



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, the last couple of years have been difficult. Our world has changed with COVID and all of us are feeling it in our lives. Health and economic concerns are at the top of all our lists. And this includes our church...

For the last two years giving has been down, which is not surprising with the current economy and concerns. If you keep up with our monthly reports, you will see that we are about \$20,000 behind in our giving. This is a growing concern and as the leaders of our church we feel that we need to do something positive to turn this around.

Here is what we are proposing...first, we thank you all for your faithful giving. We know it has been tough and we want you to know that it is appreciated. If you are behind in giving your tithes and offerings, we encourage you to work on getting caught back up.

Second, over the months of February to April we are asking for an over and above offering to help us get caught up. While \$20,000 sounds like a lot (and it is!), it is a doable goal to reach this amount. If 40 people were to give \$500 over their normal giving or 50 were to give \$400 over their normal giving, we could easily reach this goal.

We are planning on a Commitment Sunday on February 12, in which we ask everyone who is willing to come to the altar and sign a commitment to give an over and above amount from then until April 30. This one time over and above pledge can be given in any way that you like to: weekly, monthly, or one-time gift. We will have envelopes made up specially for giving your pledges so that we can keep a track on how we are doing at reaching our goal. We will have various brackets of giving that you can commit to, such as \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and an empty line where you can say how much you are able to do over and above.

Before we go any further, we just want to say that as the leaders of our church we realize that we cannot ask you to do anything that we are not willing to do ourselves. With this said, each of us—Deacons and Pastors—are committed to give over and above our normal tithing and giving, just like we are asking each of you to do. We will be the first ones in line to sign our commitments and we will be giving. We say this not to brag, but to set the example for everyone. Again, we don't want to ask anyone to do what we are not willing to do ourselves.

When we give to the Lord, how does He use that? We are blessed to have a staff of five that we support for their services. We also have the responsibility of the upkeep of the Lord's house. We do a ton of ministry, with a lot of it directed towards our youth and children. And we are blessed to support ministry and missions in our community, our nation, and around the world. We want to keep on reaching out as the hands and feet of Jesus and doing all of what we do.

Thank you for your faithful giving and thank you for being a part of our ministry together.

In Christian Love,

Stephen Spicer, Chris Beverly, Doug Gross, Jeff Riley, Larry Blevins, Mickey Hall
Deacons

Rev. Tim Mohon, Pastor Tyler Griffin
Pastors

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.” -- II Corinthians 9:7



1 Timothy 4:12
Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

February is going to be busy for 4:12 Youth! Here is everything happening this month:

- Normal Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies
- Feb. 4th- Delivering items to Edna Martin Christian Center
- Feb. 5th- Strike & Spare following Worship
- Feb. 11th- Winter Jam in Indy
- Feb. 19th- Pulled Pork Lunch fundraiser following Worship 12-1:30
- Feb. 19th- Gathering following Lunch Fundraiser
- Feb. 21st- Church-wide Mardi Gras Party
- Feb. 22nd- Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb. 24th-25th- Ignite @ SBYCamp

Here's an update on our new study "Amplify." We have had some great discussions each evening! Our starter lesson focused on how everything we do should be based off of scripture and we should examine ourselves based on what scripture says. We finished up a 3 week focus on the Holy Spirit, how He dwells within us as Christ-followers, how we need to allow Him to guide our lives and how He produces the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives if we allow Him to.

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! We have an awesome group of teens and if you haven't already, take time to get to know them! You won't be disappointed.

God's Most Gracious Blessings, Pastor Tyler and Leah

FUTURE EVENTS

- 3/1-31 America for Christ offering month with a Goal of \$1300**
- 3/01 Family Meal, 5:30 PM; Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM**
- 3/03 Craft night sponsored by Angie A., 6 PM**
- 3/05 Deacon's mtg., 11:45 a.m.**
- 3/05 Bowling outing at S'burg Lanes, 2-4 PM**
- 3/07 Choir Practice, 6:30 PM**
- 3/08 Family Meal, 5:30 PM; Business Mtg., 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM**
- 3/09 CCBA Pastor's mtg. at Place & Time: TBA**
- 3/12 Daylight Saving Time begins, 2 a.m.**
- 3/12 Coffee Creek Baptist Assoc. Annual mtg. at Tea Creek Baptist Church, 4 PM**
- 3/14 Choir Practice, 6:30 PM**
- 3/15 Family Meal, 5:30 PM; Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM**
- 3/18 Shared Blessings, 10 a.m.-2 PM**
- 3/19 Trustee's mtg., 11:30 a.m.; followed by a Short VBS planning mtg.; 4:12 Youth cleaning up local parks, 1-5 PM; Gathering, 5-7:30 PM**
- 3/21 Choir Practice, 6:30 PM**
- 3/22 Family Meal, 5:30 PM; Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM**
- 3/26-29 4:12 Youth Spring Retreat at Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp**
- 3/29 Family Meal, 5:30 PM; Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Kingdom Kids, 6:30 PM**

The Quarterly meeting of the Coffee Creek Baptist Association American Baptist Men will be held on **Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM**. It will be held at the Austin First Baptist Church. All men are invited. They will be discussing their plans for delivering the canned goods, etc. to the Edna Martin Christian Center on Saturday, **February 4th**.

 Everyone is invited to our next Craft Night on Friday, Feb 3rd. We start at 6 pm. Even if you don't want to work on your crafting items please feel free to join us for a fun time of fellowship, food and friends. Please bring a finger food to share. I'm asking each participant to make a donation to our Operation Christmas Child Ministry. Hope to see you there! Ms. Angie

I'm sure Pastor Tyler will mention this in his article but it won't hurt to mention it a 2nd time....The 4:12 youth will be having their annual Pulled Pork Fundraising Dinner on Sunday, February 20th (dine-in, drive-thru or carry-out) from 12-1:30 PM. Please invite all your family and friends to this event. The cost is a donation of whatever you wish but please make it an amount comparable to what you would spend to eat at a restaurant. The youth & leaders work very hard to make this a good meal for all of us.

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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

| | SS | MW | OFFERING |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Jan. 1 | 37 | 76 | \$ 4,500.00 |
| Jan. 8 | 31 | 89 | \$ 4,700.00 |
| Jan. 15 | 33 | 97 | \$ 2,375.00 |
| Jan. 22 | <u>No Service due to snow/cold</u> | | |
| 4 Wk. Total Received | | | \$ 11,575.00 |
| 4 Wk. Total Needed | | | \$ 15,794.00 |
| 5 Wk. Rec. Last Month | | | \$ 13,425.00 |

2022-2023 YTD needed: \$82,866.00

2022-2023 received: \$61,950.00

(September 1, 2021-January 22, 2023)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE

| January | 04 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Meal | 42 | 35 | 40 | 32 |
| Adult Bible Study | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| 4:12 Youth | 14 | 14 | 11 | 12 |
| Kingdom Kids | 23 | 20 | 23 | 16 |
| Totals | 51 | 48 | 47 | 41 |

Averages: Meal-37 ABS-14 Youth-13 KKids-20 T-47

Do you Love me? As we are entering this second month of 2023, this question will be on people's minds during this month due to the Valentines holiday. I however was reminded of this question as I was reading in the book of John, chapter 21. It was after Jesus had risen from the dead, and he stopped by to have breakfast with some of his disciples. As they were eating, Jesus asked Peter "Do you Love me". This may not seem strange seeing as how just a few days earlier Peter had denied knowing Jesus during Jesus's trial. Peter's answer was yes Lord you know that I love you. Jesus posed this question to Peter 3 straight times and each time getting the same response from Peter. Jesus seemed to be trying to drive home the point that for Peter to be successful in his ministry that he would need to love Jesus and people unconditionally. This question is equally important in today's society as we are facing unprecedented times in our society. We have division all throughout America, whether it be political or racial driven and people have forgotten about loving each other. As a Christian my prayer is that everyone that is a believer, and a follower of Christ will step up and demonstrate the unconditional love of Christ. If you find yourself getting caught up in all the goings on, just stop, find a quiet place and listen to see if you can hear Jesus whisper, "Do you Love me?". Love ya'll Perry Stainbrook

Welcome to Mardi Gras!

On Tuesday, 21 February, we will be having a family fun night at the Church building that will be Mardi Gras. "Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday," and it is the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Traditionally, it is an opportunity for folks to indulge in whatever they are giving up for the Lenten season. We will have games and fun laid out for the whole family that night beginning at 6 p.m. We are asking for everyone to bring drinks, snacks, finger food, etc. (and if you are giving up a food item for Lent, bring extra and enjoy it the day before Lent starts). More details to come! —Kristen Sands and Pastor Tim.

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." -Sally Koch

"To love another person is to help them love God." -Soren Kierkegaard

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MONTHLY DONATIONS
NEEDED FOR AT LEAST 100 SHOE BOXES**

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| FEBRUARY: 300 TOOTHBRUSHES | MARCH: 150 BAR SOAP |
| APRIL: 150 ACTIVITY BOOKS | MAY: 750 SMALL TOYS |
| MAY: 150 ACTIVITY BOOKS | JUNE: 1800 PENCILS & 750 PENS |
| JULY: 150 BIG PENCIL SHARPENERS & 150 BIG ERASERS | |
| AUGUST: 1800 SMALL ERASERS & 150 CRAYONS (24 COUNT) | |
| SEPTEMBER: 150 COLORED PENCILS & 150 GLUE STICKS | |
| OCTOBER: SCHOOL SUPPLIES (ANY OF THE ABOVE) | |
| NOVEMBER: 150 SMALL PAPER TABLETS | DECEMBER: 750 SMALL TOYS |
| JANUARY: 300 COMBS & 300 WASHCLOTHS | |

Items may be brought during the month listed or anytime you have something available. They can be put in the box under the communion table in the sanctuary or in the tub under the desk in the small fellowship hall.



Mark 10:14-15

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Hello Church Family, we pray that you are doing well. We have been enjoying our Greatest Journey series, on Wed evenings. Our friends have been asking some good questions. We will continue this series for the next few months. For Children's Worship we are almost done with our Battle-Ready series.

Mark your calendar for our annual Yard Sale on April 21 and 22. Our next lock-in will be May 19th. We will have more details in the coming weeks.

If you have not filled out a new consent form, please let us know so that we can get one to you.

We greatly appreciate your continued love, support, and prayers. Lots of love, Ms. Angie, Ms. Rita and Ms. Malina

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Malina Jeffries, Michael Dickerson
- 7 Megan Morrison, Samantha Campbell
- 10 Ryan Blevins
- 11 Beulah Wells, Barb Deal
- 12 **Keith & Tracey Bixler, 1993**
- 12 Amanda Hurt, Tim Brunner
- 13 Marly McNeely, Doug Snelling
- 14 Juanita Hobbs, Charlie Shields, Emily Amos, Kyrie Joyce, Leslie McDaniel, Valerie Petty, Taylor Towne
- 16 **Earl & Karen McClellan, 1996**
- 17 Virgil 'Mac' McKinney, Diane Mullins
- 18 **Chris & Jenny Beverly, 1994**
- 18 **Matt & Amanda Jones, 2006**
- 19 Odin Petty
- 20 **David & Janet Wells, 1966**
- 20 Clayton Gibson
- 21 Alicia Johns
- 23 Jason Johns
- 26 Jay Stephens, Pat Berna
- 27 Dana Stephens, Makayla Nowlin, Rebecca Sims
- 28 **Markt & Sherry Nay, 1993**
- 28 Angie Avendaño

Every Sunday Morning at 10:30am!

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