

## Financial Snapshot

Year to Date:  
9/24/2017

Budget Required to Date:  
\$312, 663.00

Budget Received to Date:  
\$277.082.00

(Under) Budget  
(\$35, 581.00)

## Nursery Volunteers

10/1 Michaela Ferrero & Brittany Franco  
10/8 Chad & Jennifer White  
10/15 Sharon Rodgers & Carolyn Baird  
10/22 Amber Moore & Girls  
10/29 Addie & Klaire Jeffrey

## Disciple Now

Date: October 6th-8th

Theme: A Kingdom Upside Down

Cost: \$25 per student

Grades: 6th-12th

Registration forms are available in the church office.

Contact Brandon or Lisa with any questions.

## October Birthdays

- 2 Alicia Smith
- Emilee Moore
- Johnny Flores
- 4 Bud Baird
- 7 Davis Weaver
- Jordan Woods
- 9 Harold Mayo
- 15 Nikki Hughes
- 16 Larissa Hastings
- 17 Andrew Gowan
- 18 Annie Borden
- 20 Brittany Franco
- 21 Rodney Dunham
- Chad White
- Luke White
- Lillie Kate White
- Jed White
- Debie Flores
- Layne Smith
- 24 Charlie Shira
- Stacy Bonds
- 25 Oral Turner
- 26 Jimmy Cooper

## 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.

October 1st, November 5th, December 5th,  
December 31st, January 7th

## Quarterly Church Conference

Sunday, October 8th

4:30 pm - Finance Committee Meeting

5:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting

6:00 pm - Church Conference

## Staff Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. October 15th we will have a church wide fellowship. During this time we will be showing love and appreciation to our staff.

Please bring a finger food to share and join us as we gather together at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is just one way to show love and support. Please take this month to individually show our Pastors appreciation. Some things that our staff have appreciated in the past are, gift cards, gifts, encouraging letters, love shown to their spouse and children.

## Home Place Manor

Join us and our friends at Home Place Manor on October 22nd at 3:30 pm.

## Youth Meal Schedule

10/4 Jori VanCleave, Misti Shoemaker, Jennifer Prater, Linda Cooper  
10/11 Paula Rodgers, Kristy Sullivan, Kursten Gruben, Sandra Gruben  
10/18 Nichole Franco, Karen Parsons, Katy Sepeda, Shannon Parker  
10/25 Sandra McCoy, Alicia Smith, Jamie Woods, Carole Ratliff

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## October 2017 Newsletter

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Church Family,

Our Annual Disciple Now weekend is quickly approaching! In fact it is this weekend, October 6th-8th. Our goal with Disciple now is two fold, 1) help those that have a relationship with Jesus Christ strengthen their relationship and 2) present the Gospel of Jesus to those students that do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. This year we have Pastor Chad Poe from Grace Bible Church in Clute, TX (near Lake Jackson, TX) sharing the gospel with us, for our Friday and Saturday Sessions. On Sunday Morning, October 8th, my good friend Garrett Wagoner will be sharing the word of God with us. Garrett is the Student Evangelism Coordinator with the Southern Baptist Texas Convention. Leading us in worship for the weekend will be Kenny Klinglesmith, Kenny leads worship at Grace Bible Church in College Station, TX. We are really excited about these men joining us for the weekend and we are praying that the Lord will use them in mighty ways to advance the gospel here in Hamlin.

Church family I cannot over state how important your prayers are for this weekend. We need you to commit to praying for the students. But not just that I would love to see many of you join us with your presence during this powerful weekend. Yes the weekend is geared toward the students but the gospel message they will be hearing is for you too! On Friday Night we will be hosting our first session in the south parking lot of Vista Bank. We want to get outside the walls of the youth building, and share the good news of Christ with anyone and everyone that has ears to hear. Please come and join us that evening, worship with us, sit under the preaching of God's word with us, be present in the lives of these students, and invite someone to come with you! Bring a lawn chair and experience the power and presence of the Lord at work in the lives of the young people that come. This very first session will begin at 7:15pm on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you come early we may even feed you! Let's treat this like a revival service, not a youth event!

In the past we have canceled Sunday School during the Dnow weekend, but we will not be doing so this year. The students will be served a pancake meal in the youth building, and our normal Sunday morning activities will go uninterrupted. In other words we will still have our regular scheduled Mega Group and Sunday School time. If your Mega Group table signed up for breakfast that morning you still need to prepare breakfast for our regular mega group crowd. When the students are done eating they will be joining us for Mega Group so be prepared to have some extra bodies at your table during the teaching and discussion time.

The cost of the weekend is \$25 and all 6th-12th grade students are encouraged to join us. There are always a few students that cannot afford the cost of Dnow so if any of you feel lead to give a special donation to cover the cost of a few students we would greatly appreciate that.

This weekend is not a weekend to check out because it's a "youth weekend", in fact it is the opposite, it is a time to be more plugged in. Hope to see you there!

In Christ  
Brandon Carreon

Greetings Church Family!

During this last month I had the opportunity to visit Houston and lay eyes on what all is going on there. The city has come together and the Church has mobilized to meet needs all around them. However, their journey is just beginning. They are currently continuing in recovery mode as they deal with the effects of flooding. Along the streets are piles and piles of sheetrock, carpet, furniture and anything else you can think of ready to be picked up and thrown away because of the damage the flooding waters caused. As they continue to recover, a new stage is beginning. That of rebuilding. As their homes are drying out, a question a lot of people are left with is, how am I going to be

able to rebuild that which was destroyed? Upon seeing this I want to challenge you church to be prayerfully considering how the Lord would use you as individuals and us as a church to be a part of the rebuilding process there in Houston Texas. There may be opportunities in the coming months for a team of skilled workers to go and install sheetrock in homes, there may be opportunities for us to send a load of building materials, and there is always the opportunity for us to pray. So please join me in praying for the city of Houston and all of the coastal cities effected by hurricane Harvey. Pray for the Lord to guide us as individuals and as a church as we seek to continue to minister to those who not only need relief from the flood, but need Spiritual relief in Christ for the ever present devastation that sin leaves. One other thing I'd like to challenge us with is the idea of building community and fellowship in our church body. One of the ways we'd love for you to do this is by plugging in with a Mega Group table and participating in the once a month fellowships! The first Sunday of every month, we are cancelling evening services to make sure we have time scheduled for these gatherings! If you don't have a table or a fellowship to go to, please come talk to me and I'd love to invite you and get you the details of what all is going on! Another way to build community and deepen relationships within our church is to spend time with one another. An easy way to do this is to grab someone you don't know very well and be intentional about making a plan to get together.

I'd like to challenge each of you in our church to think about a different family or individual you can invite over each month. Share a meal together, watch a game, play a game, have coffee, the sky is the limit! Just look around our Sanctuary on a Sunday morning and ask, who is it I don't know very well that I can be intentional about spending time with? It may be someone you've "kind of" known for years or it may be someone who is visiting our church for the first time. Whichever the case, lets grow our community in our church, lets strengthen our relationships with Christ and with each other, and then let us lock arms and take this great hope we have to share with those beyond our walls.

Grace and Peace,  
Taylor Routon

Dear Church Family,  
We've had a great kick off to the new school semester! I've seen many new faces at Megagroup, our Awana Program is strong with many new volunteers, the Pastor Search Committee is narrowing down their search with the hope to find a new pastor in a very short time. God has been at work! As we look to the last three months of 2017, I am amazed at how quickly the time has passed this year. I hope that you have felt the Lord's comfort and power in your life throughout this year, even though I am sure you've had many trials. One area that I want to challenge us as a church to address is our financial needs as a church. This is something that every church needs to be reminded of from time to time. Simply put: It's

both our privilege and our responsibility to give to the Lord through our tithes and offerings. Without our participation, we miss a blessing, and sometimes needs go unmet. So during October, I'm going to take the opportunity to remind us as a church of several things related to giving. I'm not going to be preaching on it, but we will have some testimonies during the service, and you'll notice that it's something that I am putting an emphasis on. Why am I going to do that? Three Reasons...  
1. When we give 10% of our income to the Lord that's called tithing. And the Bible teaches that this is one way that we show that we worship God. It's a way to say to God, "I recognize that you are my sole source."  
2. When we give to the Lord, it opens up many blessings to us, some of which are financial, and some of which are not. But, no matter whether those blessings are material or spiritual in nature they come from the Lord to those who give to the Lord. Frankly, if you are not giving, you are missing out—way more than you realize.  
3. Finally, I am so excited for the new pastor to come. He's going to be coming to a fired up, exciting church! And you know what? I want things to be healthy financially when he comes. I believe God is giving us the chance to have the church in a great financial and spiritual place as the new pastor arrives soon. That's exciting, right? In my heart I am praying to the Lord just as Caleb said to Joshua in Joshua 14:12, "Now, therefore, give me this mountain!" This is a "mountain" of sorts that I'd like to see the church claim for the Lord. I'd like to see us achieve at least one more great thing during this transitional time. I hope you will help us do it!

Pastor Mike

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice 5:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm - Staff Appreciation Fellowship			5:00 pm - Youth 5:30 pm - Awana			10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Care Station
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