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Life is a funny thing. Even when the days seem like they are slowly dragging by, the years pass by Vince Scarbrough quickly. We feel like we are the same person we were just a few

years ago. Yet, as we look in the mirror, we see that those few years have turned into a few decades - and that is not so funny.

As the weeks, and months, and years pass by, one of the things continually taking place is our character. It is becoming more and more established. We are either becoming more godly in our character or more worldly in our character. As I have observed this over the years, a few things have stood out. Our life is built upon our character. People trust us because we have proven trustworthy in our

character. Our character is built upon our decisions and our decisions are based upon our values. So, where do our values come from?

As you watch the news or scroll through social media, what you most often see is character that is built upon a worldly wisdom. So then, the decisions that are made are based upon a wisdom that stands in stark contrast to biblical wisdom. Therefore, those decisions are made based on a value system that pursues things that are distorted and destructive because of sin.

Jesus did not condemn all the world has to offer to us, but He did condemn finding our ultimate satisfaction and joy in the things of this world. We are blessed when we hunger for and pursue the righteousness of God's Kingdom. But woe to us when we are filled with our own self-righteousness and are satisfied with our own kingdom. It



comes at a cost when we pursue the values of the world over the values of Jesus. Jesus wants to correct our wrong values in order to prevent us from pursuing wrong and harmful things.

The terrible thing about pursuing wrong values in life is not that we are doomed to a life of bitter disappointment necessarily, but because we continue to pursue values that slowly lead us to a point where our character is in shambles. Pursuing those worldly values has continued to satisfy our "desires" and ultimately lead us further and further from God's will.

That is why we all need Jesus so badly. We need His strength. We need His wisdom. We need His values to pursue Christlikeness in this world. When we pursue Him with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, Jesus will give us His values. Ultimately, that will

move us toward being people of godly character.

We love you, church family, and we are thankful we get to pursue Jesus with you.

~ Pastor Vince

# Recent Giving

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Budget \$62,973.77 Annie Armstrong Offering \$1,890.00 Lottie Moon Offering \$2,450.00 EACM \$400.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$150.00 Fred Tucker \$150.00	Budget \$29,197.36 Annie Armstrong Offering \$1,975.02 Mission Trip \$325.00	Budget \$29,403.76 Annie Armstrong Offering \$400.00 Memorial Gifts— Betty Collings \$600.00 Mission Trip \$350.00	Budget \$23,794.14 Annie Armstrong Offering \$675.00 Lottie Moon Offering \$250.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$250.00 Thanksgiving/Sunrise Children's Services \$150.00 World Hunger \$100 Memorial Gifts—Betty Collings \$600.00 Mission Trip \$350.00
TOTAL: \$68,013.77	TOTAL: \$31,497.38	TOTAL: \$30,753.76	TOTAL: \$26,169.14
Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$34,615.00	\$34,615.00	\$34,615.00	\$34,615.00
Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Budget
\$1,107,692.00	\$1,142,308.00	\$1,176,923.00	\$1,211,538.00
Received to Date	Received to Date	Received to Date	Received to Date
\$1,160,518.00	\$1,189,715.00	\$1,219,119.00	\$1,242,913.00
Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget	Difference from Budget
\$52,825.00	\$47,407.00	\$42,196.00	\$31,374.00



# BIRTHDAY

May 1

Peggy Davis

May 2

Dave Hall

Patrick McPherson

Tom Stosberg

May 6

Rebecca Whisenant

Paulette Sparks

Aileen Hawes

Paul Boyd

May 7

Jordan Snider

May 8

Laurene Tibbs

May 9

Bradley Embry

May 11

Patrick Wilkerson

Jason Bippus

May 13

Kim Toler

Val Logue

Abby McPherson

May 14

Matt Oliver

May 15

Kezia Ramsey

May 16

Evan Coffman

Marta Rowe

May 17

Kayla Sweeney

Dona Lee Hurrelbrink

May 18

Debbie Wilt

Doug Williams

May 19

Larry Smith

Andrew Mills

May 20

Linda Williams

May 21

Sarah-Katherine

Reynolds

Meredith Reynolds

May 22

James Tavelli

May 23

Charlie Cooper

Brayden Leverett

May 25

Sherril Cook

May 27

Marilyn Owens

May 28

Patrick Alyea

Bryce Butler

Spencer Barham

May 29

Charles Davis

Andrew Hitt

May 31

Bill Koch

Harry King







