

Financial Report

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

ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2023	\$ 1,879,593.25
REC'D thru 07/31/2023	<u>\$ 1,240,579.18</u>
NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET	\$ 639,014.07
MONTHLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT	\$ 156,632.77
REC'D THRU 07/31/2023	<u>\$ 139,082.78</u>
RECEIVED UNDER BUDGET	\$ 17,549.99
TITHES AND OFFERINGS YTD	\$ 1,240,579.18
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED YTD	<u>\$ 75,182.92</u>
	1,315,762.10
SPENT TO DATE	\$(1,359,266.11)
OVER SPENT YTD	\$ (43,504.01)
HERITAGE FUNDS REC'D THRU 07/31/2023	\$ 18,922.00



The November Newsletter has gone digital! In the interest of saving time and money, it was sent to your email address. It will also be available on our website. If you did not receive yours, or we need to send it to a different email address, or if you need to receive a paper copy, please call the church office at (706) 234-1841 and let us know.



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The Day I wrote this article for you, I read two Psalms with my devotion. Psalm 11:3 “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” I thought about Thanksgiving Day approaching. Our nation was founded by godly people. Our nation had humble beginnings led by God and His word. Look how far we have wandered away from our foundation. We expect lost people to live like lost people. However, we have American Christians who live lives of compromise and casual Christianity.

We are a blessed people in America. Thanksgiving drew us together as a nation. Now, this is just another holiday for family gatherings, football and turkey.

You have seen the destruction and loss of life in Israel. That could be us! This is a wake up call for us to be humble people and grateful to God for our blessings! Ps. 11:4 “The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord is on His heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; His eyes examine them.” vs. 7 “For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see His face.” (NIV)

Take time to give thanks daily!

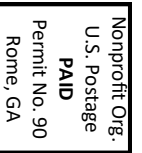
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- Music Secretary—Ginger Ferrin
- Church Secretary—Kim Sisson



Eric Gargus, Youth/Children's Minister

A BIG SHOUT OUT to several of our students who helped at Trunk or Treat! They helped with set-up/take-down, kept children safe on the inflatables, and brought trunks. These outstanding students are: Benji Drummond, Callaway Farrer, Charleigh Farrer, Alonna Penn, Elizabeth Peterson, Isaac Rains, Mary Rains, Cassidy Rowell, Connor Rowell, Eli Simms, Joel Simms, and Hayden Wood.

I'm thankful that we have students who care about spreading the gospel on our campus, in their schools, and in their communities. Would you continue to partner with me in praying for all of the highly capable young lives we see at Student Fusion Worship on Wednesdays and in Sunday School on Sunday mornings? I've watched many of them represent Jesus in sports and band this fall. They truly live out their faith!

- Eric

STUDENT FUSION EVENT ALERT:
Sunday Funday, 11.12.23, 5PM-8PM



Richard Brown
Associate Pastor for Evangelism
and Missions

We have lots of things getting ready to happen! Allow me to share a few reminders:

Argentina Partnership Information Meeting: is set for November 5th at 4:30 pm in the AWANA game room. Rev. Keith Ivey, with the GBMB, will be here to provide us helpful information as we seek to get started with this partnership. I would love for you to come! We are working on scheduling an Exploratory trip next year. Light snacks provided.

Nepal Partnership Information Meeting: is set for November 12th immediately following the morning worship service in the AGR. Lunch will be served. My good friend and IMB Missionary will be sharing with us via video about his work there and how we can partner with him to reach people for Christ. Please sign up to come to the meeting so we can get a meal headcount.

2023 Week Of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: Our Week of Prayer is set for December 3rd through 10th. Prayer Guides will be made available the morning of the 3rd in the church foyer or you may download your own copy at www.imb.org/pray/week-of-prayer/. This year, our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal is \$13,500. Let me urge you to give! Every penny you give goes directly to the work of missionaries around the world.

I want to thank you for your generous support of **Operation Christmas Child**. Because of your generosity, we have filled just over 1,500 shoe boxes to be delivered to children all over the world affording them the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Thanks to all who came out to pack boxes on October 22nd! I also want to give a shoutout to Rex and Pam Rains and their team for cooking pancakes and sausage for us to enjoy! Special thanks goes to Jackie Eschbaugh for faithfully serving as our Operation Christmas Child Coordinator! Well done, church family!

Family Movie Night: November 26th at 5 pm in FLC.

Eric Gargus, Youth/Children's Minister



TRUNK OR TREAT brought almost 1,100 guests onto our campus, each of whom were given a gospel tract at registration.

Nearly 100 PVS volunteers served magnificently! A special "THANK YOU" goes out to Justin Brown and the Setup Team, Wilburn & Peggy Norton and the Food Team, Sherry Thompson and the Candy Team, Jill Rowell and the PVS D-Groups for doing Registration, Richard Brown and his team for leading the Prayer Tent, Don Norton and the Traffic Team, the Clean-Up Team, Mark Winstead for parking trunks, and of course, all who brought their creatively decorated trunks!

Let's continue to pray for the gospel seeds that have been planted through this event.

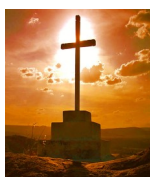
- Eric



Mark Winstead
Minister of Music

"Do you feel the world is broken?
Do you feel the shadows deepen?
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through?
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(IS HE WORTHY, first verse)

When a doctor goes in to perform surgery he doesn't use a pair of scissors and just go to town like he is cutting out a paper snowflake. He uses the right tools. Not only does he know what to use, but he knows because he has spent time in the field studying and preparing. We live in a broken world. We see the shadow of despair growing bigger and darker. But we also know the Light that will shine through that darkness. Do we share it with love or judgment? Do we share with hope or despair? Do we share prepared because we have spent time in the Word and studied His grace, mercy and love? Judgment is His to pronounce, ours is to share the love of a Holy God with the broken. "Do you feel the world is broken? We do."



Ted Fuller
Minister of Education/Business Administrator

The Bible contains several thousand promises that God gives to His people. One of my favorites is that He promises to never leave us or forsake us. This promise is found in several books of the Bible. One example is found in the book of Deuteronomy: *"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed"* (Deut. 31:8 NKJV). We can claim that promise and be sure that no matter what happens in life, God will always be with us. This Thanksgiving, let's remember to give God thanks specifically for this great promise that the God of the universe will always be with us in the good times and bad times.

Happy Thanksgiving.