

# Stewardship Update – July 9, 2010

## Good News

St. John's members have supported our ministries with their financial contributions and pledges to our annual operating budget of \$1.765 million. In addition, we have received over \$1 million toward our 3-year Capital Campaign, *A Church Alive!* And, this year, our members continue to support numerous mission outreach projects such as, Ecuador Missions, Habitat for Humanity, Senior High Work Camp, to name a few.

## Bad News

Although contributions and pledges have been significant, our actual annual operating giving has not kept pace with our budget and needs.

Through the first half of this year Operating receipts totaled \$827,000, which is approximately **\$30,000 LOWER than both 2010 budgeted receipts, and 2009 actual receipts.** Our operating budget expenses of \$867,000 are \$16,000 below budget. With the lower receipts, we have a **6-month LOSS of approximately \$40,000.** (summary below)

### 6 Months Ending – June 30, 2010

<u>2010</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Receipts	\$827,000	\$857,000	\$ (30,000)
Expenses	<u>867,000</u>	<u>883,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
Net LOSS	(40,000)	(26,000)	(14,000)

## Our concern for our Operating Budget

If this giving trend continues through the summer and fall, we will experience a funding shortfall for our 2010 and 2011 Operating Budgets, and the ministries they support. These are the “nuts and bolts” that keep our ministries going! (Salaries, programs, utilities and the maintenance of our facility) If our funding continues to fall short, we will have to make some painful operating budget decisions this fall.

## What Can We Do?

### **1 – Improved Personal Stewardship**

- If you have not made an actual pledge this year, please make a contribution! We need the support of *all St. John's members*, not just some of our members!
- If you are not current with your pledge, please make your contributions now to meet that pledge and even to go beyond it.
- If member giving units increase their giving by *an additional \$4 per week*, our receipts would increase by \$57,200, helping us to meet the current shortfall.

### **2 – Prayers**

- The prayers of God's faithful people are vital to our personal response and the support that we give to the needs of ministry!

### **3 – Administrative Adjustments and Cost Containments**

- The Leadership Team is currently reviewing expenses to help manage the deficit.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR MINISTRY!

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Dan Lammers, Congregation Council President  
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