

Financial Report

Thank you for your faithfulness with your tithes and offerings. Through February 28, our status is:

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2023	\$ 1,879,593.25
REC'D 02/28/2023	\$ 289,019.09
NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET	\$ 1,590,574.16
MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT	\$ 156,632.77
REC'D THRU 02/28/2023	\$ 158,656.26
RECEIVED OVER BUDGET	\$ 2,023.49
TITHES AND OFFERINGS YTD	\$ 289,019.08
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD	\$ 30,011.31
	\$ 319,030.39
SPENT TO DATE	\$ 397,226.24
OVER SPENT YTD	\$ (78,195.85)
HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 02/28/2023	\$ 5,365.00

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




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“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28:6

We have a great resurrection celebration planned for you on Easter, April 9. I know many of you will be on spring break and out of town. Be sure you find a place on your vacation to worship our King.

We continue to receive the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions. Our nation needs the Lord. We have a responsibility to share Jesus personally. We also have an opportunity to support 2469 missionaries in the United States. Our goal is \$14,000.

Delaine and I hope you have a great Easter with your family. Because He lives we can face tomorrow. Our eternity is with Jesus in heaven because of the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

Your Pastor,
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Eric Gargus, Youth Minister

*O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

I can't seem to get the third verse of *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* out of my mind this Easter season. We can never repay Jesus for His sacrifice for our sins. We owe Him everything every day.

The irony of the songwriter asking God to bind grace to his feet like a fetter (which is a shackles) so he would not wander away from God should not be lost on our ever-wandering hearts. We are born sinners, born with a rebellious streak. We are prone to wander away from God. The songwriter alluded to that in this verse.

Offering God our hearts should be repeated daily, as often as we feel like wandering away. For it is in times of doubt, fear, and struggle that we must ask God yet again to seal our hearts for His heavenly purposes. In ancient times, shepherds carried bags of rocks along with a slingshot and shepherd's crook (rod with a curved end). They not only used those rocks to sling with deadly force at predators intent on killing their sheep, they also used them to toss near wandering sheep so that they would be hopefully startled into going the right direction again.

Will we pay attention when Jesus, our Shepherd, tosses stones our way to get us back going in the right direction—His direction for our lives? Isaiah 53:6 reads: "All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all." As we celebrate the resurrection, may the Lord bind grace to us like fetters so we will follow the shepherd—even when we are prone to wander.

He is risen!

**Ted Fuller**

Minister of Education/Business Administrator

We have completed the three phases of the Bringing LIFE to Sunday School strategy. Many thanks to all of you who have agreed to serve in a leadership position in your class. I look forward to what God is going to do through our Sunday School ministry. The next quarterly training for all adult Sunday School leaders is May 7 immediately following the morning worship service. We will have lunch and the nursery will be available.

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

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

Wow! What a tremendous response to our Sportsman's Banquet last month! There were approximately 650 people on our campus who heard the gospel! Our speaker, Clay Dyer, knocked it out of the park! Many received Christ and many others asked for prayer. Glory to God! The follow up work on these decisions is nearly complete. I want to thank ALL the volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes! I also wish to thank all of our sponsors who really made the evening all the more special.

Easter is almost here! Without a doubt, it is my absolute favorite day of the year! Easter has a message all it's own: *He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said*" Matt, 28:6. I want to encourage you to be here for our Easter services at 10:30. I realize that Easter is attached to Spring Break this year, but please do not allow the break to interfere with your worship of our Risen Savior! Listen, JESUS IS ALIVE! Let's shout it from the mountain tops! Bring someone with you!

It's not too late to get into *GriefShare*. There are several more weeks left to give you the opportunity to be encouraged in your season of grief. We meet each Tuesday evening (except April 4) at 6:30 pm. Feel free to contact me at 770-265-9804 with any questions. I'm saving you a seat!

Our Helping Hands Ministry is looking for opportunities to serve those who are needing assistance with minor projects around their home. Housekeeping is available as well. If this fits your need, please contact me.

Our pastor has challenged us to reduce lostness in Floyd County. Currently, there are nearly 70,000 people in our county who are on their way to hell as we speak. Let's ask the Lord to give us Floyd County! That's bold praying but it is biblical praying! Too often, we are content to ask the Lord for minnows when He wants us to ask for whales! If we reach 1% over the next five years, that will be 700 people. That's a big goal but it is an attainable goal with God's help. As we ask the Lord to give us our county, it is unlikely we will see that become a reality in our lifetime. However, for the benefit of our grandchildren and great grandchildren, let's pray that they will live in a county that is God-fearing and Christ-honoring. Let's be that generation that ignites the fires of evangelism in our county and brings lasting change to forthcoming generations! One hundred years from now, may we be remembered as the generation that labored in prayer and evangelism that resulted in lasting change to the glory of God!

**Mark Winstead,**
Minister of Music

Hello to all! What a day to rejoice in the blessings of God. Sometimes we can get overwhelmed by circumstances in the world and in our lives. Life is tough! But life is also full of adventure as we discover what God has in store for us each and every day!

One great way to face the trials of this world is to offer praise and thanksgiving to God through music. Charlotte Ayer says God put a song in her heart and she wants to sing it. The choir is a great place to sing your song and offer your praise. Come join us. We would LOVE to have you!

Mark

**Kathy Winstead, Minister of Children**

Spring is a beautiful season filled with budding trees and blooming flowers. It's also a great time to start things fresh and begin again. New beginnings is one of the things we emphasize at PVS kids Sunday School and TeamKID. God is always ready to forgive when we come to Him with a contrite heart. The slate is wiped clean, and we can begin again. That goes for adults, as well as kids! We're so thankful for the many children who've recently made professions of faith and were baptized last month. If you or your child have questions about salvation and/or baptism, please let me know. I would love to share this important information with you.

Our TeamKID leaders in 1st-3rd grades have been working with the children to memorize the books of the Bible. There are several children who have accomplished the goal of memorizing the Old Testament books and New Testament books.

They are as follows:

Old Testament – Belle Starling, Abby Fries, Lauren Roberts, Sadie Payne, Jack Broome, and Jackson Spears
Old Testament and New Testament – Frankie Starling, Maddie Norton, and Rhett Simms

These kids have worked extra hard and deserve a big pat on the back! Our TeamKID year will wrap up next month on May 17 with an ice cream party, but there's still time to join in on Wednesday nights at 6:00!

Last month in PVS kids Church, the children had a fun time making coffee cup banks. Our church goal this year for the Annie Armstrong Missions Offering is \$14,000 so we've set individual goals of \$14.00. The kids will bring their coffee cup banks back on Easter Sunday to see how much we've raised for the missions offering!

Many thanks to the awesome volunteers who helped with our first-ever community-wide Easter Egg-stravaganza! It was loads of fun and we had a great many prospects in attendance. Of course, we'll be following up with every prospect, so be on the lookout for some unfamiliar faces in both services.

Don't forget to put Stellar VBS on your calendar for July 17-20. As our pastor reminded the congregation a few weeks ago, I am old and getting older every day, but I can still remember attending VBS as a child! I know Stellar VBS will be a great week! - Kathy