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December

Budget Receipts	Month to Date	42,843
Budget Expenses	Month to Date	42,557
Designated Receipts	Month to Date	5,827
Budget Goal	Year to Date	447,694
Budget Receipts	Year to Date	397,006
Budget Expenses	Year to Date	391,052
Designated Receipts	Year to Date	60,334

Lottie Moon

Goal	4,500
To Date	2,837

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP  
MEALS**

Meals are currently suspended  
until further notice.  
We will update you on any  
changes.



**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am-12:00 noon  
1:00 pm-4:30 pm  
The offices are closed  
and telephones are not answered  
between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm, and  
after 4:30 pm.

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY  
01/01/2020 thru 01/31/2020**

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# THE VISION

Exalting Christ . . . Equipping the Church . . . Engaging the Community

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On December 29, I preached a sermon entitled 2020 Vision which was intended to motivate us to greater things. However, I did not take into account the holidays, so many people were absent and did not hear what was said. So for those that were not able to attend or are not able to attend for health reasons I want to offer a summary of my sermon.

The text is Philippians 3:12 – 14 and I encourage you to open your Bibles to look at this great verse from Paul. 2020 Vision helps us to see clearly; to know what we are to do. The Vision God has for WHBC is to revitalize this church to reach the lost and the unchurched and impact our community with the Gospel.

**So to have 2020 Vision we must be dissatisfied with the present.** Paul was not content with what he had Accomplished. He admitted that he had not reached his goal in verses 12 – 13. We will never be able to move forward if we are satisfied with where we have been.

2019 has been a difficult year for WHBC. I think we all can agree with that assessment. We have seen our attendance decrease, lost some great staff members. and have seen some former members move on to other places. It has been a hard year personally and corporately.

But despite the difficulties, we have seen 3 people receive Jesus and another 19 unite with our fellowship. That is good news! Digging a little deeper we had 45 new people give to the budget that did not give in 2018. Also, we had another 52 regular givers who gave more in 2019 than they did in 2018. But in spite of these gains, it has not kept up with those who have stopped giving or decreased their giving from 2018. For those who have stopped giving read Malachi 3:10 and stop robbing God.

We cannot be satisfied with what we did in 2019. If we are, we will fall into Satan's trap. 2020 Vision will keep us in focus with what we need to do as a church.

**To have 2020 Vision we must forget the past.** We see this fact expressed in verse 13 where Paul said *"But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind..."* There is nothing wrong with a good memory, but Paul knew that a good memory will not encourage new growth. We could hold on to 2019, but I believe it is best to leave it behind us.

Some people cannot let go of the past and that hinders their ability to move forward. Perhaps it was a previous failure or perhaps it was a past disappointment, but whatever the reason we must forget the past as we cannot do anything to change it. We cannot forge ahead by clinging to the past. In order to accomplish the vision we must forget the past. Someone once said "when a church's memory is longer than its dreams that church is either dead or close to dying". It should be our hope to have more dreams than memories.

**To have 2020 Vision we must exert all our energy for the future.** Paul said *"one thing I do . . . straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal."* Paul is like a runner trying to achieve the prize. So, he exerts all his energy to achieve that prize. That is what 2020 Vision enables the church to do.

As a church we must prioritize what needs to be done and then spend our resources upon meeting those priorities. The question we must ask is this "Where is it that we need to spend our time and our money? What decision(s) do we need to make to be sure that we can accomplish the vision?"

The demographics of our area might help us decide. Look at the following:  
Within a 1 mile radius the population 9,113, with the median age of 44 and 54% under the age of 50.  
Within a 3 mile radius the population is 53,979, with the median age of 38 and 66% under the age of 50.  
Within a 5 mile radius the population is 118,719, with the median age of 35 and 70% under the age of 50.

The question to consider: is "Does WHBC look like our demographics?" If not, why not? We must refocus so that we can reach our community with the Gospel. Every decision, every plan we undertake must be filtered through the vision to reach the lost and the unchurched and impact our community with the gospel.

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WESTERN HEIGHTS  
BAPTIST CHURCH



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hello All!

I am excited for 2020 and what God has in store of each of us as individuals and as a church! I am praying that as we begin this new year, we recognize and act upon the opportunities (both new and familiar) that God presents in our lives and that we would each embody the heart of David in Psalm 51.



Rachel Ellison

Our yearly medical release forms that approve your child's participation in activities such as KNO, VBS, Thrilling Thursdays, Off-Campus Trips, etc. are now expired.

I have sent out an e-mail with the link to the 2020 medical release form for you to fill out for your child(ren). If you have not received this e-mail, please contact me at 254-644-8976 or at rachel@whbcwaco.org so I can send you the link.

Kid's Night Out is February 21st - 5:30 to 9! This is for children ages 6 weeks—6th grade. There is no cost, we will provide a pizza dinner, and the evening will be full of games, fellowship, Bible Stories, and fun! The deadline to register is February 18th, and can be done online or by calling the office.

### SPRING SCHEDULE:

#### SUNDAY

8:45-9:30 - Traditional Service

9:45-10:45 - Bible Study

11:00-12:15 - Contemporary Worship

5:30-7:00 - Bible Drill / Bible Buddies / Mission Preschool

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00-6:45 - Raise the Roof /

Mission Preschool

6:45-7:30 - TeamKID /

Mission Preschool

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Bible Drill Fun Night—March 6th, 6 to 9
- Church/Associational Drill—March 22nd @ 5:30
- Spring Breakaway—March 11th

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Remember Sunday morning Bible Study each Sunday at 9:45-10:45!

Come for a great time of studying God's Word together.

Marilyn and Robert Borchardt - 7th and 8th Grade      Ainsley and Philip Moore - 9th thru 12th Grade

### M3 Weekend - Youth Conference - 4 Cities/1 Weekend/1 Message/The Gospel

January 19-20, 2020

Please be praying for our students as they participate in this weekend. Pray that God would use this time to speak to their hearts and ignite their passion for Christ!

### Chili Cook-off - January 26th 5:30-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sign up to enter a chili or bring a dessert! It is \$10 to enter a chili into the contest.

Tickets for samples of chili are 50¢ each and will be sold at the door.

This will be a fun time of fellowship as we help send our youth to camp—all proceeds go towards summer camp.

Sign up sheets will be available in the Bible Study Classrooms or contact Cynthia Ellison @ 254-644-2441.

### Time-Out—Super Bowl Sunday - Sunday, February 2, 2020

Meet at the church at 5 p.m.; we will return to the church after the Super Bowl is finished.

### D-NOW Weekend 2020 - February 14 - 16, 2020

WHERE: Mt. Lebanon Camp, Cedar Hill, TX      COST: \$75 per person

Sign-Up Deadline: Feb. 2nd      Monet Due: Feb. 9th

### Dates to Note:

Rummage Sale - March 14

Collecting Items in Rm. # 503 across from the Sanctuary

Youth Camp - July 6-10

## MUSIC MINISTRY AND SENIOR ADULTS



Kip Osborne

As we get into the year 2020 I hope and pray that you find yourself focusing on the things of God and serving with His people. We have many opportunities for the members of Western Heights to serve and fellowship together. Some of these opportunities can be found in the Senior Adult News distributed in the Sunday School classes weekly as well as on the Calendar of Events section of the Sunday morning bulletin. I encourage you to pray about

your involvement in the things that you are led to participate in by the Holy Spirit. Not only does the Lord number our days, but He wants to fill them with Godly pursuits and encouraging opportunities. I pray that you will make it a priority to make the most of each day and to encourage others in the various ministries and activities that you choose. Together we can let the Lord work through us to be His hands and feet in the lives of our members and our community!

SANCTUARY CHOIR has resumed rehearsals after our short break at the end of the year and we look forward to having as many worshippers as possible serve each week in the ministry of praise that God has granted us. Come join us Wednesday evenings for rehearsals and then for a quick refresher of our anthem each Sunday morning at 10:35 AM. Thank you for doing the work of the Kingdom! It is a blessing and pleasure to serve the Lord together in singing His praises! We will be choosing and rehearsing our Easter worship cantata very soon.

### WHBC BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 15TH, 2020

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

##### Finance/Stewardship/Budget:

2022-Debbie Todero

2022-Cody Russell

2022-Frank Gentsch

##### Financial Review

2022-Peggy Talley

2022-Mary Hughes

##### Personnel

2020-Maria Belflower

2022-Carol Schuetz

2022-Missy Gentsch

##### Nominating

2022

##### Trustees

2021-Buzz Enix

2022-Matt Jones

##### Property and Space

2020-Pat Williams

2021-LaNell Woodward

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That is one of the things I have tried to do since I became pastor here on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2014. I believed with all my heart what the Pastor Search Committee shared with me. One of the treasured possessions I received before I came was a hand written message from one of the godliest men I have ever met. Let me read a portion of what he said "My eyes are not as good as they once were, but my vision is good. My hearing is poor, but I am anxious to listen to my shepherd and the Holy Spirit comes through clear. I invite you to read Acts 16:9 – 10, 'which reads "During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.'" His letter continues "we need your help. When you come to shepherd this people, drive around this community, you will see a vast harvest to be gathered into the kingdom of God." He then mentions MCC, TSTC and of course Baylor.

He concludes with these words "the people are excited about you and your wife coming. I believe these people will follow your vision. The church has been praying many months for God's man: You!"

I have tried to be faithful to the vision. It is my hope and prayer that you will join me with a 2020 Vision for the future. Together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!

In HIS Service, Pastor Bruce