

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR MARCH 1-29, 2015

MARCH 1-29 RECEIPTS\$34,923.76
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$29,911.46
RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 5,012.30

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

MARCH 1-29 Receipts.....\$34,923.76
 MARCH 1-29 Expenses.....\$19,172.69
MARCH 1-29 Receipts over Expenses.....\$15,751.07

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015

FEBRUARY RECEIPTS\$29,135.55
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$29,911.46
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 775.91

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1-28 Receipts.....\$29,135.55
 FEBRUARY 1-28 Expenses.....\$29,554.74
FEBRUARY 1-28 Expenses over Receipts.....\$ 419.19

USHERS FOR APRIL

Arthur Yawn, Curtis Dalton, Chris Dowell,
 David Burquest Alt.: David Peck & Ralph Pannell

APRIL LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

5—Curtis Dalton 12—Chuck Hughey
 19—Jon Huguley 26—Lee Miller

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 100
MORNING WORSHIP— 127

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!

Happy 3rd Anniversary, Pastor Chad & Family!

Can you believe it? Pastor Chad has been with us 3 years! Please share with him your joy and appreciation. We are very blessed to have such a man of God leading us! We are thankful for Shana, Asher and Anabelle and look forward to meeting Hudson in the near future!

Family Promise Host Week April 26—May 3

If you are interested in volunteering during this week of ministry, please see Beth McConnell. There are many areas available for volunteer service.



Keenagers

Monday, April 13—Noon

ALL Senior Adults are encouraged to join us for lots of fun, food and fellowship. Bring a covered dish and 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 **April 16**. Ladies, please join us as we fellowship and plan for the mission opportunities before us.

Men of Faith 2015 2nd Quarter Schedule

2nd Qtr 2015

Monday – 6 Apr @ 6:30PM – MoF “Prayer thru Psalms” **LS**
 Monday – 18 May @ 6:30PM – MoF “Prayer thru Psalms” **M**
 Monday – 29 Jun @ 6:30PM – MoF “Prayer thru Psalms” **LS**

1st Quarter 2015 Family Meeting Wednesday, April 22—6 pm

All members are encouraged to join us as we share and discuss the blessings and needs of the church.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to family and friends in the loss of one of our beloved church family, Gladys Shepard. Please be in prayer for the family and close friends.

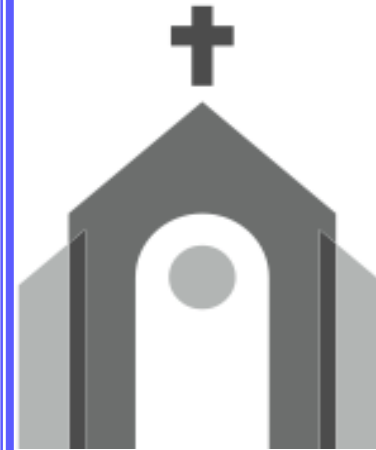
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Chad Wood Pastor
Nick Prieto Worship & Youth Pastor
Rusty Grace Discipleship Pastor

From the Pastor

When I was a kid, some of my favorite memories were on Easter. I remember going to both sets of my grandparents house after church and having Easter egg hunts. All the kids would run as fast as we could to gather as many eggs and we could with the hopes to find the “special egg” that was hidden. Some eggs were empty. Some had candy. Some had had a few coins. But the “special egg” actually had a dollar bill in it. It was always hidden in a very peculiar spot that was hard to find. The intensity and excitement of finding the hidden eggs was awesome. Easter was exciting as kid. However, it wasn’t until later that I found out what was really exciting about Easter. It wasn’t about finding hidden eggs that had to be searched for. It’s about a God who found me. I was lost, but now I’m found. Now that’s exciting. We don’t have to look all over the place to find Jesus as if He were hidden from us. He is always with us and promises to never leave us or forsake us. This is a promise that we can hope in because the tomb of Jesus is empty. He’s alive and He gives life. That’s why Easter is exciting. So if you spend time with family this Easter and have an egg hunt for the kids, ask yourself this: “Are these children more excited about finding eggs than I am about the true meaning of Easter?”

As we approach Easter this year, my prayer is that your heart is in awe of the amazing work of the Resurrection where Christ defeated sin and death in order to bring you back to God! May we never become callous to the Miracle and Beauty of Easter. I want to encourage you to be praying for an un-churched friend, family member, neighbor, or coworker that you could invite to church on Easter to hear the Gospel with the hopes that they would be truly amazed for the first time that Jesus is ALIVE! The Resurrection changes everything about us. It gives us hope. It gives us purpose. It gives us a mission. The good news that Jesus is Alive is too transforming and life-changing for us to keep to ourselves. Think about it. It was my sin and your sin that killed Jesus but it couldn’t keep Him that way. He overcame death and sin. He is stronger than our pride, lust, anger, sloth, gluttony, greed, and envy. He is stronger than our rebellion. His grace is greater than our sin. That’s the good news that we can tell because of Easter. Jesus is Alive and He gives Life. Regardless of what any sinful person has ever done, Jesus can bring freedom. Spread the News because it’s good!

Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: Killjoys by John Piper

Dear Church,

Shana and I cannot express to you how much we appreciate your support for our adoption of Hudson. The amount of love and encouragement that we felt from you on Generosity Day was overwhelming. You rallied around us and raised over \$4,000 to help us bring our little boy home from China. We are so grateful for this faith family. We count it such a joy to be able to minister with you and partner together to spread the fame of Jesus' name. We know supporting others in these type of endeavors takes sacrifice. Thank you for your sacrifice. I cannot help but be reminded by you that Adoption is always a sacrifice. God the Father adopted us as His children with the sacrificial price of the blood of Jesus. Thank you for this Gospel reminder. We love you deeply and truly thank God that we get to serve here. God Bless.

Chad and Shana Wood

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APRIL 2015


Sundays

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

Wednesdays

6:00 pm "Raising Rock Stars"
6:00 pm Mid-Week Bible Study
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>*Tom Knight</i>	3	4
ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING EMPHASIS						
5 EASTER  NO CONNECT	6 Men of Faith 6:30 pm Ann Vacation <i>*Connie Freeman</i>	7 Ann Vacation	8	9 Senior Adults to Buckners & Tanger—10 am Cost: \$15 <i>Bus reserved</i>	10 <i>*Dick Cooke</i>	11 Deacon Breakfast
← ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING EMPHASIS →						
12 Special Offering during Morning Service for Annie Armstrong <i>*T.J. Johnson</i>	13 Keenagers— Noon <i>*Dot Hall</i>	14	15	16 WMU— 10 am Rusty Grace's Birthday <i>*Sandi Podskoc</i>	17	18
TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL CONFERENCE PASTOR CHAD, NICK AND RUSTY			BUS RESERVED—JON HUGULEY			
19 Communion Pastor Chad's Anniversary Sunday Church Council— 3:30 pm Stewardship—5 pm; Celebration Service—6 pm	20 <i>*Leroy Smith</i> <i>*Kayla Turner</i> <i>*Wanda Burquest</i>	21	22 Quarterly Family Meeting 6 pm Administrative Assistants Day	23	24	25
26 73rd Anniversary Celebration "Dinner on the Grounds" <i>*David Burquest</i> <i>*J.M. Crumpton</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>*Gervaise Perdue</i> <i>*Spencer Shugart</i>		
← FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK →						

Rusty's Ramblings

For years, Paul's Letter to the Colossians has been one of my favorite books in the Bible. The more I read it, the more I realize it's full of rich doctrine and tremendous encouragement for believers. The passage that first caught my eye, however, comes from verses 1-4 of the third chapter. ***If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*** For me, this passage has served as a powerful reminder to focus on Jesus. And it's interesting, this is a general command with a universal application. It says, "Set your minds on the things that are above, not on things that are on earth." There are no conditions given. This exhortation applies in all circumstances, when times are good and when times are bad, in the midst of busyness and in the calm. Also of note is the reason given for setting our sights on Jesus. Those who know Christ through faith have died and have been raised to new life in Christ. Focusing on Christ is the logical end-result of what he has done in us, of what he has made us. This month begins with the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As we are reminded of the glory of our Risen Lord, may our focus on Him and commitment to Him be renewed. He died and was raised. In him, we died and have received new life. May we be captivated by Him, continually seek to know Him in a deeper way, and make Him known.

Rusty

Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, May 3rd

The students will have another lunch fundraiser on this date. Not sure of the menu yet, but it will be good!

73rd Anniversary Celebration "Dinner on the Grounds" Sunday, April 26th

Do you have friends who have been members of FBCWR in the past? Invite them to join us for this celebration! We feel a personal invitation from you is the most effective. A food sign-up sheet will be available in the east foyer a couple of weeks before the event.

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

I think we would all agree that life brings many challenges. Uncertainties, tragedies and change come without warning. What is it that you cling to? How do you respond in these situations? What is your first response? The fast we are finishing up @ FBC revealed that I often turn to other things first rather than God. Psalm 112:6-7 says, "...the righteous will never be moved... He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD." What a great verse and goal for our lives!! May our relationships with God be so intimate that we go to Him first and for everything!

Hannah and I want to thank you for your support and generosity you showed us at our wedding reception on March 7th. We have been SOO blessed by you and were so glad to celebrate our marriage with you. You mean so much to us, and we love you very much.

Last month, the students hosted the Spaghetti Lunch to raise money to go to Student Life Camp, and we are so grateful for your support. It was such a blessing and a wonderful help! Thank you for consistently showing your love and support in so many different ways!

Nick

From our Grow and Go Kids

Thank you for all those who volunteered and donated to the new Children's wing. The children have enjoyed their new classrooms, décor, and toys. We are blessed to have members in our church who share their time and resources. Thank you again!



PRAYER EMPHASIS—MARCH 29—APRIL 12

CHURCH GOAL: \$3,200

SUNDAY, APRIL 12—OFFERING EMPHASIS

WE WILL WALK OUR ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERINGS TO THE FRONT DURING THE MORNING SERVICE