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- Minister of Youth—Rev. Eric Gargus
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I hope you had a great Christmas season and praying you will have a blessed New Year. We have exciting plans for 2023 at PVS. Next month our church staff will present to you a three year plan for ministry. We will also be announcing an opportunity for PVS to become debt free.

Richard Brown has told me about ways he wants to join with you to reach our community. Kathy Winstead is always planning and promoting PVS kids. Eric Gargus is a great addition to our staff and he has ministries designed to reach more teens in the area. Ted Fuller will begin a new Sunday School emphasis called "LIFE" in January. Bill King, Mark Winstead and Jennifer Pilcher will offer opportunities to serve with music ministry and offer excellent music for worship!

I hope you will begin the year on the team ready to serve our Lord.

Your Pastor,
Phil May



Financial Report

Thank you for your faithfulness with your tithes and offerings. Through November 30, our status is:

ANNUAL BUDGET 2022	\$ 1,788,134.92
REC'D THRU 11/30	\$ 1,590,818.87
NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET	\$ 197,316.05
MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT	\$ 149,011.24
REC'D THRU 11/30	\$ 122,069.19
RECEIVED under BUDGET	\$ 26,942.05
TITHES AND OFFERINGS REC'D TO DATE	\$ 1,590,818.87
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD	\$ 104,203.72
	\$ 1,695,022.59
SPENT TO DATE	\$(1,534,666.25)
UNDER SPENT YTD	\$ 160,356.34
HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 11/30	\$ 50,571.82

Happy
New Year!

... look, new things
have come into being!

2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

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Thank you, church family, for such a wonderful welcome to the church! Penny, Aydenn, and I have been richly blessed by your kindness and generosity. We are excited about what the future holds at PVS!

Have you paused to think about what God did for you in 2022? Each day of 2022, I started my day eating a bowl of bran flakes and blueberries while reading my daily devotion from a great little men's devotion book called Stand Strong. The spiritual meat I gleaned from this little book each day reminded me of what God has done for me, and what He wants to do through me. In 2022 God gave me the power to go on a health journey that allowed me to lose fifty pounds. I totally overhauled my daily diet and fitness routine. God also gave me the courage to keep going even when I wanted to fall off the healthy eating/exercise wagon. Spiritually, the Lord continued to multiply my passion for seeing teens and their families know Jesus and make Him known to others. There is nothing quite like students meeting Jesus, being disciplined in His ways, and then going on mission for Him in daily life. Every game, every chicken nugget, every message, and every song in student ministry is about making disciples for Jesus. How about you? Have you paused to consider what God did in your life in 2022? Have you considered what He wants to do in you and through you in 2023? How will you serve Him in your daily life? Who will you tell about Jesus through words and actions at school activities or at your workplace?

There is no place I'd rather be in 2023 and beyond than right here at Pleasant Valley South! May your 2023 be filled with passion for Jesus wherever you go and in whatever you do!

**Ted Fuller**

Minister of Education/Business Administrator

On Sunday, January 8, we will have a Sunday School Rally for all adult Sunday School classes. All adult classes will meet in the Welcome Center at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Tim Smith will be speaking about "Bringing LIFE to Sunday School". Tim is our Director of Missions at the Floyd County Baptist Association. He previously served as the Sunday School Director for the Georgia Baptist convention. Let's start the new year in Sunday School.

On February 11, we will have our Sunday School Leaders Appreciation Banquet. This is for all Sunday School leaders (and spouses) in the children's, youth and adult departments. We will have a catered dinner, door prizes and Dr. Steve Parr will be our speaker. Steve currently serves at the Director of the Gwinnett Metro Baptist Association. He previously served with the Georgia Baptist convention and has written many books about Sunday School.



Richard Brown Associate Pastor
Evangelism, Missions & Pastoral Care

Happy New Year! I hope the new year finds you doing well! We don't know what 2023 may bring but it is up to us to live faithfully for Christ with a joyful anticipation of His return. Let's commit together to serve Him and make Him known to a lost world.

Last month, Denise and I finished our DLife Legacy and Leadership Track with several of our deacons and wives. It was a joy to meet with them on a weekly basis for a time of spiritual accountability, Bible study and prayer. We are eager to see new groups start soon. Denise and I will be starting new groups as well. If you are interested in being part of a DGroup, please let me know. Our next church-wide DLife bootcamp is on January 29th at 3 pm at PVS. In the bootcamp, you will learn what it means to be a disciple maker that the Great Commission requires of us. Be listening out for more details and for opportunities to sign up.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal was \$13,500. As of December 12th as I am writing this article, we are at \$8,265.00 which is over halfway to our goal with two Sundays remaining in December! Let me urge you to give! Every penny that is given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes directly to the work of missions around the world.

Beginning Tuesday evening, February 21 at 6 pm, Denise and I will be facilitating GriefShare. There are many people in our community who are dealing with grief and struggling to make sense of the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a 14-session video driven series designed to address the emotional, spiritual and practical needs of grieving people with foundational, biblical teaching. Denise and I would love to have you join us. Online registration will go up soon. Tell your friends!



Thanks to all of you for making 2022 a great year. I appreciate your heart and service. I want to thank each of you for caring and helping out in so many ways while Kathy was out with her surgery. You don't know how much that meant to us. That is something you are really good at when there is a need. Thank you!

Remember, choirs have started back. We encourage you to pray about becoming a member of the music ministry family at PVS. Whichever service you attend, there is a place for you. Come and be a part of a wonderful family!

January 4th will be the sanctuary choir's first practice of 2023. We will meet at 6:00 for a holiday dinner and good fellowship before we begin our practice. I am ready to begin a new year with each of you!

Love you all,
Mark



Kathy Winstead, Minister of Children

January is a month of new beginnings. A new year. A new semester in school. A fresh start for many people. We want to do things better...eat healthily, exercise more, spend more time with family and friends, give more and take less. We plan these things with good intentions but more often than not, we fail miserably. Why? Because we usually rely on our own strength and purpose.

The Bible tells us, "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations." - Psalm 33:11 (NIV)

I encourage you, along with myself, to seek God's plan for the new year. Ask Him to make clear to you the plans He has set forth for your life - where and how He would like you to serve in His community of believers in 2023.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, meals, and cards I've received as I've recovered from my recent surgery. Mark and I have been overwhelmed with your thoughtfulness and encouragement. We love you and are so thankful to have the opportunity to serve with you another year!
- Kathy

Upcoming Dates:

- PVS kids Church (grades 1-5) will resume January 8 with "Sunday Morning Cinema" (The Ten Commandments)
- A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due for Centrikid by Feb. 15. This is the only way to ensure your child's spot for camp and the spots are filling up fast! Contact Kathy for details or questions.
- Please mark your calendars now for a change in the date for VBS 2023! Due to scheduling conflicts, our new date is July 17-20.