

Financial Snapshot

Year to Date:
10/29/2017

Budget Required to Date:
\$352,748.00

Budget Received to Date:
\$319,422.00

(Under) Budget
(\$33,326.00)

Nursery Volunteers

11/5 Michaela Ferrero & Brittany Franco
11/10 Jennifer & Allyson Prater
11/17 Courtney & Shelby Turner
11/26 Macy & Jenna VanCleave

Pastoral Candidate

Please mark your calendars for November 11th and 12th. We have a Pastoral Candidate coming in that weekend for View Of A Call. There will be a potluck on Saturday evening, November 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish. He will be preaching Sunday morning, November 12th.

Evening Worship

In an effort to foster fellowship we will be canceling Sunday Evening Services on the following dates. We hope you will use these dates to gather together with your MegaGroup Table or Sunday School Class.
November 5th, December 5th,
December 31st, January 7th

Fall Festival

November 5th is our 5th Annual Fall Festival. Make plans to join us from 3:00-5:00 p.m. here on the church grounds. Come for fellowship, food, games, music, petting zoo, bounce houses and a lot more!

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th for Daylight Savings Time.

Home Place Manor

Join us and our friends at Home Place Manor on December 3rd at 3:30 pm.

October Birthdays

6 Ian Gruben
7 Luke Shoemaker
8 Jayllian McGee
9 Charles Nall
Jamie Woods
Jaxon Turner
11 Babs Jeffrey
John Scifres
12 Rhonda Weaver
19 Misti Shoemaker
Amber Moore
21 Bonnie Lee
22 Sue Rawls
23 Jenny White
Tracy Carter
Theresa Turner
24 Preslie Oliver
Lexi Offield
25 Shayden Morgan
27 Esmeralda Flores
28 CL White
29 Jathan Littlefield
Rylan Littlefield
30 Carole Ratliff
Sammy Ferguson

Youth Meal Schedule

11/1 Ashley Carreon, Lisa Oliver, Grace Routon, Monti Green
11/8 Cindy Reynolds, Debie Flores, Jana Lain, Eileen Terrell
11/15 Cindy Hastings, Katrina Bogle, Kelly Jeffrey, Kollin Smith
11/22 Thanksgiving Break
11/29 Tara Holden, Stefanie Bonds, Amber Moore, Laci Martin

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November 2017 Newsletter



Dear Church Family:

One thing that I continue to learn is that ministry works better and is much more impactful when the work of the ministry is done by the body of Christ and not one individual. For me, this is made clear during our Annual Disciple Now weekend. The Lord has blessed the Student Ministry with some amazing volunteers, individuals, and families that truly love the youth of Hamlin, Texas. A weekend of this magnitude could not and would not be possible without the movement of the Spirit in the lives of each and every person that had a hand in Disciple Now. And for each one of you I truly am grateful.

This year we had 90 students sign-up for the weekend, that's an increase of 30 students from the year before. We kicked things off in the south parking lot of Vista Bank on Friday, October 6th with a Community Night of Worship. We estimate that we had upwards of 160 people in attendance that evening, and what a powerful night it was. It doesn't get much better than worshipping the Lord under the blanket of stars that He created and set in place. We have received so much positive feedback from this event that we plan on incorporating it into the weekend from here on out. On Saturday, the students engaged in community service projects ranging from community wide clean-up projects to cooking a homemade spaghetti meal that was delivered to community members. Some of the students painted pumpkins that were delivered to the nursing home, and other students painted cross walks at the elementary and the new handicap parking spots here on the church grounds. It is our hope and prayer that the students would see the beauty and joy in serving the community as ambassadors of Christ. The students participated in our Mega Relay Race on Saturday afternoon as well as our Community Wide Scavenger Hunt on Saturday evening. These two events are in place for team building and display what it looks like to work together as the body of Christ. But most importantly the students worshiped the RISEN King Jesus Christ 2 times on Saturday. On Sunday morning we enjoyed a fantastic pancake breakfast that was served out of the youth building followed by the students joining the teaching time in Mega Group. My good friend and brother in Christ, Garrett Wagoner brought the word of God to the congregation on Sunday morning and we had four young men respond to the Gospel and one young lady who had already responded to the gospel declare that she wanted to move forward in believers baptism. With all of that being said, I don't think you could ask for a better weekend. Great food, good fellowship, the body of Christ working in perfect unity and the salvation of souls makes for an awesome weekend.

I want to say one last time just how grateful I am for each one of you that gave of your time, your money and your prayers. Without you and your commitment to Jesus Christ none of this would be possible.

In Christ
Brandon Carreon

Dear Church Family:

I want to say "Thank You" for the many gifts, cards, and words of encouragement that you shared during Pastors Appreciation Month. I know that I speak for everyone in saying that we are very grateful for your love and encouragement. I especially feel that way because, although I am an interim, you have gone the extra mile in making me feel loved and part of this great church. Thank You!!!

Speaking of...Wasn't it great to hear that report from Brandon about the number of people that have been baptized this year? (In case you missed it, he shared that we have baptized 15 people in 2017, which is a fantastic testimony to your faithfulness in sharing the gospel!) I am so excited about what God is doing in Hamlin. I know that as you continue to invite people to church events, live faithfully for the Lord, and share the gospel, that God will continue to save people, add them to the church, and lead them to grow as His followers.

Sunday, November 5th, is "Prove the Tithe" Sunday. This is a special emphasis day where we are asking every person to give at least a tithe (10%) of their weekly income. The motivation for this comes from Malachi 3:10 where the Lord says,

¹⁰ "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

I have found that when we do this as a church we are often amazed at (1) What the Lord does within the church, and (2) The powerful testimonies that people have about how God actually blessed them in unexpected ways.

So, even if it's not your normal practice, let me encourage you to make it a priority to participate in it this time. You might just be surprised at how God blesses you!

See you Sunday!
Pastor Mike

Greetings Church Family!

Once again we want to say thank you and express our appreciation for how the church has loved on us during pastor appreciation month. We do feel very much appreciated and very blessed to be a part of the work going on here. There is a lot of big and exciting things coming up in the next couple of months!

The first is our annual Fall Festival coming up November 5th from 3:00 - 5:00 in the afternoon! We appreciate all that Jennifer Prater, Amber Moore, and Katy Sepeda have done in preparation for the Fall Festival and are excited for this opportunity to rub shoulders with people from the community of Hamlin. I'd encourage you to do two things as the Fall Festival approaches. 1. Ask one of these ladies how you can get involved by helping, serving, manning a booth, whatever it may be.

We have a lot going on and could your help on making sure everything is taking care of. 2. Be intentional about getting to know our guest and look for ways to insert yourselves in their lives. Maybe invite them over for a playdate with your kids, or invite them over for a meal, whatever you can think of! I challenge you to make it a priority this year to engage with the community around us and use this opportunity to share the hope of Jesus Christ.

Something else going on in November that will be a little different this year has to do with our annual HMA thanksgiving meal and fundraiser for community benevolence. Brandon and I got together with some of the HMA pastors and due to some scheduling conflicts within each of our churches, we have decided not to have the meal this year. HOWEVER, we will still be challenging our churches to be involved as we seek to minister to our community by helping out with physical needs that come in throughout the year. If you want to make a donation to the HMA benevolence fund, feel free to do that through our office. We will also be challenging our Mega Group tables and Sunday School classes with a goal of \$100 per table/class, so feel free to also contribute that way. I promise you, it's not our goal to keep asking for money at every turn, however, there are needs all around us that we can band together and meet and I would encourage you to pray toward how you can be a part of meeting those needs. We love y'all and I want to make sure you know that my door is always open if you have questions, concerns, if you need anything, or even if you just want to fellowship and chat! We love opportunities we have to be with our family of FBC Hamlin. I pray that we all have a blessed and fruitful month of ministry during November and I'm excited about seeing what the Lord does!

Grace and Peace,
Taylor Routon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			5:00 pm - Youth 5:30 pm - Awana			10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Care Station
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 Set Clocks Back! 3:00 - 5:00 pm - Fall Festival 5:30pm Adult Choir Practice			5:00 pm - Youth 5:30 pm - Awana			6:00 pm - Meet & Greet Potluck with a Senior Pastor Candidate. Fellowship Hall. 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:40 am - View of a Call 4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice 5:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice			5:00 pm - Youth 5:30 pm - Awana			10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Care Station
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice 5:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice			No Wednesday Activities			
26	27	28	29	30		
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice 5:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice			5:00 pm - Youth 5:30 pm - Awana			