids Check-in area and also at the entrance to the PVS kids Game Room. Secondly, we should put realistic expectations on ourselves. According to a Gallup Poll, 32% of Americans feel that Christmas is the most stressful time of the year. Our goal should not be perfection in decor, food, or our gifts to one another. Our goals should be realistic. Focus on the eternal. And lastly, we hear so much about Jesus at Christmas - music, movies, television shows, school and church programs, etc., but we still forget to actually celebrate what God has done and continues to do through Jesus on a daily basis in our lives. Oftentimes, we leave Jesus at Christmas until the next year.

My Prayer for each of us this season is that we'll be more mindful of the "why" of Christmas. Let's take time to not only read the Christmas story from Scripture, but let's go beyond the shepherds and the wise men. Let's make certain our children and others around us know the rest of the salvation story.

Merry Christmas!

Kathy



**Mark Winstead**, *Minister of Music*

