

## Financial Snapshot

Year to Date:  
1/28/2018

Budget Required to Date:  
\$32,068.00

Budget Received to Date:  
\$37,793.16

Over Budget  
\$5,725.16

## Nursery Volunteers

2/4 Nicole & Brittany Franco  
2/11 Lance & Shelby Turner  
2/18 Addie & Klaire Jeffrey  
2/25 Macy & Jenna VanCleave

## Super Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 4th, is the Super Bowl! We will not have evening worship. We encourage Mega Group Tables to get together for fellowship.

## February 2018 Newsletter

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## February Birthdays

4 Billy Don Cooper  
Andrew Franco  
Elyssa Harvey  
5 Sue Turner  
Diana Ferguson  
7 Addie Jeffrey  
Klaire Jeffrey  
8 Joe Ford  
13 Paula Rodgers  
Joshua Johnson  
14 John Steele  
15 Lisa Oliver  
16 David Moore  
Joseph Ford  
17 Wanda May  
18 Macy VanCleave  
19 Mandi Lee  
20 Brandon Carreon  
Jenna VanCleave  
22 Rick Rodgers  
23 Lance Turner  
24 Robert Moore  
26 Morgan Rodgers  
Kelcie Johnson  
27 Candice Bonds  
28 Gary Ford  
Kursten Gruben

## Bring A Friend Day

Bring a friend day! March 4th we are encouraging everyone to bring a friend to Sunday School. Let's get our attendance to 150.

## Sunday Evenings

February 4th and 11th there will not be Evening Worship. We are encouraging Mega Group Tables and Sunday School Classes to get together.

## Fundraiser Envelopes

Please return your Youth Fundraiser Envelopes to the church office as soon as possible. The following numbers have not yet been turned in. Thank you for your support!  
8,15,20,22,25,26,30,50

## Revelations Study

March 11th we will begin a chapter by chapter study over Revelations, the end times. Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Youth Meal Schedule

2/7 Jennifer White, Tracy Carter, Cinda Shuping, Jenny White  
2/14 Tara Fillingim, Joye Mayo, Patricia Barnett, Theresa Turner  
2/21 Jori VanCleave, Misti Shoemaker, Jennifer Prater, Linda Cooper  
2/28 Paula Rodgers, Kristy Sullivan, Kursten Gruben, Sandra Gruben

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Change Service Requested



**FRAN DAY (Friend Day)**

March 4<sup>th</sup> is Friend Day for our church and we have set a goal of having 150 in Sunday School on that day. What a day that will be! As you can tell, I am excited about Friend Day. In Southeast Texas we would say FRAN Day! So, in my pondering... I've come up with a Southeast Texas acrostic to help understand what this special day is all about. Hang with me here...

FRAN's (Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors)

The best prospects are the Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors of those who attend Bible study. Eighty percent of surveyed persons indicate that the invitation of a FRAN motivated them to first visit the church they currently attend.

I am encouraging every Sunday School member to identify his or her network of FRANs and invite them to Bible study on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. This might be a good method to consider your possibilities. Once reached, these unchurched FRAN's could double your current enrollment in Sunday School. If just half of these unchurched FRANS responded positively to an invitation to attend, your attendance would grow by 50 percent. Isn't that an awesome possibility for our Sunday School?

With Jesus Christ as our guide, WE CAN DO THIS! So let me urge you to INVITE YOUR FRANS!

Onward and Upward!

Pastor Kenny

Greetings Church Family!

If you don't know, the church has been a part of installing a new fence at my house and I want to personally thank all of those who have helped with it over the last several weeks. Thank you to the Terrell's for donating the pipe we used, thank you to Lance and Oral Turner who spent hours and hours welding all the metal together, thank you to Blake Oliver for planning everything out, measuring everything, ordering materials, cutting limbs, and every little detail you worked through, and a special thank you to all the wonderful men who showed up and screwed in pickets all morning the other day. Also, thank you church family for seeking to take care of us in this way and for allowing us a great blessing in the home we live in!

I also want to remind y'all about friend day coming up... I know... you've maybe heard something about it right? I hope you have! Like everyone else, I just want to challenge you to be intentional by not only inviting someone, but truly seek to invest yourself in their life! Pick them up that Sunday morning, take them to lunch that afternoon, invite them to your Mega Group or Sunday School fellowships, spend time with them! Not only will this hopefully encourage them to come when you invite them, but it also partners y'all together as they ask questions about the

Gospel, about Christ, and allows for opportunities to invest the greatest news ever in their lives!

Something else I want to remind y'all of is that the choir is just now beginning our work on our Easter musical "Blessed Redeemer." I know I've said this before, but please know that we would all love for you to join us! If you have any interest in singing (which you should!) and want to see what choir is like, please join us on a Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm in the choir room! It doesn't matter what your skill level is, your age, your vocal range... we just need those who are passionate about making a joyful noise and desire to point to Christ through music. I know the choir is excited about what we're working on and we can't wait till March 25th to share it with you!

I hope you know how grateful we are for you. We love you. We are looking forward to seeing how the Lord works through all of these things coming up! If there are any questions you have, or if there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to ask!

Grace and Peace,

Taylor Routon

Church Family,



Don't mix politics and religion is something that I often hear. It just makes for heated conversation and can put you on the opposite side of the fence even with your closest of friends. But it seems as though politics continue to infiltrate the religious realm. If you flip on a TV, open up one of your social media accounts or heck even pick up a newspaper you will be bombarded with headline after headline of moral failure in our society from top government officials all the way down to teachers and yes even ministry leaders. We hear of wars and rumors of wars (sound familiar), traditional marriage continues to be under attack, the legalization of drugs in some "progressive" states, the continued government funding of abortion, DACA and the list can go on and on. We don't have time in this article to search the depths of all of these complex issues but I want to encourage you brothers and sisters not to look at these issues from America first eyes but from Gospel centered eyes only. What I mean by this is, in all of these situations what does the gospel call us to do? Does it call us to stand up and defend the defenseless? Does it call us to lay down our own personal interests for the good of others? Does it call us to show grace, compassion, and mercy to those around us? Do we stand speak up about laws that go against biblical principles with grace and mercy?

The answer is YES! We must remember that you and I through God's mercy and grace were allowed to be born or at least live in the greatest nation on the face of this earth. But we must hold that in tension with the reality that this is not our home, that we are here for just a moment in eternity, and that we are not called to represent a nation but that we are called to represent the King and His Kingdom. We must remember that our freedom is not found in a nation but is found in the Cross of Jesus Christ. So let me ask, what do your actions and attitudes on these issues say about your King and His kingdom?

Switching gears, I wanted to give you a brief update on our fundraising endeavor for the youth mission trip in July. As of January 29th we have raised \$6,674.70 toward our goal of \$12,322.00, which gives us a remaining balance of \$5647.30. The envelope fundraiser has helped us raise over \$2,600.00 and there are still a few more envelopes out there that haven't been turned in. So mark you calendars for Sunday, February 11th, as we will be hosting a pulled pork sandwich meal at the red light immediately following our Morning Worship Service. And as always thank you for your love, prayers, and support for the Puerto Rico Mission Team!

In Christ,

Brandon Carreon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Care Station
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Super Bowl Sunday 6:00 pm - Mega Group and Sunday School Fellowships			5:00 pm - Youth 5:30 pm - Awana			
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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