



The *Spirit* of Strawberry

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The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe had enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln, October 3, 1863.

Since 1863, Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States.

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3rd Quarter 2023 Financial Report

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	YTD		
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$69,219.04	\$69,251.71	\$69,967.05	\$70,032.53	\$69,241.92	\$69,814.80	\$71,453.87	\$71,524.91	\$72,390.27	\$11,698.70		
General Fund												
Undesignated Receipts	\$795.29	\$1,512.56	\$1,057.44	\$1,239.31	\$1,410.82	\$2,588.61	\$887.92	\$1,294.95	\$911.80	\$11,698.70		
Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00		
Total Receipts	\$795.29	\$1,512.56	\$1,057.44	\$1,239.31	\$1,410.82	\$2,588.61	\$887.92	\$1,744.95	\$911.80	\$12,148.70		
Balance (Checkbook Bal + Receipts)	\$70,014.33	\$70,764.27	\$71,024.49	\$71,271.84	\$70,652.74	\$72,403.41	\$72,341.79	\$73,269.86	\$73,302.07			
Total Expenses	-\$762.62	-\$797.22	-\$991.96	-\$2,029.92	-\$837.94	-\$949.54	-\$816.88	-\$879.59	-\$1,756.20	-\$9,821.87		
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$69,251.71	\$69,967.05	\$70,032.53	\$69,241.92	\$69,814.80	\$71,453.87	\$71,524.91	\$72,390.27	\$71,545.87	\$2,326.83		
CD's	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11	\$53,734.11			
BGAV Foundation	\$31,405.06	\$31,405.06	\$33,080.03	\$33,080.03	\$33,080.03	\$33,991.86	\$31,405.06	\$31,405.06	\$32,698.60			
Total - All Accounts	\$154,390.88	\$155,106.22	\$156,846.67	\$156,056.06	\$156,628.94	\$159,179.84	\$156,664.08	\$157,529.44	\$157,978.58			
Ministries										YTD	Budget	%
CenterFest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Missions Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
Woman's Missionary Union	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Quilting Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Youth Event	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$5,000.00	0%
Personnel												
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Secretary's Salary	154.87	273.01	381.92	347.30	280.86	183.85	240.96	275.91	255.88	2,394.56	5,000.00	48%
Secretary's Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Treasurer's Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	51.09	0.00	0.00	68.12	0.00	0.00	63.86	183.07	250.00	73%
Subtotal	154.87	273.01	433.01	347.30	280.86	251.97	240.96	275.91	319.74	2,577.63	\$5,250.00	49%
Associational Office												
Office Supplies	195.68	34.17	143.91	67.58	139.55	273.37	151.72	179.44	67.18	1,252.60	1,500.00	84%
Website	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	300.00	25%
Computer Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0%
SBA Office Rent	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	2,700.00	3,600.00	75%
Property and Grounds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
SBA Renters Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	945.00	945.00	1,000.00	95%
Internet	112.07	115.04	115.04	115.04	117.53	124.20	124.20	124.24	124.28	1,071.64	1,500.00	71%
Subtotal	607.75	524.21	558.95	482.62	557.08	697.57	575.92	603.68	1,436.46	6,044.24	\$8,150.00	74%
Other												
Associational Annals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	80%
Eagle Eyre	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	N/A
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	\$1,600.00	75%
Total Disbursements	\$762.62	\$797.22	\$991.96	\$2,029.92	\$837.94	\$949.54	\$816.88	\$879.59	\$1,756.20	\$9,821.87	\$20,000.00	49%

Strawberry News

Bedford

- *Fall is in full bloom, and we are looking to a beautiful **Thanksgiving Season** at Bedford Baptist Church
- *We will honor our Veterans on **Military Appreciation Sunday**, Sunday, Nov 5th. We appreciate those who have served & those still serving our Country.
- *Our Mission Team will provide a shuttle service from the Church to Liberty Middle School for the **GFWC's Annual Craft Show** Saturday, Nov 18th.
- *The Outreach Committee invites the community to join us in a **"Thanksgiving Praise Celebration"**, Nov 19th from 6 - 8 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We start with a Meal at 6:00, and continue with Praise and Worship around 6:45. Everyone is invited, no RSVP required.

Pecks

- *We will be recognizing our **Veterans** on Sunday, Nov 12th, during the morning Worship Service.
- *We are having a **Candlelight Communion Service** on Thanksgiving Eve, Wed, Nov 22nd.

Timber Ridge

- *Our **Fall Revival** will be Nov 5th-8th with Dr. Danny Lovett. Dr. Lovett is a gifted Evangelist, Bible teacher, marriage builder and mentor in the Kingdom of Christ. He is the former Dean of Students at Liberty University Theological Seminary. Service times are Sunday at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm, Mon thru Wed at 7:00 pm. Nursery is provided for children 3 and under.
- *Several of our youth are participating in the Forest Chapter of the **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)**. A steady stream of youth gathers for a time of prayer, Bible study and encouragement at Bojangles.
- *Our youth also participate in **Fields of Faith**, where athletes meet on the football field for Praise & Worship Music, devotion & encouragement from guest speakers, testimonials & gift give-away's.
- *Our **AWANA** Clubbers recently enjoyed "Life is S'more Fun With Friends" night. They were encouraged to invite their un-churched friends to Club and were treated to yummy s'mores.
- *Pastor Phil is continuing his study in the **Book of Revelation** during the Sunday morning Worship Hour.
- *Our **Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study** will begin digging into the Book of Exodus, by Warren Wiersbe. The Exodus of God's people addresses the need to balance freedom with responsibility.
- *Our **Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study** will focus on II Peter. In this brief letter of reminders to the first-century Christians, Peter urges us to grow in our faith, remember that the promises of God are trustworthy & be aware of those who teach otherwise.



Operation Christmas Child Collection Week November 13th - 20th

Make sure your **Shoe-Boxes** are packed and back to the Church by the 2nd Sunday, Nov 12th, so you can **Pray over them** before taking them to a Collection Site.



Thanks-Giving

As we gather together for Thanksgiving, let us remember what we are truly Thankful for. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life."**

Thank You, Lord!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer December 3rd - 10th

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November Events

7 th	Pastor's Conference @ _____
11 th	Veteran's Day
12 th -14 th	SBCV Homecoming @ <u>The Heights Baptist Church</u>
13 th -15 th	BGAV Annual Meeting @ <u>Bon Air Baptist Church</u>
23 rd	Thanksgiving Day