

January 31, 2016

*Prior to the Annual Business Meeting the congregation shared in a time of praise and prayer.

Prayer & Roll Call

Senior Pastor & Elder Board Chairman Tim Gibson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting in prayer. Mark Culton then conducted the roll call.

Deacons Present: Rob Christiansen, George Hardy, Mark Hardy, Andy Meeks, John Romero Deacons Excused: Kamba Kalubi, Kevin Kritzberger

Elders Present: Tim Gibson, Pat Barry, Wayne Batten, Dick Bickings, Andy Brimer, Mark Culton, Swannie Griffin, Kevin Hardy, Scott Holwick, Chris Jones, Byron Roth, Shawn Sommons Elders Excused: Dennis Flanagan

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Annual Congregational Budget Meeting held on December 6, 2015, **seconded** and **passed**.

Election of Delegates to BFC Annual Conference

The following elders were **nominated** and **approved** to be delegates by vote of secret ballot:

Wayne Batten, Delegate Scott Holwick, Delegate Dennis Flanagan, Alternate Delegate

Financial Report

Treasurer and Elder Andy Brimer reviewed the 2015 financial report. (Found in the 2015 Annual Report, page 41-42). In addition to reviewing the information in the report through the use of slides, (Attachment #1). Andy also shared other comments:

We have adjusted the 2016 budget to remedy an error that had been made in relation to Pastor Jeremy's salary, and an error in addition. The adjustment reflects an increase of \$4603.

The adjusted 2016 budget of \$988,671 was approved by vote of secret ballot.

Andy answered a question about the outside audit and the need for one. Shared a financial summary for 2015.

Joe Favere shared about Child Evangelism Fellowship and the 'fruits' of their labor; he encouraged the Pastors and Elders, that the support EBFC gives is being used effectively.

Approval of the Annual Report

The 2015 Annual Report was highlighted and discussed briefly.

• There was a question related to our missions giving, and while there has not been a decrease, there have been some adjustments. Dale Tshudy is no longer being supported with FCA, and that money is going to a missionary family serving in France.

Motion was made to approve the 2015 annual report, seconded and passed.

Pastoral Reports

In the following order, each Pastor provided a brief review of their 2015 reports, along with vision for 2016 in accordance with the church's vision and purpose statement. They also acknowledged individuals, teams and/or staff members for their service in building God's kingdom.

- 1) <u>Senior Pastor</u> **Pastor Tim Gibson** highlighted the following:
 - preached through first part of Genesis, and now in 1 Peter
 - teaching through Matthew on Wednesday nights
 - 39 new members this year (and several members left)
 - church discipline was necessary in a couple instances Pastor Tim asked us to continue praying for those families
 - Pastor will be doing a LEAD class again this year. We are in need of deacons.
 - What do we want to see in 2016?
 - o preaching
 - worship that is dynamic and spiritual
 - evangelism that is powerful
 - o fellowship that is a place where people can feel loved and cared for
 - **something different...** (more than the status quo)
 - as the leadership goes, so the people will go
 - Spirit-empowered ministry (Jesus said in John 15:5 "without me you can do nothing...")
 - Prayer and fasting we want to pray together more for revival, possibly during the worship service
 - More fasting
 - We want to be careful that we never quench the Holy Spirit
- 2) <u>Pastor of Discipleship</u> **Pastor Dick Bickings** highlighted the following:
 - While you need curriculum and programs, we need more than that we are commanded to make disciples
 - This is the third year for using the Gospel Project we are using it because it is immersed in the Word of God. We want our kids to not only become smart in the Word of God but to become more like Jesus Christ!
 - We are doing some of the right things good curriculum, Awana but we need the power of the Holy Spirit. We need people on their face before God asking the Holy Spirit to fill them and the congregation!
 - What a privilege it has been to serve for 7 years in the discipleship of believers.
 - The nursery and early childhood ministries are extremely important 3 services each Sunday. The 2 & 3 year-old class even teaches the Gospel Project curriculum where they can so that they know the Word of God at an early age.
 - The ministry also includes things like background checks which are important so that we have a safe environment for children to learn about God. This was a huge undertaking and an answer to prayer to accomplish it.
 - There also has been a focus on security this past year so that we have an even healthier environment. There has been a new check-in system that has been implemented to better care for children.
 - **Goal for 2016** Continue teaching the Word of God, prayer and outreach (otherwise we will just go through the motions)
 - Dick asked us to pray for the teachers, ministry leaders and for the children.

- 4) <u>Youth Pastor</u> **Pastor Mark Culton** highlighted the following:
 - Mark shared how it is a privilege to serve in Youth Ministry. He shared a point made by Francis Chan that what we are really called to do in ministry, is to raise the dead!
 - Now that he has children in and entering youth ministry, he understands more what parents of youth deal with.
 - Pray21 is a great opportunity for intergenerational relationships. This was a success in 2015 and we are doing it again in March of 2016.
 - Mexico mission trip was a success; being able to serve alongside Art and Vicki Reyes was a blessing.
 - Quarterly family nights included some practical family topics. The focus of one of the Family Nights in 2015 was "How to Pay for College."
 - Restated the ministry's vision "Our purpose is to partner with parents as we disciple students for God's glory."
 - Some of the goals that we have for the coming year are:
 - Continue to follow the Lord's leading about follow up ministry in the Lynfield community of South Bethlehem.
 - In lieu of a domestic out-of-state mission trip this year, we will spend two weeks of ministry in Lynfield this summer.
 - Build synergy by seeing our youth parents and youth staff become more connected.
 - Continue to develop and fine-tune our Illuminite ministry so that it really becomes a place where we welcome and minister to unchurched teens.
- 5) <u>Worship Pastor</u> **Pastor Jeremy Harkins** highlighted the following:
 - It has to be about growing the body of Christ and growing individual believers.
 - We have been trying to take time with the worship team to pray together, decompress, get to know each other.
 - Our goal is to get to the heart of worship before the service starts.
 - On Wednesday there is some time of reading Scripture and prayer so that everyone is growing not as performers, but as disciples.
 - On Sunday there is also a time to pray, read Scripture with the goal that everyone's heart is right before God.
 - Pastor Jeremy thanked God for Heather Hunsberger's help and her heart for the ministry
 - The college students met through the summer each Sunday at the Harkins' house while the students were home from college, and while students are back at school they meet on kinship weeks.
 - The group has gone through "Reason for God", and now "Gospel in Life".
 - It has become more about the depth of relationships than the number coming. Jeremy and Lindsay have the privilege of discipling around ten students right now.
 - Pastor Jeremy has a heart to multiply and disciple individuals who make disciples.

Ministry Reports

- 1) <u>Women's Ministry</u> Laura Sommons
 - Laura shared how she sincerely loves the women of Ebenezer; it's a joy and a privilege serving in the body.
 - The base of Women's Ministry is 1 Thessalonians 2:8
 - Starting a new study in January focusing on the Armor of God over 60 women signed up, Monday/Tuesday nights.
 - Tis' So Sweet Tuesdays occurs once a month at Laura's home. Starting 2016 with a study on the book of Ruth.
 - Assist the 'Truth Home' with different needs as they arise.
 - Women's ministry will probably focus less on events in 2016. All the studies and equipping are wonderful, but what they really want to see is lives changed!

2) <u>Adult Electives</u> – Rich Mastronardo

- Begins its 15th year!
- Shared that the ministry is not just about disseminating information, but focuses on discipleship through teaching of the Word.
- Pray for teachers those currently serving and new ones coming up.
- Pray for protection as a teacher you need to be walking with God in your daily life so that you can help others who have questions and need help.

3) <u>Evangelism</u> – Pat Barry

- The 318 ministry is focusing on providing congregants with ongoing support. This involves training; the first training event for 2016 is Feb. 20th from 8:30-10:30am.
- Another **goal** is to provide ongoing resources. There is a resource station in the lobby with tracts, invite cards, and information on upcoming workshops.
- Events **Harvest Outreach** on March 6, 7pm live streaming of Greg Laurie and Christian musicians with a gospel message. This is a great opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to your house or the church to hear the gospel preached.
- 4) <u>Welcome Ministry</u> Chris Jones
 - Reaching the lost and building believers.
 - **Goals** of the committee include fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere, encouragement and communicating information about the church to visitors and newcomers.
 - Chris Shared Romans 15:7, and how the ministry strives to be ambassadors for Christ literally as soon as visitors walk in the door, all the way to following up with them by inviting them to Newcomer Deserts, and other events, designed to help visitors get to know others so they feel that Ebenezer is place where they can stay and grow.

5) Missions – Swannie Griffin

- Swannie thanked Wayne Batten for chairing the missions committee for many years. Wayne is now stepping down as Chairman, but will remain on the committee.
- Swannie highlighted Faith Promise and the fact that \$20,040 was given outside of our budget. The whole purpose of Faith Promise is to help our missionaries with special needs that arise throughout the year.
- A future goal to introduce our congregation to more missionaries that we currently support as well as potential missionaries.

- 6) Ministry Assimilation Kevin Hardy
 - As a church we are to be unified believers.
 - Service isn't an option it's a command.
 - The vision for the ministry is to help leaders be fruitful and fulfilled....
 - Networking Discovery is a class to find your giftedness and passion so that you can know where you can serve best in the church.
 - We need to be faithful in giving of our resources, as well as our time and talents.
 - Goals:
 - o Continue to strengthen the awareness of this ministry
 - Develop deeper connections with people in the congregation so we know where the real needs are
 - For each of us to find out where we are called to serve not because of guilt or to earn favor with God - but because we are living sacrifices to God. We want to hear the words from God, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."
- 7) Deacons John Romero, Vice-Chairman
 - We need prayer. This is God's church without God's provision nothing would happen.
 - John reminded us that if we have any questions, please see the deacon who oversees that particular ministry.
 - Each deacon deeply desires to serve the church.
 - John thanked Shawn Sommons for coming to the deacons meetings, and serving as the Elder Liaison.
 - John thanked Joe Meier for his service he will be stepping down for the year.
 - Rob Christiansen continues to spearhead "Care Givers." There has been a lot of focus on how we can better serve the people in need in our congregation.
 - We need input from the congregation when help is needed. Please make us aware if there is someone who needs help that we are not helping.
- 8) <u>Forks Community Church</u> **Tim Zuck** shared about the Forks Township Church Plant:
 - Tim mentioned that behind every successful church plant there is a committed church -Tim thanked Ebenezer for being a committed church behind Forks. There have been funds and personnel given, and Tim mentioned how Ebenezer has ministered to the Zucks as a family as well.
 - Forks is doing their first ever Push the Rock Sports camp this summer.
 - There will be a VBS with the support of Bethel BFC.
 - There will be a partnership with CEF to do an after school program in Forks Township.

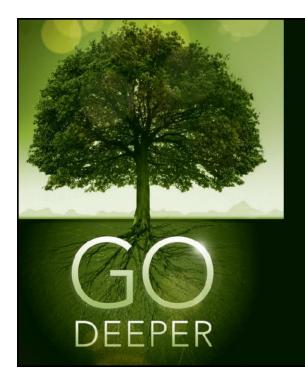
Prayer and Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and passed. Pastor Tim Gibson closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Culton Secretary to the Board of Elders

Attachment #1



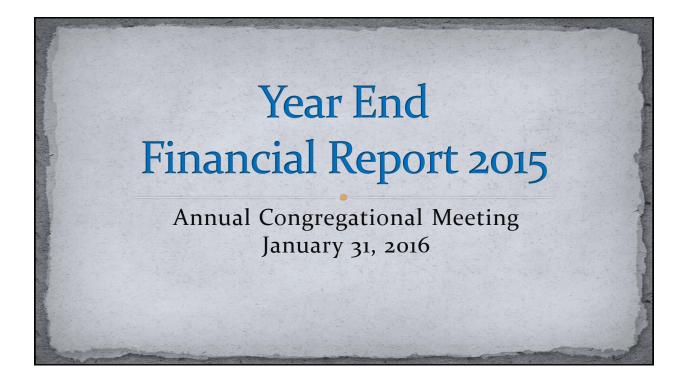


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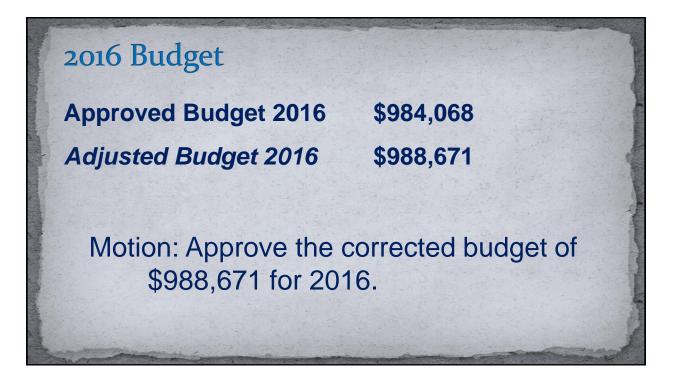
with the Word of God

Reach the Lost

with the Good News



	Actual 2015	Budget 2015	% of Budget
Income	\$ 933,688	\$ 966,710	97%
Expenses	<u>\$ 1,003,660*</u>	\$ 966,710	104%
Net Income		-\$ 69,972	



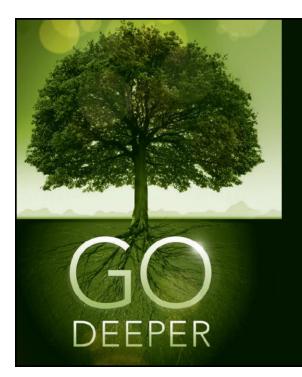
2016 Outlook

January

General Fund Income (3 weeks)\$45,574"Snow day" Income (online)\$ 1,270Average Weekly Giving (3 weeks)\$15,191

Need to Meet Budget \$19,013







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02/01/16 Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 16	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		070 161 06
1100 · Offerings / Gifts 1400 · Interest		972,161.96 750.00
1900 · Bethlehem Christian School		15,759.00
Total Income		988,670.96
Expense		
10000 · Congregational Care Ministries 10200 · Mercy Teams		
10204 · Support Groups	250.00	
10205 · Funeral Luncheons	500.00	
Total 10200 · Mercy Teams	7!	50.00
10300 · Counseling Assistance		
10301 · Counseling Supplies	250.00	
10300 · Counseling Assistance - Other	750.00	
Total 10300 · Counseling Assistance	1,0/	00.00
10400 · Welcome Ministry		
10401 · Welcome Center	940.00	
10402 · Welcome Desserts	270.00	
Total 10400 · Welcome Ministry	1,2	10.00
Total 10000 · Congregational Care Ministries		2,960.00
11000 · Compensation		
11010 · Payroll Expenses	-	03.00
11020 · Health Reimbursement Accounts	6,60	00.00
11100 · Senior Pastor	62 606 00	
11110 · Salary 11130 · Housing	62,606.00 32,342.00	
11150 · Reimbursed Expenses	2,000.00	
11160 · Medical Insurance	21,260.52	
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11170 · Pension 11171 · Pension Fees	2 707 02	
11171 · Pension Fees	3,797.92	
Total 11170 · Pension	3,797.92	
11190 · Cell Phone	960.00	
11195 · Conference Expenses	800.00	
Total 11100 · Senior Pastor	123,70	66.44

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	Jan - Dec 16
11300 · Discipleship Pastor	
11310 · Salary	42,954.00
11330 · Housing	23,350.00
11350 · Reimbursed Expenses	2,000.00
11360 · Medical Insurance	23,165.16
11370 · Pension	2,652.16
11390 · Cell Phone	960.00
11395 · Conference Expenses	700.00
Total 11300 · Discipleship Pastor	95,781.32
11400 · Youth Pastor	
11410 · Salary	46,870.00
11430 · Housing allowance	5,630.00
11450 · Reimbursed Expenses	2,000.00
11460 · Medical Insurance	19,453.68
11470 · Pension	2,100.00
11490 · Cell Phone	960.00
11495 · Conference Expenses	700.00
Total 11400 · Youth Pastor	77,713.68
11600 · Women's Ministry Coordinator 11610 · Salary	18,148.00
Total 11600 · Women's Ministry Coordinator	18,148.00
12300 · Bookkeeper1	
12310 · Salary	3,416.20
Total 12300 · Bookkeeper1	3,416.20
12400 · Office Administrator	
12410 · Office Admin Salary	49,879.00
12460 · Medical Insurance	6,394.68
Total 12400 · Office Administrator	56,273.68
12500 · Facilities Manager	
12510 · Facilities Manager Salary	48,313.00
12560 · Medical Insurance - FM	16,450.44
12590 · Cell Phone	960.00
Fotal 12500 · Facilities Manager	65,723.44
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Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 16	
12600 · Office Assistant 12610 · Office Assistant Salary	12,200.00	
Total 12600 · Office Assistant	12,200.00	
12700 · Kid's Crossing Coordinator 12710 · Kid's Crossing - Salary	13,110.00	
Total 12700 · Kid's Crossing Coordinator	13,110.00	
12800 · Youth Ministry Assistant 12810 · Youth Ministry Asst - Salary 12860 · Medical Insurance	15,809.80 5,910.48	
Total 12800 · Youth Ministry Assistant	21,720.28	
12900 · Worship Coord Assistant 12910 · Worship Coord Asst - Salary	12,936.20	
Total 12900 · Worship Coord Assistant	12,936.20	
13000 · Worship Pastor 13010 · Salary 13020 · Housing Allowance 13030 · Reimbursed Expenses 13040 · Medical Insurance 13060 · Cell Phone 13070 · Conference Expenses	31,000.00 16,000.00 2,000.00 16,287.72 960.00 700.00	
Total 13000 · Worship Pastor	66,947.72	
Total 11000 · Compensation	594,739.96	
2000 · General Church Finance 2100 · General Church Accounts 2110 · Property & Casualty Insurance 2112 · Workman's Compensation 2113 · Youth Group Insurance 2110 · Property & Casualty Insurance - Other	3,150.00 1,250.00 12,600.00	
Total 2110 · Property & Casualty Insurance	17,000.00	
2130 · Conference Administration Exp. 2140 · Taxes	20,141.00	
2141 · Parsonage Taxes	5,500.00	
Total 2140 · Taxes	5,500.00	

Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 16
2150 · Bank Fees	2,500.00
Total 2100 · General Church Accounts	45,141.00
2300 · Supplies 2310 · Legal Materials / Manuals 2320 · Other supplies 2330 · Audit	200.00 800.00 5,000.00
Total 2300 · Supplies	6,000.00
 2700 · Information Technology 2710 · Internet Connections 2720 · Software 2730 · Web Services 2740 · Computer and Related Equipment 2741 · PCs & Hardware 	1,150.00 250.00 1,700.00 3,500.00
Total 2740 · Computer and Related Equipment	3,500.00
Total 2700 · Information Technology	6,600.00
2850 · Background Checks	500.00
Total 2000 · General Church Finance	58,241.00
3000 · Discipleship Ministries 3100 · Kids Crossing 3110 · Nursery 3120 · Early Childhood 3130 · Children's Ministry 3131 · Crosstime 3134 · Kid's Weeknight Programs	200.00 200.00 3,500.00 2,500.00
Total 3130 · Children's Ministry	6,000.00
3140 · Special Programs 3143 · Vacation Bible School	3,000.00
3145 · Scripture Memory Verses	1,000.00
Total 3140 · Special Programs	4,000.00
3160 · Special Event 3162 · Transportation	200.00
Total 3160 · Special Event	200.00

Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 16
3170 · Kids Crossing Leadership 3172 · Training / Equipping	200.00
Total 3170 · Kids Crossing Leadership	200.00
3190 · Equipment/Supplies 3191 · Resource Room Supplies	100.00
Total 3190 · Equipment/Supplies	100.00
Total 3100 · Kids Crossing	10,900.00
3200 · Student Ministries 3211 · Equipment & Furnishings 3212 · Parent Support 3213 · Mentoring 3214 · Staff Development 3215 · Outreach Events 3220 · High School Ministry 3222 · Student Leadership 3224 · Large Events Subsidies 3225 · Programming Supplies 3226 · Curriculum Total 3220 · High School Ministry 3230 · Middle School Ministry 3234 · Large Events Subsidies 3235 · Programming Supplies	200.00 500.00 50.00 1,600.00 1,400.00 1,500.00 300.00 150.00 2,250.00 650.00 200.00
3236 · Curriculum	150.00
Total 3230 · Middle School Ministry	1,000.00
Total 3200 · Student Ministries	7,000.00
3300 · Adult Ministries 3310 · Family Life 3313 · Adult Electives 33131 · Classes / Material 33133 · Equipment 33134 · Training	1,000.00 1,000.00 100.00
Total 3313 · Adult Electives	2,100.00
Total 3310 · Family Life	2,100.00

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	Jan - Dec 16
3320 · Men's Ministries 3323 · Bible Studies - MM 3324 · Special Events - MM	150.00 500.00
Total 3320 · Men's Ministries	650.00
3330 · Women's Ministries 3332 · Promotion & Outreach - WM 3333 · Bible Studies - WM 3334 · Special Events - WM 3337 · MOPS	150.00 100.00 800.00 1,100.00
3338 · Training/Conferences 3339 · Discipleship/Encouragement	500.00 250.00
Total 3330 · Women's Ministries	2,900.00
3340 · College Ministry	1,200.00
3350 · YACS 3351 · YACS Retreats 3352 · YACS Events 3353 · YACS Supplies	170.00 50.00 260.00
Total 3350 · YACS	480.00
Total 3300 · Adult Ministries	7,330.00
3400 · Discipleship Support 3410 · Networking 3413 · Discovery	90.00
Total 3410 · Networking	90.00
3420 · Library 3421 · Supplies 3422 · Books	100.00 400.00
3427 · Audio and Video	350.00
Total 3420 · Library	850.00
Total 3400 · Discipleship Support	940.00
Total 3000 · Discipleship Ministries	26,170.00
5000 · Evangelism Ministries 5100 · Supplies 5150 · Evangelistic Events 5400 · Training Programs,Videos,etc	4,400.00 500.00 290.00

Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 16
5600 · Community Outreach	
5630 · Candy Carnival	725.00
5650 · Community Events	2,000.00
5600 · Community Outreach - Other	500.00
Total 5600 · Community Outreach	3,225.00
Total 5000 · Evangelism Ministries	8,415.00
6000 · Missions	
6110 · Bible Fellowship Homes	3,600.00
6111 · Pinebrook Conference Center	3,600.00
6112 · Victory Valley	3,600.00
6113 · Ebenezer Special Missions	41,450.00
6116 · Missionary Speakers & Confer.	3,600.00
6117 · Church Extension	33,000.00
6200 · Bible Fellowship Brd of Mission	76,500.00
6000 · Missions - Other	750.00
Total 6000 · Missions	166,100.00
7000 · Deacon Ministries 7100 · Utilities	
7110 · Electricity 7112 · PP&L	34,000.00
Total 7110 · Electricity	34,000.00
7130 · Refuse Removal	3,450.00
7140 · Water & Sewer	
7142 · Water & Sewer (church)	4,300.00
Total 7140 · Water & Sewer	4,300.00
7150 · Telephone Services	1,550.00
Total 7100 · Utilities	43,300.00
7300 · Maintenance	
7310 · Church Maintenance supplies	6,500.00
7320 · Parsonage Maintenance Supplies	1,500.00
7330 · Maintenance Services	17,000.00
7340 · Landscaping	1,500.00
Total 7300 · Maintenance	26,500.00

Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 16
7400 · Supplies 7410 · Cleaning Supplies 7420 · Kitchen Supplies 7430 · Work Day Supplies 7440 · Ordinance 7460 · Decorating Supplies	4,300.00 2,300.00 0.00 300.00 500.00
Total 7400 · Supplies	7,400.00
7500 · Transportation 7510 · Maintenance 7513 · Vehicle Rental 7516 · Registration and EZ Pass	600.00 200.00
Total 7510 · Maintenance	800.00
7519 · Vehicle Repairs and Supplies 7520 · Fuel	900.00 300.00
Total 7500 · Transportation	2,000.00
7600 · Capital Improvements 7700 · New Equipment 7800 · Activities 7810 · Prime Timers 7811 · Prime Timers - Special Events 7813 · Prime Timers - Luncheons	25,000.00 500.00 450.00 100.00
Total 7810 · Prime Timers	550.00
7800 · Activities - Other	500.00
Total 7800 · Activities	1,050.00
Total 7000 · Deacon Ministries	105,750.00
8000 · Worship 8200 · Guest Ministries 8210 · Guest Speakers	300.00
Total 8200 · Guest Ministries	300.00
8300 · Equipment	3,100.00
8600 · Worship Administration 8900 · Music Ministries 8920 · Adult Choir	1,520.00
Total 8900 · Music Ministries	100.00

	Jan - Dec 16	
8000 · Worship - Other	5,000.00	
Total 8000 · Worship	10,020.00	
9000 · Office Expenses 9100 · Office Supplies 9110 · Copier 9113 · Copier Paper 9115 · Copier Fee & Maint.	1,400.00 7,400.00	
Total 9110 · Copier	8.800.00	
9120 · Supplies 9130 · Stamps 9140 · Bulletins 9160 · BFC Denomination NL 9170 · Toner	1,100.00 850.00 2,100.00 125.00 200.00	
Total 9100 · Office Supplies	13,175.00	
9300 · Advertising 9400 · Office Equipment	2,500.00	
Total 9000 · Office Expenses	16,275.00	
Total Expense	988,670.96	
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	
Net Income	0.00	