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# Financial Report

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

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2023</b>	<b>\$ 1,879,593.25</b>
<b>REC'D THRU 1/31/2023</b>	<b>\$ 156,632.77</b>
<b>NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,722,960.48</b>
<b>MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>\$ 156,632.77</b>
<b>REC'D THRU 1/31/2023</b>	<b>\$ 130,362.82</b>
<b>RECEIVED UNDER BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 26,269.95</b>
<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS YTD</b>	<b>\$ 130,362.82</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD</b>	<b>\$ 23,050.00</b>
	<b>\$ 153,412.82</b>
<b>SPENT TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 157,047.31</b>
<b>OVER SPENT YTD</b>	<b>\$ (3,634.49)</b>
<b>HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 1/31/2023</b>	<b>\$ 3.170.00</b>

We're Debt Free! I love those words and I thank you for your giving and participation in our February 26 celebration. Where do we go from here?

On Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. our staff will present long range plans for the PVS family. We will expand missions, local, state and national. We will continue the Heritage Fund to pay for Capital improvements and equipment for our present buildings. We will employ a portion of the old debt payment line item to the Capital Improvement funds.

I will share a perspective of the lostness of our city and county. We have a huge mission field presently that is not being harvested. With the plans to build homes in the area, that number will grow exponentially.

I appreciate your sacrificial giving so we may pass this church to the next generation without the restraints of debt. The structures we have are designed so expansion is possible. Our 46 acre campus provides land for growth. Well Done and to God be the glory!

Your Pastor,  
Phil May

New date for  
VBS 2023!  
**July 17-20**  
STELLAR!  
Shining the light  
of Jesus!

**FREE!** **EASTER** **FREE!**  
**EGG-STRAVAGANZA!**  
Sunday, March 26th  
3:00-5:00 pm  
**INFLATABLES!** **EGG HUNT!**  
**TREATS!** **SPIN-ART!**  
Everyone is Welcome!

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**Eric Gargus, Youth Minister**

Billy Sunday once said, "When is a revival needed? When carelessness and unconcern keep the people asleep." Revival is a hot topic right now. In this world of social media and instant access to everything, it is increasingly important to cautiously consider the genuine nature of our intentions-- and the intentions of others. If I want personal revival, I must get on my knees daily and have a hard (on my part) conversation with Jesus. I must give up my selfish ways, commit to taking Jesus into every area of my life, and be willing to follow Him, especially when it gets hard. I must satisfy my hunger for the Bible by spending time actually reading it, allowing it to strengthen my faith.

I want to see revival in the hearts of our students. And, I also want to see new students begin a personal relationship with Jesus. I want to see a return in our youth culture to a place where Jesus is the main thing, not just a lifeline in a bad situation. I want to see the priority of gathering together with other believers at church/youth group return to a consistent weekly commitment, not just a once-a-month or twice-a-month place to visit.

If you don't already do so, please join me in praying regularly for Student Fusion. Busy-ness has taken over the lives of younger generations. It seems to worsen every year. Nearly every coach and extracurricular activity leader has made her/his activity a year-round priority. Only a tiny fraction of young lives will actually become professionals at any activity they put time into in their teenage years. But, all of them will face daily decisions in which Jesus is the only Guide to the right answer. And, they all will face eternity. Please pray that families will prioritize personal revival with God. And, continue by asking the Lord to call them to faithfulness to gathering together with other believers.

May we all give our all to Jesus,  
Eric

**Ted Fuller**

*Minister of Education/Business Administrator*

"Sunday School is the foundational strategy in a local church for leading people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and for building Great Commission Christians through Bible study groups that engage people in evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship."

*Sunday School For A New Century*

On Sunday, March 5, we will conduct the final phase of the "Bringing LIFE to Sunday School" strategy. We will have lunch and training for all the adult class teachers and class members who have agreed to serve in a ministry position in their class. The goal of this strategy is to get class members engaged in the Sunday School ministry as stated in the definition above. Many thanks to those who have agreed to serve.

**Richard Brown**  
Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Missions

*GriefShare* is currently underway at PVSBC each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm until 8 pm in room 106 in the Education Building. Denise and I would be happy to have you join our group if you would like to come. If you have lost a loved one (regardless of how long it has been), you are more than welcome to come! You may enter the building at the main Welcome Center entrance and one of our hosts will be happy to take you to our room. Security officers are also available for your safety. Upcoming topics include *The Challenges of Grief; Grief and your Relationships; Why?; Guilt and Anger; Complicating Factors* and other topics. The Sportsman's Banquet is coming up Thursday evening, March 9! Clay Dyer, a professional fisherman with an incredible testimony for Christ, will be our keynote speaker for the event. There will be tons of give-away items, fun activities for kids, interesting vendor items, delicious food and a great message by Clay Dyer. Please pray for a dynamic move of God on our campus. Pray for lost men to be saved. I want to thank all of you who have already put in countless hours preparing for this event.

Our *Week of Prayer for North American Missions* is March 5-12. Prayer guides will be distributed on Sunday morning, March 5. The Annie Armstrong Easter offering goal this year is \$14,000. Let me urge you to give joyfully and sacrificially to this worthy goal.

Let's be praying for a spiritual harvest in Floyd County. Nearly 70,000 people in our county are on their way to hell as you read this article. We simply must reduce lostness! The fields truly are white unto harvest. Let me encourage you to share your faith anytime, anywhere. God can do anything, but He cannot use our silence.

**Mark Winstead,**  
Minister of Music

Psalm 28:7 - "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him."

Feb. 26th was a wonderful service of praise and worship and celebration looking at what the Lord has done at PVS. We have a long rich history of blessings from God. I want to thank Jennifer Pilcher and the Praise Band, Bill King and the orchestra and the choir for all their hard work and cooperation. You all did a fantastic job and it was such a joy to see the church united in worship and praise.

I know there are those of you sitting in the congregation that want to serve here at PVS. Sunday may have been the drawing card to pull you and your service into the music ministry. If that's the case, please talk to Jennifer, Bill or me and we will get you plugged in. It is so fulfilling to answer the Lord's call and return the talents He has given us to His service.

See you Sunday!  
Mark

**Kathy Winstead, Minister of Children**

The ministry of PVS kids is entering an extremely busy time of planning and preparing for upcoming spring and summer events, perusing and choosing new curriculum for the fall, deciding about possible classroom restructuring, and many other things that occupy our time and thoughts. And while our minds and bodies are busy at work, our hearts are always tuned to the what, how, and why of children's ministry. We want to always be mindful of our foremost goal at PVS kids and that is to lead children to a saving knowledge of Jesus. One way of doing this is by providing resources for parents to teach their children about God and how to share their own faith within their family. We want children to be more than morally good. Strong character and sound morals are important, but without a personal relationship and a deep understanding of what God has provided for them through His Son, Jesus, our children are just "good" kids. A PVS kids ministry volunteer recently shared a quote with me from J. Gerald Harris which was published in the Feb. 2023 edition of *Decision* Magazine: "If we (parents) don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to." Here are a few simple ideas to help parents and other caregivers begin to share the Gospel message with their children:

Share your own personal salvation story. Let your child see real faith in action.

Reinforce that the Bible is true. It is God's Word to us. Find a good children's Bible and read a section each day. Tell them how the Bible helps you in your daily life and memorize Scripture appropriate for their age.

Model for your kids the process of conviction and repentance. Let them know that you are sinful, too, and God forgives you when you fail. Don't focus on perfection, but instead focus on God's grace.

Spend time with the Lord. Talk to Jesus while they're listening. Pray for your children and let them see and hear you praying. Keep your prayers simple. Let them hear you express your needs and also model worship through prayer.

Talk about Jesus with your children as you go through the day. Waiting in the car drop-off line, sitting in the doctor's waiting room, running errands around town, walking in the park, these are all prime opportunities to talk about God, Jesus, creation, and other spiritual matters.

If you have questions about your own faith or would like to know more about sharing the Gospel with children, please let me know. There are many wonderful resources available online and in the PVS kids Welcome Area.

- Kathy

This month at PVS kids:

Sunday, March 26 – PVS kids Easter Egg-stravaganza is a new community-wide event for all ages! The event will run from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and will feature inflatables, spin art, carnival foods, and will culminate in an enormous Egg Hunt! Volunteers are needed so please sign-up online or in the main welcome center.