

**Return Service Requested**

**Staff Directory**

- Senior Pastor—Dr. Philip May
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- Minister of Music—Rev. Mark Winstead
- Minister of Education/Business Administrator—Rev. Ted Fuller
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- Minister of Youth—Rev. Eric Gargus
- Minister of Media—Tom Pilcher
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# Financial Report

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

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2023	\$ 1,879,593.25
REC'D thru 05/31/2023	\$ 694,891.63
NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET	\$ 1,184,701.62
MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT	\$ 156,632.77
REC'D THRU 05/31/2023	\$ 130,148.82
RECEIVED UNDER BUDGET	\$ 26,483.95
TITHES AND OFFERINGS YTD	\$ 694,894.63
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD	\$ 55,056.64
	\$ 749,951.27
SPENT TO DATE	\$ (743,284.02)
UNDER SPENT YTD	\$ 6,667.25
HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 05/31/2023	\$ 11,067.00

When I went to school (grades 1-12), Patriotism was taught. Whether in homeroom, history or civic classes, the students learned the truth about the foundation of America, the price of freedom and respect for this nation. In grades 1-12, this is how we began our day: a teacher or student read from the Bible, a student was chosen to hold the flag and our teacher usually led the Pledge of Allegiance. No one burned the flag or ran out of the classroom saying their feelings were hurt.

I think about VBS in earlier years. Every day of VBS we had flag bearers to carry the Christian and U.S. flag and someone carried the Bible. After those volunteers walked to the front of the Worship Center, we pledged to the Bible, Christ and an American Flag.

Because of the price of freedom by men and women who shed their blood, we may have VBS in this nation. Enroll your children and their friends for VBS July 17 thru July 20. If we fail to do so, we are wasting that freedom and dishonoring those who bought the privilege for us. Will you participate and take advantage of this blessing?

Your Pastor,  
Phil May

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 17-20 \* 6:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**Age 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Free Supper Served Nightly**

Register your children to participate online now at [www.pvsbc.org](http://www.pvsbc.org).

Questions: See Natalie Simms or email: [natalie.simms@pvsbc.com](mailto:natalie.simms@pvsbc.com)





**Eric Gargus, Youth Minister**

Praise God for a great Student Fusion mission trip to Arlington, Texas! It was hot. The drive was long. IT WAS WORTH IT!

Mission Arlington takes church to the people. The massive organization has over 300 mission church plants in apartment complexes around the DFW Metroplex. We served in two complexes while there. One had an established church. The other will have a new church plant in a few weeks. Our work was a mix of strengthening an existing church, and helping plant a new one. At our main site, we distributed food daily to families in need.

The mission has used its "Rainbow Express" Bible club model to minister to children and families for over three decades. Here is an excerpt from the Mission Arlington newsletter about last summer's Rainbow Express results:

*Children love and look forward to Rainbow Express.® Last year, more than 17 thousand (17,147) children participated. One hundred sixteen (116) student groups from 11 states and 38 Texas cities led these four-day events in 271 locations across our community. The children had so much fun! The spiritual impact of Rainbow Express® is significant. Last year, 455 children opened their hearts to the Lord, starting their brand-new journey of faith.*

Our students led every aspect of our Rainbow Express site. All of them shared their personal testimonies in a large-group and small-group setting. They all did a terrific job! Our adults mentored the students in every aspect of the Bible club, doing whatever was needed to proclaim Jesus.

We rejoiced that our own Mary Rains made her faith public during the trip, and then came forward to celebrate with our church the Sunday after we returned home. We also rejoice that another one of our students, Benji Drummond, led a 9-year-old boy named Kaydence to faith in Jesus at an Arlington apartment complex. We are so excited about what God has done, and how this will lead to greater things for all of these students in the future!

Thank you for your support,  
Eric



**Ted Fuller**

*Minister of Education/Business Administrator*

In a few weeks Summer will be over, and a new school year will begin. It will also be time for a new church year to begin. We are starting the new church year with a church wide Sunday School High Attendance Day on August 6. We will soon begin to promote High Attendance Day and reveal our theme and High Attendance Day goal. Please begin to pray for High Attendance Day and ask God to do a great work. Also, make plans to be here for High Attendance Day and invite your friends.

On Saturday, August 12, we will have our Sunday School leader training. This training is for all teachers and leaders from the children's, youth and adult Sunday School departments. We will begin with breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and training from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for leaders from all three departments to fellowship together and have a fun time of interactive training.



**Richard Brown**

*Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Missions*

As I am writing this article, we are only days away from *Love Your Neighbor Week!* Already, many Adult Sunday School classes have signed on to be part of this wonderful week of ministry in our community. I am

eager to see how God is going to move during the week. I am especially excited about the prayer emphasis in the *War Room*. If you have a testimony you would like to share about your experience, please email me. I would love to hear from you! I wish to thank you in advance for making this an incredible week of ministry and prayer.

I want to personally invite you to join me and many others in the Floyd County Baptist Association for a D-Life Bootcamp that will be held at Mt. Alto Baptist Church on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 until 7 pm. D-Life is not a program; it's a lifestyle. It's an organic, intentional, and simple process for equipping all believers for a lifestyle of making and multiplying disciples. If interested, please contact me by Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have other questions, you may contact Sheri Cordle at the Floyd County Baptist Association at (706) 291-0904 or email at [fcbaoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:fcbaoffice1@gmail.com).

Lastly, I want to invite you to participate in Prayer Walking our local schools on Sunday afternoon, August 6 beginning at 3 pm. Our church will be partnering with other Floyd County churches to prayer walk the campuses of every school in our county. You are welcome to prayer walk the school campus of your choice but PVS has been asked specifically to pray on the campuses of **Pepperell Primary School** and **Pepperell Middle School**. Please make your plans to come. Prayer guides may be picked up on Sunday morning at church or at the school campus of your choice.



**Mark Winstead  
Minister of Music**

I want to thank you as a church for allowing Kathy and me to go on this extended vacation. We are coming back June 28<sup>th</sup> so when you get this we should already be back in our places. Someone recently told me that Kathy and I would be miserable now that we are about to become empty nesters. I told them we have waited 36 years to be empty nesters – I think we'll be just fine. We are entering a new phase though in the life of our family.

As parents we raise our children to become responsible adults and then send them out, with God's watchful eye, to do their part in making this a better world. As a church we are nurtured and given the resources to grow in our relationship with God. I wonder, are we as individuals ready to make a difference for God in the world? God has given us the ministry of praise and worship through music. We have some very committed and dedicated people who have given their talents back to God. God uses the choir, orchestra and praise band every week to make the service a place where we can go and be renewed, ready to go out in the world again. If God is calling you to be a part of praise and worship, come and join us. You can speak with any member of the choir, orchestra or praise band or you can speak directly with me, Bill or Jennifer. We would love to hear from you and get you plugged in!

Praise His holy name,

Mark



**Kathy Winstead, Minister of Children**

Some of you might already know this, but I was raised in the Catholic faith. All four of us kids were loaded into the station wagon and hauled to church every single

week. We often misbehaved, squirmed and fidgeted, but we were there, whether we wanted to be or not. We were sometimes rewarded with donuts from the bakery on our way home depending on our behavior during mass. The thought of a hot, fresh donut can go a long way in determining a child's behavior at church! All of this taught me to be consistent in church attendance. But, once I was saved, I desired to be consistent not only in my attendance, but also in my actual faith. I believe what the Bible says but am I consistent in following the Lord's teachings? Am I consistent in my prayer life and my care for others in need? Do I consistently repent when I fail and seek God's forgiveness? Am I consistent in sharing the truth of salvation with others? I desire to be consistent in these things because I met the Lord when I attended Vacation Bible School as a child. I learned through Scripture that God knows me, God hears me, God comforts me, and God chooses me and God forgives me! These are the Bible points we'll be focusing on each evening at "Stellar" VBS, the week of July 17-20. Even attending one night of VBS can be life-changing for a child! Please bring your children and encourage those around you to bring theirs to "Stellar" VBS. Thank you in advance for your prayers for a safe and fun-filled week where children will learn they are priceless to God!

– Kathy

