

Return Service Requested

Staff Directory

- Senior Pastor—Dr. Philip May
- Associate Pastor—Rev. Richard Brown
- Minister of Music—Rev. Mark Winstead
- Minister of Education/Business Administrator—Rev. Ted Fuller
- Minister of Children—Kathy Winstead
- Minister of Youth—Rev. Eric Gargus
- Minister of Media—Tom Pilcher
- Worship Director—Jennifer Pitcher
- Orchestra Director—Bill King
- Administrative Assistant—Ellen McWeekin
- Financial Secretary—Patsy Jordan
- Music Secretary—Ginger Ferrin
- Church Secretary—Kim Sisson



On My Heart...



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We begin our new church year in August. Ted Fuller has planned high attendance Sunday School for August 6. Our goal is 400. We should reach and exceed that number and hope to have over 500 in worship. We will have a fellowship meal on that date where we feature baseball stadium style food—you figure that out.

You have requested a new church directory. We have an opportunity to use our photographers to shoot a digital directory in August. We will have two Sunday dates, August 6 and August 13. You will fill out a card and give us your updated information. We will do the one photo for the digital directory with no charge. You will be able to pull up the directory on your phone.

We appreciate the dedicated ministry of Kathy Winstead. She has an outstanding work ethic and loves working with our children at PVS. Well done! She submitted her resignation to take a job in the public school system. She will help transition for a time as we seek a new Children's Minister. Eric Gargus will serve as our interim Children's Minister. He has experience in this area as he served in the youth/children's capacity in another church. Children's Ministry will move forward! Pray for God's leadership as we seek a new staff member for this important ministry.

Your Pastor,
Phil May

Financial Report

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

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2023	\$ 1,879,593.25
REC'D thru 06/30/2023	\$ 816,565.46
NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET	\$ 1,063,027.79
MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT	\$ 156,632.77
REC'D THRU 06/30/2023	\$ 121,673.83
RECEIVED UNDER BUDGET	\$ 34,958.94
TITHES AND OFFERINGS YTD	\$ 816,565.46
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD	\$ 63,362.82
	\$ 879,928.28
SPENT TO DATE	\$ (924,019.77)
OVER SPENT YTD	\$ (44,091.49)
HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 06/30/2023	\$ 13,267.00



THE CALL

While Satan is trying to deceive students about gender, sexuality, the value of human life, and morality grounded in the Bible, God offers unbending truth. He is faithful, just, unchanging, loving, merciful, pure, and available to all. He is the Way!

How can students stay true to the "way, truth, and the life" that is Jesus?

How can students help their classmates find the "way, truth, and the life" that is Jesus?

When students choose to place time with God above sports, academics, arts, and other enticements of the teenage years, people start to take notice. It may make them curious, envious, uncomfortable, and even bothered. This is the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

So how about sending your student on a FREE 9-Month Mission Trip this school year? They won't be leaving home to live someplace else. Instead, they will live at your house, go to their regular schools, and be a part of their usual extracurricular activities. They will be intentionally going to school activities with the purpose of reaching people for Jesus.

On Wednesday, August 9th, students will be challenged, called, and equipped to begin the journey as 9-Month missionaries to their respective schools. Whether in public, private, or home schools, students will learn how to encourage their teachers, help their classmates with struggles, and ultimately reach the people on their campus for Christ.

Will you partner with us in prayer for our campuses, not just at campus prayer walks on August 6th, but throughout this school year? Will you partner with our 9-Month missionaries in prayer as they stand for the truth while evangelizing their campuses?

Just as Jesus said to His first disciples in John 14: 6, He is saying to us now: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."

I'm excited about what God is going to do this school year. Let's gooooo!

Eric



Ted Fuller

Minister of Education/Business Administrator

Grand Slam Sunday is August 6. This is our high attendance day in Sunday School. Our churchwide goal is 400 in Sunday School. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite baseball team jersey or shirt. We will have a combined worship service followed by lunch in the Family Life Center. The menu will include baseball stadium style food.

Everyone please make plans to be in Sunday School on August 6 and invite your friends. Let's start the new church year with a "grand slam".

On Sunday, August 13, we will have Sunday School leadership training for all Sunday School teachers and leaders in the children's, youth and adult departments. We will have breakfast from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The training will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. The training will be an opportunity for leaders from all departments to fellowship and have a fun time of interactive training. All adult class leaders are asked to sign up in your classroom.



Richard Brown

Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Missions

In 2018, the Barna Research group reported that it takes twenty people (believers) to reach one person for Christ in the course of a year. That stat is derived from the fastest growing churches in our country. Five years and one pandemic later, I am quite sure this disturbing ratio has only gotten worse. This begs the question: *Why is evangelism so weak in our churches?* Here are some initial thoughts:

Ignorance. I use this word cautiously. I am not implying stupidity. I am saying that there are those who simply do not know how to share their faith. The good news is that every believer can learn.

Apathy. There are those who are indifferent to the lost and have no interest in winning them to Christ.

Disobedience. This is the first cousin to apathy. We know what the Lord expects of us but willfully choose to disobey His command to witness.

"Christian Only" Circles. Take a close look at your circle of friends. Are they all believers? Are lost people welcome into your circle of friends? In short, most believers are not building relationships with the lost for the purpose of sharing their faith with them.

Theological Error. Many professing Christians are closet Universalists. This erroneous view holds that all will eventually be saved. The Bible is clear that those who die in their sin will spend eternity separated from God in hell. We must be born again.

Perhaps there are many other reasons we could add to this list. As you look over these obstacles to evangelism, do any of them resonate with you? Let's help folks miss hell and make heaven. Ask the Lord to help you share your faith boldly with those around you. You may be the only lifeline to Jesus someone will ever know.



PVS Orchestra *will join* **Metro Big Band**

In Concert

Sunday, August 27
6:00 pm



Kathy Winstead, Minister of Children

May 15, 2023

Dear Dr. May, staff and congregation:

I am writing to tender my resignation from the position of Children's Minister effective July 23, 2023. After much consideration, prayer, and soul-searching, I have come to the difficult decision that it is time for me to step out of this role with PVS kids.

I would like to express my gratitude to you and the entire congregation of Pleasant Valley South for the opportunity to serve in this capacity for almost six years, both in a part-time role as ministry assistant and in a full-time capacity as Children's Minister. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with such a dedicated and committed staff and I am humbled by what the Lord has accomplished during my tenure.

Please know that this decision was not an easy one. Mark and I have given it a great deal of thought and feel it is the best choice for me and our family at this time. I have no doubt the ministry of PVS kids will continue to thrive and grow under the capable leadership of someone else.

I'll help to ensure a smooth transition during this time of change and will work, as my schedule allows, with volunteers and leadership to make sure there is little disruption to the ongoing ministry of PVS kids.

Once again, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the support, encouragement and trust you and the wonderful members of PVS have placed in me during my time as Children's Minister. It has been an honor to serve the Lord through this congregation.

Sincerely,

Kathy Winstead
PVS kids
The Children's Ministry of
Pleasant Valley
South Baptist Church