



November 24, 2020

Dear SCC family,

I'm writing at the end of an unprecedented year to thank you for whatever support you've been able to provide this year, and to honor you with an accounting of where we stand financially.

As expected, we saw a sharp decrease in receipts following the shut down. As of the end of October our receipts are \$72K less than was budgeted. But we also reduced every expense possible and spent \$69K less than budgeted. This means we are just \$3K off our budget year to date! I'm so thankful to our staff for their diligence in this.

However, our budget is not a straight line. The bulk of our receipts come in the winter, which shows up at the beginning and end of our calendar year. Some of our expenses rise and fall with the crowds, but most are consistent all year long. As a result, we always accumulate a significant deficit by the end of October, and then make up the difference in November and December. This is how we've done it for a very long time.

This year, for 2020, we budgeted for (expected) a loss of \$45K by the end of October. Our actual loss came in at \$48K which, again, is only \$3K worse than projected. But it's still \$48K and we now have to make it up.

Honestly, I really don't know what to expect. God has blessed some of us with more than we need, and others are struggling. This is always the case, but this year feels more uncertain. And it's my responsibility to simply let you know the need and ask you to give whatever you're able and willing to give.

I believe we need to raise \$50,000 in the next month in order to end the year in the black.

To that end, we're collecting our second annual Generosity offering on Sunday, December 6. Please prayerfully consider how much God would have you contribute to this need. Whatever he tells you to do, I am honestly fine with. I wouldn't want more or less than that.

You can send a check to the church office anytime, or give online, or participate in person on the 6th.

Also, we usually have an annual meeting in December to plan the next year. With so much uncertainty about how this year will affect our ministries, we have rescheduled the annual meeting for Sunday, January 10. This will give us a better understanding of what we can expect for winter attendance, and next year's budget, etc.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Sincerely,

Pastor Roger Shenk