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## From the Pastor's Desk

### A vision for Discipleship

I recently read Robert Coleman's book, "The Master Plan of Evangelism". In chapter 2, he addresses the function of the Church and relates it to the goal of making disciples. His assessment is that while the Church is the God ordained "Bride of Christ" and performs many important functions, the making of disciples is a task for individuals. He goes on to explain:

*When will the church learn this lesson? Preaching to the masses, although necessary, will never suffice in the work of preparing leaders for evangelism. Nor can occasional prayer meetings and training classes for Christian workers do this job. Building men is not that easy. It requires constant personal attention, much like a father gives to his children. This is*



*something that no organization or class can ever do. Children are not raised by proxy. The example of Jesus would teach us that it can only be done by persons staying right with those they seek to lead.*

He goes on to explain that for all our programs and classes, the church has tragically failed to make disciples. His assessment is that disciples can only be made at great personal sacrifice as we selflessly invest our time and energy and prayer in the lives of other believers. He says there is simply no substitute for meeting regularly and spending time with each other. "After all, if Jesus, the Son of God, found it necessary to stay almost constantly with His few disciples for 3 years, and even one of them was lost, how can the church expect to do this job on an assembly line basis a few days out of the year?"

I am hoping that collectively Community Church will begin to see the importance of one on one relationships in the process of disciple making. If we are truly going to fulfill the great commission, we need to be bold in our commitment to invest in others as they progress on their spiritual journey. Remember, Jesus has invited you to "come and follow me", and encourages you to issue the same



invitation to others until they can walk on their own.

Go and Make disciples To the Glory of God,

*Pastor Wade Hetrick*



## Financial Information

January-September 2016

### Total Giving:

**\$94,600** (total General offerings) vs.  
**\$90,000** (total Budget is 10,000/month)

### Pledge Giving:

\$72,300 (total given by those making pledges)  
vs. **\$71,100** (total pledged YTD, \$7,900 per month)

### Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

**January 1st cash balance \$3,700**  
**YTD general offerings \$94,600**  
**YTD total expenses \$90,100**  
**Sept. 30 cash balance \$8,200**

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$64,893.75	\$62,600.00
Missions	\$12,077.25	\$12,000.00
Plant & maintenance	\$9,855.00	\$7,700.00
office	\$4,575.00	\$4,000.00
discipleship	\$1,455.00	\$575.00
Property Ins	\$1,725.00	\$1,900.00
Miscellaneous	\$375.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Outreach	\$0.00	-\$500.00
Worship	\$787.50	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,243.50</b>	<b>\$89,425.00</b>

### Current Maintenance account:

\$6,800.00

### Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,100.00

### Current Building account:

\$24,500.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick



### Newcomers Dessert night at the Maxey's! 6937 Shanty Road; Greenleaf

The next quarterly evening to get together is Saturday, October 29 starting at 6:30pm.

If you have started attending Community Church in the past year or so and would like more information, please join us! Children are welcome!

There will be some folks from church leadership as well as plenty of information available on how you can get more involved or just learn more about us.

If you plan to join us, please sign up on the bulletin board at church. Contact Greg or Colleen Maxey for more information about this event.

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### Monthly Men's "Breakfast with a Purpose"!

Join the men of Community Church on Saturday, November 12th at 8am at the church. We will enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship.

If you plan to join us, please sign up on the bulletin board at church. Contact Greg Maxey ([gmaxey52@gmail.com](mailto:gmaxey52@gmail.com); 205-3495) for more information.



## Women's Events

**LIFT:** (Ladies in Faith Together) Next meeting: 5:30pm, Monday, November 14 at Community Church. Contact Yvonne O'Kane for more information.

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## Sunday, November 6 POTLUCK!!

Following worship service.

Church will provide white chicken and regular chili as well as bowls, plates, utensils and beverages.



Everyone bring a dish to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church so we know how much chili will be needed!

## Dates to get on your calendar!

Wednesday, November 23:  
Thanksgiving Eve Service;  
6:30pm



Sunday, December 4:  
Annual Meeting  
immediately following worship service.  
This meeting has taken less than one hour for the past several years. Review and vote on the 2017 budget as well as any leadership positions that are up for a vote. Ballots & Budgets available to pre-view starting Nov. 20th.

If you have any questions, please talk to one of our elders: Kevin Sonntag, Todd Matulle or Wade Hetrick.

Saturday, November 12: Men's Breakfast with a Purpose; 8:00am

Saturday, December 17: Men's Breakfast with a Purpose; 8:00am

Saturday, December 17: Christmas Dinner at church; 5:30pm

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service; 5:00pm



Sunday, December 25: No Sunday Service at the church.