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January 22, 2016

Amarillo, TX

## Congregation Gives Generously in 2015

### Financial Results

Year-to-date December 31, 2015

	Gifts & Offerings
Actual Results	\$2,452,805
Budgeted/Expected	<u>2,442,444</u>
Actual Over/ (Under) Budget	\$ 10,361
Actual Income	\$2,452,805
Actual Expenses	<u>2,327,466</u>
Income over Expenses	\$ 125,339*

*\*When gifts exceed expenses, the excess funds are distributed as follows:  
30% World Missions, 30% Barfield Church Facility Fund,  
30% Session Program Fund, and 10% Contingency Fund.*

### 2016 Pledge Information as of January 11, 2016

249 pledges totaling	\$ 1,610,353
Pledges needed	\$ 1,917,616

***Thank you for your commitment and generosity!***

Questions? Please contact a member of your Finance Committee, an Elder, the Business Office (373-4242), or [lisad@firstpres.com](mailto:lisad@firstpres.com)

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## Bible Personalities Surprise Sunday School



Some of the authors and personalities of the Bible showed up at Sunday School recently to introduce *The Story* to excited elementary school students. Among the notables shown above are: (l. to r.) Ruth, the Moabite, aka Nancee Gilmour; Moses aka Scott Gilmour; Miriam aka Wanda Whittenburg; David aka Stuart Smith; Luke aka Hutton Sharp; an apostle aka Aden Sharp (Hutton's brother), Lydia aka Denise Carter; and Paul aka Dan Carter. The group introduced themselves and told about their part in the Bible, talked with the students, and signed autographs.

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## Women's Spring Studies Announced

***Encounter with God*** -- hosted by Virginia Sicola (353-6204), Mondays, 5:30 p.m. (Purchase a book on the kiosk in Great Hall.)

**Five Conversations You Must Have With Your Son** by Vicki Courtney – NEW! Began January 19 hosted at the home of Susan Teeple, 2603 S. Hayden by Ashley Logsdon and Sarah Griffin (358-3135), Tuesdays, 8:30–10 a.m.

**Various topics** -- led by group members -- for working mothers -- hosted by Jill Goodrich (355-1924),

***The Revelation to John*** -- Hosted by Jerre Wells (584-7778), Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

***The Best Yes*** by Lysa Terkeurst - - Hosted by Tracie Brooks (359-6119) Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.

***Book of Proverbs*** -- Hosted by Vicki Butterfield (679-2997) for working women age 30-50, Thursdays 12 noon

**Prayer and Share Group** -- Hosted by April Neely (236-8140) Saturday, 10:00 a.m. twice a

Tuesdays, noon

month

**Gospel of Matthew** -- hosted by Barbara Harrison (358-2243) Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

**IF: TABLE Home Fellowship Group** -- Hosted by Kalley Sadler, 236-7899, Day and time TBD

**Glory Days** by Max Lucado – NEW! Starting February 17 -- hosted by Rita Rogers and Mary Mullin (488-2413) Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

**For further information**, contact Joyce Ladd, (350-5219) or [joycel@firstpres.com](mailto:joycel@firstpres.com)

**In-depth study of *The Story*** – NEW! Hosted by Carol Sue LeGate (681-3900) Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.



**A Mission Trip with All-around Appeal**

Everyone is invited to EAT, BUILD, SERVE and PLAY on a mission trip to Acuña, Mexico, March 12-19. Contact Kim Talley ([kimt@firstpres.com](mailto:kimt@firstpres.com)) or Orlando López ([orlandol@firstpres.com](mailto:orlandol@firstpres.com)). Cost is \$560 per person with a \$50 deposit due by February 8.

**Social, Service, and Learning Activities**

**NUFFs February Activities**

NUFFs February Outing will be an East- West experience! The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 18 at Oliver's Saddle Shop, 3016 Plains Blvd., for a tour. Lunch will follow at Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse, 45th and Bell. Make reservations at the February NUFFs meeting or call (358-4455).

The NUFFs monthly meeting will be

**Learn How to Connect with Youth Faster and Effectively**

Arnie Padilla will facilitate training in intergenerational relationships for Sunday school teachers at 12:15, Sunday, January 31. Arnie trains school teachers to equip them with “reframing”, a way to look at the world and how it is interpreted by today’s youth. Leaders learn to communicate and connect much quicker with

Thursday, February 11 beginning with social time at 10:15 a.m. and the meeting at 10:30. A catered lunch (\$6 per person) will be served at noon. Lunch reservations must be made by noon Monday, February 8 (655-3204). Guests are always invited.

**Get into Wednesday Night**

Wednesday Nights are underway. RSVP for dinner prior Monday noon (373-4288). Cost is \$5 per person, \$20 max per family. Find a list of classes at [firstpres.com](http://firstpres.com) or in the flyer in the Great Hall.

children and youth, accelerating healthy relationships with those with whom we come into contact on a regular basis. Please RSVP to Chris Markley (350-5209 or [chrism@firstpres.com](mailto:chrism@firstpres.com)). Meet in Room 304. Lunch will be provided. Anyone who works with children and/or youth in or outside the church is invited.

**Service Opportunities Abound**

Serve others in 2016. There is no shortage of opportunities to serve. Contact Will Esler (373-4242) or visit [firstpres.com](http://firstpres.com).



**Have a Heart for Missions**

Benefit the Acuna, Mexico and Ireland mission trips at a fundraising dinner at 6:00 p.m., February 17 in the Great Hall. Enjoy the Italian meal from 575, music, and an auction. Tickets are \$10 from A&O students and GAP young adults. Contact Kim Talley (584-9523 or [kimt@firstpres.com](mailto:kimt@firstpres.com)).



## Whittenburg Property Transaction Closed

The church’s purchase of the Whittenburg Law Office property at a cost of \$455,000 plus small closing costs was closed January 7. After the congregation’s 15% downpayment of \$65,684, a long-term note for \$387,000 remained. Before the closing members made gifts of \$82,500 to reduce the amount of the long-term note to \$304,500 that reduced monthly payments from \$2,238 to \$1,773.92. The note with Herring Bank is at 3.5% interest subject to increasing after five year periods. The mortgagor may make additional payments on the principal or to pay off the note with no penalty at any time. A task group appointed by Session is studying the long-term facility needs of all ministries including this property. This major acquisition brings the whole block north across 11th Avenue into the church’s ownership — fulfilling a 30-year goal.

## Gifts in Memory and Honor

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**Dana Lynn Barnett**

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 Mary Nell and Rex Lemert  
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