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YTD Financial Information through September, 2018 End of Fiscal year:

	Actual	Budget
Operational Income:	\$252,029.52	\$237,407.00
Operational Expense:	\$231,203.72	\$237,407.00



Christmas Party for the Ladies of the Church

The Ladies Book Club/Bible Study is inviting all the women of the church to their Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 15th, 11:30am** at Cindy Underwood's home, 2645 Roundtop Dr.

Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift for the gift exchange (optional) and a breakfast snack to share.

R.S.V.P. to Cindy at 264-8229 by Dec. 10th if you plan to attend.

The GRANDVIEW CONNECTION

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All Church Christmas Decorating Party This Saturday, December 1st 9:00 a.m.

*Hot Chocolate, Coffee,
Juice, & Breakfast Goodies
will be served!*

Everyone is invited.....young.....and not so young!
Come and help us decorate your church for the Advent season!

Men's Breakfast Fellowship Christmas Gathering

This Saturday,
Dec. 8th 8:00am
Milt's Diner
4737 N. Academy Blvd.

All men of the church are invited! Sign up by the front doors

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

The preparation for the celebration of our Lord's birth begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. This begins the period known as the Advent season. Advent centers on the Old Testament prophecies concerning a coming Messiah and His establishment of an earthly kingdom. The Messiah's coming was prophesied six hundred years before His birth. At the time the Jewish people were living in captivity in Babylon. For centuries thereafter faithful Jews earnestly anticipated the Deliverer-Messiah with great longing and expectation, echoing the prayer that He would "ransom captive Israel." And finally the long awaited heavenly announcement came-"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!" ([Luke 2:11 KJV](#)).

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*



A Christmas Message from Pastor Greg

What's the one thing you want for Christmas above everything else? One old Christmas song titled "All I Want For Christmas" mimics the cry of a toddler who is singing "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth". The song suggests that "If I only had my two front teeth then I could whistle, people wouldn't stare at me, and I could wish you a Merry Christmas. Another popular song has been written by Mariah Carey which is titled "All I Want For Christmas Is You". The song suggests that nothing else can fill the gap in my heart but YOU.

So many seem to be longing for something more than any toy, electronic gadget, or even a new car could offer. Don't we all long for something that is lasting, that doesn't rust or break or lose its shine? So often at Christmas we are mesmerized for a moment by the Black Friday insanity and the intense commercialization of the holiday as it lures us into a shopping frenzy which convinces us that happiness can be found somewhere between the doorways of Walmart and J C Penny's. But Christmas comes and goes each year and we find ourselves staring at January with the same feeling of emptiness that we had on Christmas Eve. The toys, the gadgets and new sweater bring a moment of delight, but we soon realize that our delight is only for a moment.

In glancing back in time we find the story of the Jewish people in the Bible who had never yet experienced a Christmas. They had been plagued with a long season of waiting and watching for the one who had been promised to them as their Messiah.

Had they experienced a day like Christmas when they were expecting to receive gifts, they would be singing "All we want for Christmas is the Promised One from God." They wanted to finally see Him because they were certain that He would bring them not riches or gifts or prestige, but they longed for hope, for joy, for one who would love them as their own. And since they had spent centuries as nomads and wanderers as they faced battle after battle for their freedom, they had a desperate longing for lasting peace.

Aren't those ingredients we are also longing for.....hope, joy, love and peace? These are gifts which feed the inner soul of man. During this Advent Season of 2018 my teaching series on Sunday mornings will be focused upon these themes: "All I Want For Christmas"is Week 1 - "A Little Bit of Hope", Week 2 - "A Lot More Joy", Week 3 - "A Taste of True Love", Week 4 - "A Lasting Peace". We truly hope you can slow down long enough to allow yourself and your family to experience the true beauty and true meaning of Christmas by joining us each Advent Sunday for a time of Christmas worship and for this teaching series titled "All I Want For Christmas". The culmination for the Christmas season will take place on **Christmas Eve, Monday December 24 at 5 PM** with a one hour service of candles and carols.

May God bless you and your families with a memorable and delightful experience this Christmas season of 2018 and may all you truly desire this season is a greater, richer experience in Christ! Merry Christmas! - *Pastor Greg*

Join us for.....

Carols, Candlelight, & Communion

Christmas Eve
December 24th
5:00 pm



ADOPT-A-FAMILY for CHRISTMAS

For most of us, Christmas is the most joyful season of all; putting up decorations, baking, shopping for just the right gift for everyone on your list, special time with friends and family. This is the time of the year for hope & love, giving, & receiving.

For some families in our immediate community, especially for those families with children, this can be the most stressful time in the whole year, due to having only enough money to meet the basic necessities for their family.

This year, GrandView is partnering with Keller Elementary School, to give a little help to some families the Keller staff has identified as families in crisis situations. The reason for the crisis is usually job loss, unexpected illness, etc. Our goal is to see that the parents in these families see the love of Jesus first hand.

We have been given names of several families who could use our help this Christmas. Prayerfully consider how you can share the Joy of Christmas with one of these families. Talk with your friends to see if they would like to partner with you in helping a family. If you belong to a small group, maybe your group could adopt a family.

Your family/group would be responsible for purchasing a gift for each family member, and wrapping the gifts. On December 14th, 6-7 pm, you will meet with your adopted family, here at the church for a light supper together with other families, at which time you will give the family their gifts.

For more information, or to adopt a family, please contact Cindy Underwood, 719-264-8229, a.s.a.p.



CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING Sunday, December 23rd

When you give this special "Christmas Offering", over and above your tithe, you are helping to support the coordination and administration of missions here and abroad, the training of our future leaders in Church of God colleges, the continued work of agencies like Servant Solutions, and the creation of the curriculum and programming that equips our brothers and sisters in Christ, serving missions at home and around the world.

Special offering envelopes will be available on the **Dec. 16th & 23rd** for your donation. Please make check payable to "GrandView Community Church" and in memo put: Christ's Birthday.

Advent Meditation Journals are available this Sunday at the Information Center, offered by the Christian Women's Connection Church of God.