Blessing of the Backpacks

Emma: Our theme for the blessing of the backpacks this year is centered around the Fruit of the Spirit and Galatians 5:22-5:23 "The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We invite our children to come up and stand with their backpacks to be blessed with a litany.

Emma: God, we thank You for each student that is before us today with their backpacks. We have watched them grow and mature and learn more about You in the past. We pray for and bless them as they begin a new school year. May their faith and lives reflect the Fruit of the Spirit as they learn, have fun, meet new friends, and experience all this new school year has to offer.

Beth: May you love in a way that reflects Jesus in all you do, find joy in learning and growing in school, in your faith, and in your relationship with others. Even during difficult days, may you demonstrate the peace that comes from Jesus.

Emma: As the school year begins, may you discover patience for yourself and others. When facing harsh words or actions, may you respond with kindness. May you act out of the true goodness of the heart and reflect the Fruit of the Spirit as you interact with others.

Congregation: In all you do, may you show faithfulness to what you have learned at home and church. May your words and actions show gentleness towards yourself and others. Each day, may you discover self-control as you make choices that will help you grow at school, at home, and in your faith.

Beth: WE bless you today...

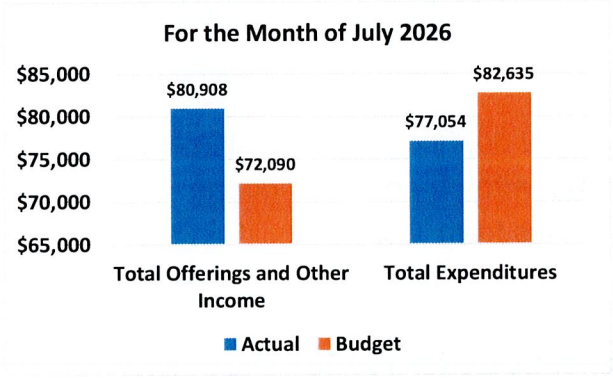
Congregation: We promise to pray for you as you start a new school year.

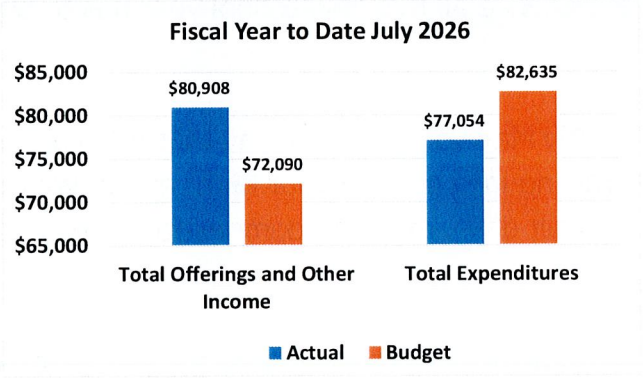
Emma: Thanks be to God.

All: **Amen**

Huguenot Road Baptist Church
Budget vs. Actuals
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Year to Date Month Ending July 31, 2026

	Jul-26				Total Fiscal YTD			
	Actual	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable) Actual to Budget	Percent of budget	Actual	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable) Actual to Budget	Percent of budget
Total Offerings and Other Income	$80,908	$72,090	$8,818	12%	$80,908	$72,090	$8,818	12%
Total Expenditures	$77,054	$82,635	$5,581	7%	$77,054	$82,635	$5,581	7%
Net Offerings & Other Income Less Expenditures	**$3,854**	**($10,545)**	**$14,399**		**$3,854**	**($10,545)**	**$14,399**	





Attendance and Digital Engagement

Attendance	July Average
Sunday Bible Study:	93.5
Worship Service:	118.5
Online Viewers:	19

Digital Reach Overview

This past month, Huguenot Road Baptist Church (HRBC) continued to expand its digital footprint, effectively connecting with the community both within and beyond our physical sanctuary doors. Our online worship and social media strategies have facilitated significant engagement across major platforms.

- **Total Views:** 75,000+ across Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
- **Total Interactions:** 4,000+ likes, comments, and shares.
- **Profile Traffic:** 4,400+ visits to Facebook and Instagram profiles.
- **Community Growth:** 87 new followers and subscribers.
- **Website Traffic:** 68 direct click-throughs to the HRBC website from Instagram.