

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*January 22, 2017*  
*State of the Church Session*



**First Baptist Church of West Point** is seeking to be a caring community of faith under the leadership of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Celebrating** the presence and love of God in Worship,

**Nourishing** persons in faith and discipleship, and

**Reaching Out** to the community with Christ's unconditional Love.

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## *Welcome*

We welcome you to worship at First Baptist this morning. Please help us be more faithful in our ministry to you, and get to know you better, by taking the time to put your name on the attendance pad found on your pew.

Visitors, please feel free to leave as little or as much of the information requested on the pad. We promise to only contact you if you ask us to, and to only send information as you request.

Members, if you have had a change to your mailing address, email, or telephone number please let us know by supplying that information on the pad.

## *Please Especially Note for Today...*

**Your 2017 giving envelopes** are located by the door in the Gold Room. Please pick yours up today and remember to use them when you give your tithes and offerings in the coming year.

**The second of our Three Nights Together** will be held tonight at the First United Methodist Church at 6:00. Jerry Ledbetter will be preaching. A time of fellowship will follow in the Zachary Center.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Karen Hill

Next Sunday: Dianne Hester

February 5: Jane Abercrombie

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Debra & Joe Downs

Next Sunday: Jeri Smith &

Payem Suleman

February 5: Jerri & Donny Bolton

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Joe Downs

Next Sunday: Linda Combs

February 5: Ann Adams

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>*

9:00—Breakfast

9:30—State of the Church Session

6:00—TNT at WPFUMC

### *Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>*

10:00—Prayer at the Scannell's home

5:30—Choir Practice

### *Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>*

9:30—Worship

10:45—Sunday School

6:00—TNT at WP Presbyterian

**Linda Combs** is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **January** followed by **Joe Downs** in **February**.

*The Church Covenant  
of the  
First Baptist Church of West Point*

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We pledge, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, doctrines, and discipline; to observe the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all the nations.

We also pledge to maintain family and private devotions; to nurture children in the faith; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment. Humbly relying on the aid of divine Grace, we solemnly promise by lives of sobriety, uprightness, integrity, and godliness, and by all other means in our power, to labor for the promotion of God's glory among our fellow men.

We further pledge to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation.

We additionally pledge, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

# *Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

January 22, 2017

*The State of the Church Session*

9:30 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

## **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Commit your work to the LORD,  
and your plans will be established.

**Let us render service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.**

—Proverbs 16:3; Ephesians 6:6, 7

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

FBC CHILDREN

### *Psalm 100*

A PSALM FOR GIVING THANKS.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN OF PRAISE (#16)

LYONS

*"O Worship the King"*

## ...A CARING COMMUNITY OF FAITH...

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

— 1 Corinthians 12:27

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH COVENANT (See page 3)

CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

JANICE DALLAS

(This report is printed on page 10.)

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

ANN KERR

(Statics from this report can be found on page 10.)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

TOM TUCKER

DEACONS' REPORT

JOE DOWNS

(This report is printed on page 11.)

THE RECOGNITION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

TOM TUCKER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, having already been solemnly ordained to the office of Deacon, you do now present yourselves, in response to the voice of this congregation, to be installed again for the discharge of the active duties of your office?

**I do.**

Do you accept the office of Deacon in this congregation, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof?

**I do.**

Do you promise to pursue the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these persons as Deacons, and do you promise to yield them all honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord, to which their office, according to the Word of God, and the constitution of this Church, entitles them?

**We do.**

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, I do now declare you to be inducted into the office of Deacon in this congregation, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CELEBRATING THE PRESENCE AND LOVE OF GOD

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe....

—Hebrews 12:28

MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT

TOM TUCKER

(This report is printed on pages 11 & 12.)

*Malachi 3:6–12*

<sup>6</sup> “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup> From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ <sup>8</sup> Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup> Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. <sup>11</sup> I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>12</sup> Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

**NOURISHING PERSONS IN FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

—Matthew 28:19-20

HYMN (#344, v. 1)

CHINA

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY REPORT

JERRI BOLTON

(This report is printed on page 12.)

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

TOM TUCKER

(This report is printed on page 13.)

**REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY**

“You are the salt of the earth...”

—Matthew 5:13a

WOM REPORT

LINDA COMBS

(This report is printed on page 13.)

SUMMARY OF CHURCH-WIDE MISSIONS

TOM TUCKER

(See pages 14-16.)

## ...UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GOD...

For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

—Revelation 3:17-18

THE EPISTLE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

### *2 Corinthians 9:6–15*

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

<sup>9</sup> As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 CHURCH BUDGET

DANTZ FRAZER

(See handout.)

MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

OFFERTORY HYMN (#605)

SEMINARY

*“Because I Have Been Given Much”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JOE DOWNS

OFFERTORY

FBC KIDS CHOIR

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

TOM TUCKER

*Mark 4:21–25*

<sup>21</sup> And he said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? <sup>22</sup> For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. <sup>25</sup> For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

PASTOR’S STATE OF THE CHURCH MESSAGE

TOM TUCKER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

MYRIN & REDMAN

*“10,000 Reasons”*

*Chorus:*

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I’ll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning  
It’s time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Chorus*

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name  
Yes I'll worship Your Holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your Holy name

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

— Galatians 6:9–10

BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 15:5–6

POSTLUDE

RANDALL SMITH

The pastor is available after the service at the front of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to talk more about today's message, learn about faith in Christ, or for prayer. You may also make an appointment by calling the church office at 706-645-2969 or emailing him directly at [tucker@fbwestpoint.com](mailto:tucker@fbwestpoint.com).

## Church Clerk's Report for 2016

The annual State of the Church Service of FBC West Point was held in the Gold Room on Sunday, January 10, 2016.

We began the service with the renewal of the Church Covenant.

Reports from the Church Clerk, Church Treasurer, Deacons, Music Ministry, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Senior Adult Ministry, Women on Missions, Church-wide Missions, and Nominating Committee were heard.

During this session, a budget of \$191,854.00 for 2016 was approved and accepted as presented by Dantz Frazer for the Finance Committee.

At the beginning of 2016, our resident membership stood at 118. Since that time we have had 8 dismissals: 3 with the deaths of Anne Fiquette, Dot Jacobs and Beverly Boehm and 5 to other churches. We have had 3 additions: 1 by baptism and 2 by statement. Our current resident membership now stands at 113.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> Joe Downs, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented its slate of General Officers, and teachers for the Sunday School hour and Wednesday Family Night activities for 2017. This was approved and accepted by unanimous vote.

Nominations for Deacons were held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with an election held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and on December 4<sup>th</sup>, an ordination service for newly elected Deaconesses Ann Adams and Susan Groover was held.

—Janice Dallas  
Church Clerk

## The Church Treasurer's Report

2016 General Fund Budget: ....	\$191,854.00
Received	\$168,537.75
Disbursed	\$176,580.07

### Designated Funds

Beginning balance	\$76,893.35
Ending balance	\$71,893.76

### Special Offerings and Designated Gifts

Food Closet	\$1,960.00
International Missions	\$5,004.53
North American Missions	\$91.00
State Missions	\$25.00
Christmas Ministry Fund	\$2,157.00

## **Deacons' Report**

We are thankful for a year of strong and faithful deacon service to our church, and we express our appreciation to Donny Bolton, Linda Combs, Joe and Debra Downs, Robert Groover, David Kerr, Pal Reeves, and Chuck Smith. We are particularly appreciative to Donny and Chuck for their three years of service.

With this new year we welcome to the deacon body Ann Adams and Susan Groover and welcome back Dantz Frazer and George Hester. The deacon officers for the coming year are: Chairman Joe Downs, Vice Chairman David Kerr, and Secretary Linda Combs.

Within the month you should be contacted by your assigned deacon, and please feel free to take any needs, concerns or questions you have to him or her.

Today, the deacons recommend to you three men for consideration of the honor of Deacon Emeritus: Howard Bryan, Roger Hales, and Richard Kemp. All three have faithfully served this church over the past decades, and the deacon body unanimously presents them to you today.

## **Music Ministry Report**

The past year has been a whirlwind for our music ministry. In April, we were notified that Lee Ann Leak would not be continuing as our church pianist. The music committee began a search for a replacement through known contacts and then by means of published announcements. The first several months of the search proved fruitless, and the state of our music ministry was in question.

Thankfully, Ann Adams volunteered her talents and provided us with accompaniment during the interval while the choir used backing tracks and sang a cappella. As the summer waned, Howard Bryan's health concerns precluded him from continuing to lead as our director of music. Concurrently, Joe Downs approached Randall Smith, organist for West Point First United Methodist Church, about the possibility of playing for us if we moved our worship time; Brian and Carolyn Scannell began sharing their talents with us by teaching us new songs with the guitar; and the music committee received its first résumé submission from a student at Auburn University.

In September, the church voted to have a trial period of an early service with Randall Smith playing, and we began that period on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Lord has taken us from a period of great uncertainty and struggle to one of abundance and blessing. We are thankful to Ann and Howard for the countless hours of practice and preparation (without pay) which they have contributed to our church over the years. We would also like to express our appreciation to Brian and Carolyn for leading us in learning new songs.

As always, we are thankful to Debra Downs for leading our children and adults in handbells, and to Jerri Bolton for working with our children's choir.

Also, we are appreciative to Randall for making music resound once again from our organ, for working with our choir, and enlivening our congregational singing.

Finally, let us give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us in the difficult moments of our music ministry and the abundance with which He has blessed us.

Today, the music committee, along with the deacons, bring a motion to the church that Randall Smith's employment with the church be continued, and the worship hour be moved permanently to 9:30 AM in order to insure his availability to assist us in our worship.

*The church budget proposes **\$12,564** of the General Fund go toward the music and worship related ministries.*

### **Children's Ministry Report**

Today you see a brief picture of our efforts in children's ministry as our children help lead us. We learn songs of praise and faith, we focus on Bible stories, specific verses and catechisms. During the fall on Wednesday nights, we focused on two scriptures. Our goals were to memorize Psalm 100 and learn to read Luke chapter 2. On Sunday mornings, our children hear a Bible story, have an activity for emphasis and a monthly Bible verse to memorize.

We emphasize God's love for the nations and learn about and pray for missionaries and their work all over the world. At this time, our prayer focus is on Sarah in Central Asia, Katie in Taiwan, Lynn in Jordan and the Johnson family in Myanmar.

During 2016, we had our regular events for children and families. We had VBS, our Sunrise Celebration for Easter and Breakfast in Bethlehem. We had great attendance and fun at a new event in the fall—Trunk or Treat in our parking lot in front of the church. Many of you brought your car and gave out candy to hundreds of children. We also gave out information about worship and Bible study opportunities at our church.

For 2016, the most important thing that I have to report is that Abigail McLain professed her faith and became our sister in Christ. Tom led us in a very meaningful baptismal service for Abigail to share her decision to follow Jesus.

To everyone who prays for children's ministry and serves with us, we give thanks! We appreciate each and everyone of you! Most of all, we pray that God will bless our every effort and make Himself known to the children in our care.

—Jerri Bolton  
Children's Ministry Director

*The church budget proposes **\$4,750** of the General Fund go toward the children's ministry.*

## Youth Ministry Report

This past year we have explored strengthening our youth ministry by using an array of church volunteers for teaching and fellowship activities, and we have found a degree of success with this. Linda Combs, Joe Downs, Dantz Frazer, and Tom Tucker have shared the responsibilities of teaching Sunday School; while Susan Groover has undertaken leading the Wednesday night Bible study. We have seen particular growth with our Wednesday night group, and Susan has received high praise for her mix of games, media, Bible study, and food.

The demands of this year's budget are even greater than that of last year, and so we continue to need to rely on adult volunteers to ensure that our youth are nurtured in the faith and are engaged by our church. It would be wonderful if we were able to expand upon the number of fellowship activities we offer for young people, but in order to do that we need more volunteers. Please pray about ways you could be involved with this important ministry of our church.

Finally, we can all help our young people through prayer. Pray for their growth in the faith and as followers of Jesus. Also pray for those who volunteer with our youth, that they might have wisdom, understanding, compassion and commitment.

*The church budget proposes \$2,367 of the General Fund go toward the youth ministry.*

## Women On Mission Report

Women on Mission meets monthly. The group meets in homes and at the church. Members attend the Associational WMU Luncheon each year. The goals of the group are:

- to learn about missions and to support missions
- to minister in the community and to church members
- to pray for missions, for each other, and for others

This year the group has participated in these ministry opportunities:

1. Writing to and supporting financially our prison ministry
2. Preparing balanced meals most months for shut-ins (members of our church and others in the community) with fresh vegetables
3. Collecting paper products and cleaning supplies for Hosanna Home for women
4. Providing pajamas and winter throws for the 10 children at Hosanna Home
5. Purchasing and delivering all the food for a balanced Christmas meal for Hosanna Home
6. Preparing and delivering Christmas bags to 17 church shut-ins.

—Linda Combs  
Women on Mission Leader

## **The Caring Special Fund**

We spent \$3,733.36 this year helping 65 individuals and families in their times of need with matters such as filling drug prescriptions and paying utility bills. That is a 27% increase over the assistance we gave to people in the previous year, helping an additional 17 families more than in 2015.

You can support this fund through special offerings collected during Communion services or by making a designated gift to the Caring Special Fund.

## **The Food Closet Report**

The Food Closet continues to thrive and be a vital ministry to our community, and receives great support from the community. This year the Closet has received canned goods and/or donations from the following:

Point University students volunteered in the garden

Tri-City Community Association—monetary

Interface Carpets—canned goods

Kathy Pickard—canned goods

Paul Crook—canned goods

Kia—canned goods

Alpha Kappa Sorority—monetary

In 2016 the Food Closet fed a total of 1,225 individuals.

We also have a new project we hope will yield us others who need food. West Point Elementary is in the process of contacting families who live in the project and have a need for additional food. When we get an approximate number, we will contact the Housing Authority and see if they will furnish their van to transport those in need at a specific time during the month.

—Ann Adams

Co-Director of the West Point Area Food Closet

*This year our church gave **\$1,960** to the Food Closet.*

## **The Troup Baptist Association and Denominational Work**

The Troup Baptist Association is a diverse group of 52 Baptist churches in Troup, Harris, Heard, and Meriwether counties which associate together based upon their affirmation of the ancient Christian faith and certain Baptist distinctives. They seek to work together to be a presence for Christ in our area through fellowship, support, training, accountability, and mutual edification.

As a part of our commitment to minister beyond our own four walls, and to further strengthen the work in our area which the TBA does, we give **3% of all General Fund** receipts to the Association. In 2016 we gave \$5,056.16 to the TBA.

Our giving at the Denominational level will remain at **5% of all General Fund receipts** for 2017.

## **West Point Elementary Mission Project**

In January of 2016, the church undertook a local mission project of supplying the teachers at West Point Elementary with fresh supplies of hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. We used funds from the FBC Missions account and the WOM group attached labels with the church's name to each bottle of sanitizer and each bottle of wipes. This was a welcomed gift to our local classrooms, and much appreciated by the teachers.

## **Lynn Smith & Glad Tidings**

Glad Tidings Holy Land Designs, Inc. is an outreach to the physically challenged and underprivileged in the Holy Land. Located in the hills of the Roman city of Philadelphia, now modern day Amman, Jordan, Glad Tidings Workshop currently trains and employs around 20 full-time workers. Lynn is a co-founder of this ministry and spoke at our church in 2009.

Contributing to the ministry helps us to accomplish our mission of reaching out to the world-wide community with Christ's unconditional love. And gives us a very direct contact in this important part of the world.

In 2016 we were able to send \$1,685.40 to aid Lynn and Glad Tidings.

The 2017 budget proposes that we continue this relationship and increase our support from 1% to **2% of all monies received for the General Fund.**

If you would like to know more about the ministry of Glad Tidings, you can visit their website at *[www.holylanddesigns.com](http://www.holylanddesigns.com)*

## **Christmas Ministry Fund**

This offering, which is collected in the fall of each year, goes to purchase Christmas gifts for children in the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes Good Shepherd Therapeutic Center and Meansville campus as well as for local families here in the West Point area.

This year we received \$2,157, slightly down from previous years. This year we sent \$1,078 to the Children's Homes and the same amount to the Christian Service Center which handled supplying Christmas gifts for families in need in our area.

In 2017 we will begin collecting this offering in October and we have a goal for next year's offering of **\$2,400.**

## **Offering for International Missions**

Our International Missions Offering continues to be one of the great movements of faith and commitment in our church. Since 2012, our giving to support missionaries in other countries has more than tripled, going from \$1,340 to \$5,004.53 this year. Last week we reported a total of \$4,964.53. A few of you couldn't stand

being a few dollars shy of \$5,000, so you went ahead and gave more in order to push us over.

There are so many things in the life of our church for which we should give thanks to God, but this offering is an undeniable testimony of His faithfulness to us, the burden His has placed upon our hearts for the nations, and the great work we can do together as Christ's body. Thank you and thanks be to God.

Remember, every penny of this offering goes to missionaries serving in countries around the world. It is a very real and tangible way in which we each are taking part in Christ's command to go and make disciples of all nations. We show ourselves to be committed participants in God's mission of salvation for every tribe, language, and people group.

In the coming year once again consider putting aside a set amount every month toward this offering, so that we might continue to excel in giving to international missions.

The goal for next year's offering is **\$4,000**.



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