



Church Operating Budget:
January – December 2011 Income
January – December 2011 Expense
Net

\$ 809,725 (102.97% Projected Income for 12 months)
\$ 791,382 (100.64% Projected Expense for 12 months)
\$ 18,343

We are blessed with many gifts,

not the least of which is time. God has put us in this environment, among these people and these opportunities for his purpose. We will be accountable to Him one day for the way in which we use our time to relate to these people, respect this environment, and avail ourselves of the opportunities before us, and the manner in which we carry out our responsibilities.

Our lost possessions may be replaced, a broken friendship can be mended, but one cannot regain time squandered in selfish pursuits.

Many of us are preoccupied with pursuing the age-old question, “What is the meaning of Life?” when we should be asking, “*What will give our lives more meaning?*” The utilization of time can be used in answer to this question.

Since our existence must be filled with an aim in order to make it our life, it is necessary for us to use our time and energy in pursuit of this aim – this life. Wanting to do something does not bring it about. Willing ourselves to do something means that we plan to make the effort to bring it about. That means “*setting priorities*” which answers this question as we awaken each morning; “*What can I do to serve the Lord today?*”

2011 is now history and we can't change a thing that occurred but we can look forward to the future as we set our priorities to do our best to serve the Lord each day.

Our church had a successful year in many respects. We had many wonderful programs, gained new members, and we met our budget. We paid all of our obligations and we had a few dollars left over. The council instructed me to move \$16,200 of the net surplus into a designated account to hire a “contract” part time receptionist to give assistance at the front office where there are so many interruptions that it is challenging at best to accomplish all of the varied publications we need to provide for our church.

Certainly we were blessed to be able to take care of a number of much needed improvement projects here in our facility that sorely needed attention. The majority

of these expenses were paid from the revenues generated in prior years by our Capital Expansion/Improvements Fund.

In addition to what was completed in 2011, in the coming months we will be replacing the windows in the 1985 Sunday school wing. These existing windows have dry rotted over the 26 years they have served us.

The Property Committee has set Feb. 11th (8am till 1pm) as the date for a work day here at the church to trim the trees on the property. Our big Oaks require a lot of care. If you are able to help, please bring your chain saws, pole saws, and join in the activities. It is a great way to get to know some of your fellow members and help to maintain the old Oaks we have to enjoy.

As noted in the bulletin, Billy Richardson has retired as our Cemetery Caretaker. Billy had been with us four years and had taken such good care of our cemetery and he will be sorely missed by all but especially by me. I will be reviewing resumes beginning the first of February for this position.

We welcomed Eric Nanyes in January in our maintenance position. He works only three days a week here at the church and in another location the other two days. We want to welcome him to the staff, so be sure to say “hello” if you see him about the facility.

Please remember that our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, at approximately 12:30. It will follow the joint service held at 10:00am, then the covered dish lunch to be shared by all. The church will provide chicken as our entrée.

You will need to check in at the registration table at the narthex before you enter the Sanctuary and receive your ballot for the meeting. Remember you must have contributed (of record), have communed (of record) during 2011 and be confirmed, to be eligible to vote. See you then.

En Agape

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