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THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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As I write this to you I do so having just come in from looking at the 414 Project and seeing the next steps coming. So far things are all on schedule and we have a completion date that is set for January 20. Of course, construction being what it is I wouldn't hold my breath on it being done right on time, but then again we serve a very big God who is able to do all we ask or imagine! So I am asking and imagining that God will finish the building on time and that He would allow the work to go smoothly and that He would fund the building in a way that would bring Him the most glory.

Many of you have been asking about the next offering and how we are asking people to help pay for the building, so let me set out again what we are asking of the church. We will have one more big offering that we will take up most likely early in November. But what we are really counting on is people getting together as families and really praying about how God would have them help give towards the building on a monthly basis. That Fathers would start the conversation and after much prayer and reflection with their spouses and children that they would come up with a number above and beyond their tithe that they would give monthly to help make the payments on the building. We have already closed the loan and that is the next step for us. I firmly believe that is you will pray and ask God how He wants you to give and that He will give you a figure.

Some people have asked what is a good amount to give monthly, and my response is whatever God lays on your heart. There is no figure too small or too large. God isn't concerned about how much you give, but with you checking with Him and then giving what He lays on your heart. Small gifts are wonderful, big gifts are wonderful, sacrificial gifts are the best. A church member came by the office last week and gave \$200 because God laid on her heart to do so. She said she knew it wasn't much but felt like God had told her that. I want her to know that her giving that \$200 was like a rich man giving \$10,000. The amount doesn't matter, the obedience does.

We are not sending out pledge cards, and we will not be hunting you down of you do not give. I firmly feel like that is not the role of the church, but that this is a personal thing between you and God that has corporate effects on us a church body. So pray, and then give as you feel led. But don't miss out on the chance to join God as He does a mighty work here among us to draw people to Himself. Also please pray that God would help guide us in how to best use this building NOT for our comfort, but as a tool for us to better evangelize and minister to the people of Karnes City. We are living in exciting times church, and I can't wait to see what God does next! I am glad to be on this journey with you!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
SS 9:45
Worship 11:00
Choir 5:15
Small Groups 6:00

Wednesday:
Youth 6:00

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry

Memory Verse

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.”
Eph. 3:20-21



YOUTH NEWS

Journey Camp 2015 was awesome! David Gonzalez was saved while at camp this year and we had several other students whom God used this time to grow them in their faith in Him. The youth group members want to thank everyone who contributed financially and prayerfully to make this camp available for as many students as possible. They are always amazed that people give so that they can go to camp. I personally want to thank our camp counselors, Shayne Hons, Jennifer Tristan, and Jayme Scott for giving up a week to help disciple these youth, and Christie Hons for leading our prayer partners. I am serious when I say that I couldn't have done it with you! God is good!

~Travis Scott



Dear God's Blessings,
 I thank God for all of you and your financial blessings that helped support me on the Africa Mission Trip plus the prayer blessings given then answered by God! Wow, thank you so much! I pray you will keep supporting the African ministry. Thank you again!
 ~Margaret Ann Balderamos

	Stewardship	
	Budgeted	Received
Month:	20,409.08	17,640.64
Year:	142,863.56	111,923.98

VBS 2015



Sound Bytes

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works
 -Hebrews 10:24*

As I came across this verse in my quiet time earlier this month, I couldn't help but think about all the people in our church that work tirelessly without complaint or usually without recognition. One of the greatest ways I've found to accomplish the verse above is to recognize the work that people put in that they think others don't notice. So without further ado, here we go:

Mrs. Joann Davenport: This lady is outstanding! The way she meticulously prepares her music to play it at an incredibly accomplished level challenges me to make sure I've got my musical standards in line. I love that she has served our church for so many years. She always makes sure to ask about my family and actually listens when I tell her. Our Sunday morning services are greatly enriched when she is there to play for us.

Mrs. Mary Anna Weigang: The level of service this woman puts into our church is truly inspirational. Whether it is teaching Sunday School, helping at AWANA, singing in the choir, being a prayer warrior, working at VBS, or filling in for me on a Sunday morning she's fantastic! I truly appreciate the passion she has for our choir and is always looking to have people join (which you should if you haven't yet!). I know we had so many kids upset when she announced that she was "retiring" from AWANA this past year, but if I know Mrs. Mary Anna, I think we probably haven't seen the last of her on Wednesday nights (we can hope at least!)

Mr. Jason Lum: This man has probably the most thank-less job on Sunday morning of anyone involved in the running of the service. He is tasked each week with making sure all the mics, my keyboard, the PowerPoint slides, and anything else electronic runs smoothly and rarely gets the recognition he deserves for the great job he does. I also know that one of his passions is helping to raise up young boys into young men who love Jesus. If you don't believe me, just spend some time talking to him about his AWANA boys, or the work that he does in Africa, or why he spends so much time with Upward basketball or Little League. The purpose for him is not in putting up with the challenges each of those groups present, but in serving Jesus for His kingdom. I truly appreciate all the things he does for me every Sunday morning, and I'm proud to call him a friend.

So that's my list because of limited space, but I could go on and on about people like **Travis and Jayme, Shayne and Christy, Margaret B, Claire, Susan and Gabby, Mark and Jennifer, Pat and Christy, Pat and Bruce, Teresa and David, Mrs. Cathie** or many more that I don't have time to list. These people do probably the best job of any church I've ever been a part of at being the body of Christ. Each one has their own unique role to play and does it well. We couldn't function without your faithful service.

I would encourage to take time out of your schedule and write someone a short note about what they mean to you. It's a great way to stir us all up in love and good works!
 ~Nathan Jones