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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Devote Yourself to Good

I recently read Titus 3. Verses 1-2 tell us to “*Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, 2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.*”

The text goes on to describe our transformation from foolish and disobedient to our washing and rebirth driven by the Holy Spirit. Then verse 8 continues by saying “*8 This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. 9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and*

*arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. 10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. 11 You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.*”



I feel like everywhere I turn, there is divisiveness. I do not have a Facebook account, but get to read some postings through the accounts of others. I listen to the news. I read the articles. I feel as if we are being torn apart at every level of society.

As believers, I want to encourage you to be cautious as you communicate with others. Slander

no one and be peaceable, considerate and gentle toward everyone. This does not mean that you have to stuff your thoughts and feelings, but be careful how you share them. Face to face is always better than a flippant Facebook post. If you wouldn't say it directly to someone, don't post it. I think Stephen Covey was on to something when he encouraged his readers to “seek first to understand, and then to be understood”. Listening can help us grasp the perspective of those we disagree with and begin to see there may be more than one side to the issue.

Romans 12:18 tells us “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” That needs to be on the forefront of our minds as we interact on emotionally charged and divisive topics. Please listen to this advice and apply it to your lives with a healthy serving of grace.

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8.

To the glory of God,  
*Pastor Wade Hetrick*



**Financial Information**

2016 Total Year information

**Total Giving:**

**\$127,000** (total General offerings) vs.  
**\$120,000** (total Budget is 10,000/month)

**Pledge Giving:**

\$96,000 (total given by those making pledges)  
vs. **\$94,800** (total pledged YTD, \$7,900 per month)

**Budget vs. Actual Expenses:**

January 1st cash balance **\$3,700**  
YTD general offerings **\$127,000**  
YTD total expenses **\$124,700**  
December 31 cash balance **\$6,000**

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$86,525.00	\$86,700.00
Missions	\$16,103.00	\$16,000.00
Plant & maintenance	\$13,140.00	\$10,300.00
office	\$6,100.00	\$6,600.00
discipleship	\$1,940.00	\$900.00
Property Ins	\$2,300.00	\$2,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$150.00
Fellowship	\$2,000.00	\$1,300.00
Outreach	\$0.00	-\$425.00
Worship	\$1,050.00	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,658.00</b>	<b>\$125,025.00</b>

**Current Maintenance account:**

\$6,800.00

**Current Emergency Fund:**

\$7,200.00

**Current Building account:**

\$25,200.00

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



Parents, if you wish to prepare ahead of time or review afterwards or cover something your child

missed, here is the schedule for February lessons:

- February 5 - Joseph Takes His Family to Safety in Egypt
- February 12 - Jesus is Baptized
- February 19 - Peter and Andrew Meet Jesus
- February 26 - News about Jesus Spreads

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**Dates to get on your calendar!**  
For everyone: Sunday, February 12 - All church potluck!

**Youth: Friday, February 10 - Sledding! Time & place TBD**

**MEN:**

**Saturday, February 25  
6:00PM**

**Annual Cornhole Toss Tournament**

at church. Main dish provided, bring a side to share. Invite friends and sign up!

**Women:**

**LIFT:** (Ladies in Faith Together) Next meeting: LIFT will meet on February 13th: Place & time to be determined. Contact Ruth Arenz for more information.



**April 28 - 29 - Annual Retreat!**  
**Mark it off on your calendar so you don't miss it!**