

# FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

## BUDGET REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1-27, 2015

DECEMBER 1-27 RECEIPTS .....\$29,890.00  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$29,911.46  
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 21.46

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

DECEMBER 1-27 Receipts.....\$29,890.00  
 DECEMBER 1-27 Expenses.....\$17,669.56  
 DECEMBER 1-27 Receipts over Expenses.....\$12,220.44

## FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS .....\$35,889.12  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$29,911.46  
 RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 5,977.66

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

November 1-30 Receipts.....\$35,889.12  
 November 1-30 Expenses.....\$25,915.96  
 November 1-30 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 9,973.16

### \*USHERS FOR JANUARY\*

Arthur Yawn, Curtis Dalton, Matthew Hulbert,  
 Chris Dowell Alt.: David Burquest

### \*JANUARY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK\*

3—Terry Wood 10—Mark Burquest  
 17—Chuck Hughey 24—Jon Huguley  
 31—Lee Miller

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## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 99  
 MORNING WORSHIP— 133

If you are not plugged in with a Small Group Bible Study you are missing a blessing. Small Group Bible Study begins at 9:15 a.m. Join Us! We have groups for all ages!



**Keenagers**  
**Monday, January 11, 2016**  
**Noon—Covered Dish**

**Guest Speaker: Don Jeter**  
**Presentation on tour in Antarctica**

ALL Senior Adults are encouraged to bring a covered dish and join us for lots of great food, fun and fellowship.



**Christian Social Ministry**  
**5th Sunday**  
**Canned & Dry Goods Drive—**  
**January 31, 2016**

**Please bring your canned and dry goods so we can help replenish the shelves at CSM. The collection box is located in welcome area.**

**Men of Faith**  
**Chili Cook-off**  
**Sunday, January 31**  
**6:30PM in FH**



**ALL Men ages 14 and over are encouraged to join us!**



**WMU—Current Missions**  
 Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** Our next meeting will be **January 21.** ALL ladies are encouraged to join our group.

**Mission Trip to Colombia**  
**May 7—12, 2016**

**Cost: \$3,900 plus airfare to/from Miami**  
 Those going on the trip are: Nick & Hannah Prieto, Chad & Shana Wood, David Burquest, and Madison Silverstruck

If you would like to support this trip monetarily, please make checks out to FBCWR and write mission trip on the memo line (you may specify a particular individual and still get contribution credit.)

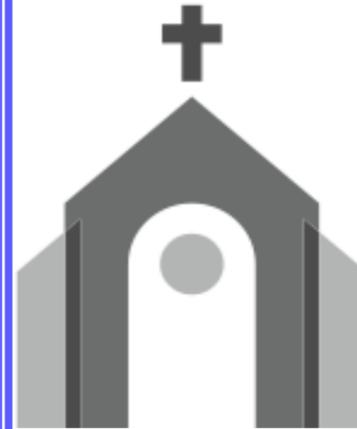
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**“We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations”**

### Our Ministerial Staff:

**Chad Wood** Pastor  
**Nick Prieto** Worship & Youth Pastor  
**Rusty Grace** Discipleship & Systems Pastor

## From the Pastor

As we approach a New Year with new hopes of what 2016 may bring, I’m reminded that it is a good time to set goals. Whether it be personal goals, family goals, or church goals, it is good to have goals as long as we are not ruled by them as a measure of success apart from grace. As I reflect on some of the goals I had for 2015, I reached some of my goals and some I did not. In fact, there was more I didn’t reach than those I did. However, even though I may not have reached many of my goals, I did still progress overall. And while I could beat myself up for not reaching many of my goals, or even throw my hands up and say “forget it” because I fall short sometimes, I still choose to take this time and set new goals for 2016. And while I may or may not reach these, I still have the goal for the accountability of the self-discipline that gets implemented in my life.

So in thinking of this, there is one goal I want to challenge YOU with, as I do every year. And that goal is to read the Bible in a way that stretches your self-discipline. If you’re a person that never reads the Bible, I encourage you to start by simply reading a small passage each day. If you already read a verse or passage each day, I encourage you to start reading a chapter a day. If you already read a chapter a day, I encourage you to find a good Bible reading plan and try to read through the entire Bible in a year. If you have been reading through the Bible annually for a few years and have done a variety of Bible reading plans, I encourage you to start memorizing scripture more. Wherever you are currently in your Bible reading discipline, I encourage you to set a goal to stretch yourself more this year. Make it a priority to feast on the Word of God. And if you fall short some days, give yourself a little grace and get back to your goal. We must remember that our growth in our spiritual disciplines truly is much more like a marathon than a sprint. As I look back to the first time I made it my goal to read the Bible I had no idea what God had in store and what a treasure His Word would become for me. And it all started with a simple goal when I was in high school to just read a passage each day. From there, God has grown my hunger for His word more and more to desire to set new standards of Bible reading, study, and scripture memorization. His word truly is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105). So may we feast together on His Glorious word in 2016. May we see God’s word as Job did when He said, “I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my portion of food (Job 23:12).”

Happy New Year!  
 Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: Intimacy with the Almighty by Charles Swindoll

# JANUARY 2016

\*Birthdays

**Sundays**

9:15 am Small Group Bible Study  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm CONNECT—Youth

**Wednesdays**

6:00 pm Mid-Week Bible Study  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  *Aaron Daigle	2
3 Vision Sunday Nick's 3rd Anniversary	4 Nick's 29th Birthday	5 Deacon Lunch 11am	6 2nd Semester of School Begins *Janice Browning	7	8 *Deborah Barfield	9
10 Ten Commandments Series Begins	11 Keenagers Noon	12	13	14 *Grace Dalton	15 Daniel Riley's 30th Birthday *Charles Hickman	16 *Shirley Trammell
17 Sanctity of Life Sunday Communion	18 Church Office Closed  *Jane Gordon	19 FH in use 5pm—9pm *Jane Gordon	20 *Grace Moore	21 WMU—10 am	22	23
24 Church Council—3:30pm Stewardship—5pm Celebration/Memorial Service—6pm	25	26	27 Quarterly Meeting 6pm *Gail Wood	28 Nick to CONCLAVE	29	30
31 5th Sunday CSM Canned Food Collection						

## Rusty's Ramblings

I gave up making New Year's Resolutions a few years ago. It's not that I don't believe in making resolutions, it's just that I haven't kept a few in the past and noticed that I was still including them at the top of my list every year. To be specific, I resolved to eat healthier and exercise more back in 2006. Yep, still working on that one! In truth, that really is a good resolution for every year. It's not like the salad I ate in 2009 makes up for the two donuts I had for breakfast before church on December 20, 2015. It requires a certain long-term commitment. I'm going to keep working on this. Maybe, I'll get back to my 2007 resolutions next year!

In the same vein, I'd like to offer some encouragement for each of us to renew our commitment to some basic, but vital, practices. Just as attention to our physical well-being is basic but very necessary, so is attention to our spiritual well-being. Are we praying, sharing our faith, worshipping with other believers, reading and reflecting on the Scriptures? Are we practicing generosity? Are we serving others? Are we intentionally trying to show the love of Christ to others? Are we repenting and turning away from sins that will hinder our walk with God? Are we repenting and taking steps to do things we've neglected to do? If not, let's pray that God will enable to both desire these things and to actually do them. If so, let's pray that God will sustain and grow our attention to these practices.

Rusty

### Celebration/Memorial Service Sunday, January 24 6 PM



**We will have a service to remember the members who passed away in 2015. Please share with any family members you know so they may attend this service.**



Thank you to everyone who helped and/or donated to WMU projects in 2015. We could not have done them without YOU!

Thank you to all WMU ladies for your mission ♥ hearts!

## From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Are there things you have to remind yourself of each day or each week? Not things like brushing your teeth or putting your shoes on. Hopefully you aren't walking around town with no shoes and stinky breath. Rather, truths God has been teaching you that you have to constantly remind yourself of. For me, one of those truths is not to pursue things that seem fulfilling but actually are not fulfilling. Romans 8:5-6 is such a great reminder of this for me. It says that when we focus our minds on things of the flesh (earthly and sinful) it brings death, but to set our minds on the things of the Spirit brings life and peace. It is easy for me to focus on earthly things and even get caught in sinful/fleshly things rather than focusing and directing my life toward the things that bring life, peace and eternal reward. What about YOU? All around we see sin and darkness in people's lives, even when they think it is fulfilling. Is that you? Don't be fooled by the enemy, seek the things of the Spirit. Though it might be hard to trust this truth, God would never fail us in fulfilling His Word. Trust in Him! As you begin this next year, make it a daily pattern to evaluate the things you are seeking. Are they fleshly desires? Are they earthly/temporal desires? Or are they God-centered/eternal desires?

Nick



Our Children's Ministry Team will start a new children's outreach event this February. For now it will be called "First Wednesday"

because it will occur on the First Wednesday of every month. This event is geared towards reaching out to the children in our community and teaching the children who are members of our church how to reach out and form relationships with each other and the children in our community. There will be music, games, a short teaching, and of course snacks. Our hope is that some who already attend on Wednesday will get involved in this and others who have not been able to attend might want to be a part of this once a month event. Check the calendar for specific dates and contact Jennifer Hulbert ([jenniferhulbert916@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferhulbert916@yahoo.com)) for questions, suggestions, or if you want to help out!

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 18



**In celebration of MLK, Jr. Day, the church office will be closed Monday, January 18. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 19.**

*Happy New Year from Pastor Chad, Pastor Nick, Pastor Rusty, Ann & Daniel!*