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TO KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR AND
LORD AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

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GREAT BANQUET
SPRING 2019 DATES

Taylorville Spring Correctional Center
March 1-3, 2019
Stephen L Smith Lay Director

Men's #113 Spring Great Banquet
March 28-31, 2019
John MacIntosh Lay Director

Decatur Spring Correctional Center
April 4-7, 2019
Jodi Lockwood Lay Director

Women's #1- #114 Spring Great Banquet
April 11-14, 2019
Jenny Walker Lay Director

Women's #2- #115 Spring Great Banquet
May 2-5, 2019
Michelle Adkins Lay Director



Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 am

10:45 am

Sunday School

Classes for Children and Adults
at 9:15a & 10:45a

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

Children's Church 11:00am

November 15, 2018



MEETINGS!

Nov 19

Intercessory Prayer

5p

Nov 20

Women's Bible Study

10:00 a

Nov 21

Nov 22

Office Closed

Nov 23

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Nov 26

Intercessory Prayer

5p

Stephen Ministry

6p

Nov 27

Women's Bible Study

10a

Building & Grounds

Outreach

7p

Nov 28

Bible Study

7p

Worship Practice

8p

The Chimes

2019 Budget Reflections

You have enclosed with this newsletter the proposed budget for 2019 that the elders and deacons worked on during a joint meeting in November. It shows the last three years as well as the 2019 budget.

This budget has a few changes. There is an additional section on an "Associate Pastor" that assumes this position may be filled in the last quarter of 2019. It amounts to around \$30,000. Also, under Jack's "pension/medical" insurance, the change is a reduction of approximately \$18,000, due to us no longer being involved with PCUSA denomination and Jack being on Medicare/and Supplement.

This year we have been able to maintain a monthly payment of \$10,000/month on the building loan. We will continue to do this as long as we give regularly and substantially to the building fund which is over and above our operating budget.

Under the finance operations part of the budget is an \$88,000 loan payment item. We hope that we will not have to pay that out of our operating budget, but we have to "build" it in to the budget in case our "building fund" giving is not enough to cover it. There is also a line item under the senior pastor section for a life insurance policy required by the bank on Jack (\$4810).

If we continue to give to paying off the loan through our giving to the capital commitments and "above and beyond", we won't have to use operating budget money to pay on the loan.

We haven't had to use operating budget money this year. In fact, we have been able to make a monthly payment of \$10,000 each month until October. Our minimum payment is \$7300, but we have gone "above and beyond" that amount each month until October.

We hope that we will be able to continue to pay our loan from building fund giving so that we won't have to get into our operating budget money to make payments on the building loan.

You also have enclosed with this newsletter a commitment card for the building fund, and a "faith-promise" giving form for the operating budget. We don't ask for pledges with our names attached. The "faith-promise" is more for you than the

church, although it is helpful to leadership in planning. It gives you a chance to really consider your giving and commitment not only to the church, but to God.

We hope that we will all use it to consider where we are in our commitment to God. Please mail it, or place it in the offering plate over the next few weeks.

Our future as a church is in God's hands, as well as ours. Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." Our giving matters, but our stewardship and life as a church is under His grace. We should never forget that truth. Also, we need to be good stewards of our missions which is **TO KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR AND LORD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.**

May we be good stewards of our gifts. May we truly serve the Lord Jesus in the ministries that He has entrusted to us.

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 25TH AT 10:30 AM** between the two services to vote on the this proposed budget, election of officers for the next 3 years, and elect 3 people at large for the 2019 nominating committee.

The elders and deacons humbly submit this budget for your consideration.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elders: Norma Davidson, Doug Wolber, Dave Haycraft, and Jeff Byers.

Deacons: Mike Wamser, Tonya Rueff, Cathy Cavanaugh, and Chuck Burkhart.

Pastoral Transition Process

Do you have questions? For the most accurate information please contact:

Nick Adkins—521-7255
Corey Crafton—972-4933
Ben Austin 520-2512

LAMPSTAND Presbyterian Church
Building Fund Faith Promise

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Phone _____

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Promise Amount _____ as a one year commitment (please check below)
 all in one check two payments in the amount of \$ _____
 monthly installments of \$ _____ for _____ months
 annual payments in the amount of \$ _____ annually

Please make checks payable to: Lampstand Presbyterian Church Building Fund

If you work for a company that has a matching gift program, please include your company's matching gift form with your gift.
Thank you!



ATTENDANCE			
	2016	2017	2018
January	240	250	226
February	268	250	228
March	300	255	254
April	297	302	302
May	247	229	241
June	281	256	242
July	225	210	227
August	262	286	286
September	259	240	233
October	243	243	226
November	285	276	
December	265	278	

Loan Balance as of end of Oct 2018
\$701,277.56

Capital Fund Contribution Through Oct, 2018
\$86,166.23
Expenses through Oct, 2018
\$94,645.24
\$24,760.09 Interest
\$69,974.85 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of Oct 2018
\$1,614.85

Giving thru Oct, 2018
\$408,966.33
Expenses through Oct, 2018
\$445,424.01

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Daniel Austin 01
- Keith Messmore 01
- Shelly Morthland 01
- Aila Welke 01
- Cindy Bryant 02
- Jim Smiley 04
- Hunter Wolpert 06
- John Morthland, Jr. 08
- Zetamae Williams 09
- Brandy Blessant 10
- Steve Rayner 11
- Brogun Davis 12
- Tim Messmore 12
- Larry ustin 13
- Jack MacIntosh 14
- Aubrey Downing 15
- Jaylen Kacsir 16
- Brittany Felstead 17
- Alex Cardasio 19
- J.C. Coale 24
- Debbie Byers 26
- Evan Slunder 26
- Heather Piersall 27
- Jonathan Downing 28
- Jamie Williams 28
- Liz Holmgren 30
- Evie Nazarian 30
- Bob Yuhas 30

NOV ANNIVERSARYS

- Leanne & Bryan Atteberry 03
- Michael & Sarah Wamser 03



Gifts for the King

So, what's on your Christmas list? **WHAT? It's October and we're talking about Christmas? YES,** and have you ever thought of giving a gift to JESUS???

This season we are asking the question, "What gift do you want to give the King?" Who can YOU bless with a gift of Jesus' love? A family member? A complete stranger? What can you give? (Maybe a hug, a plate of cookies, a card, pray for someone, take a friend out for coffee, sing a song, offer a gift of forgiveness? etc...). Pray. Ask Jesus what **HE** wants you to give this season!

For information please contact Lampstand office at 428-8839.



Hmm...Isn't it interesting that we celebrate JESUS birthday by giving gifts to one another?

No one stand as tall as a Christian on his knees.

Hang out with Jesus. He hung out for you.