

## Nativity Treasurer's Report – OCTOBER 2017

Provided below is a brief summary of September's financial news and how this month's giving has impacted our financial situation.

See details below:

1. Offerings this month totaled \$33,420. The monthly budget was \$40,320 so we were \$6900 under budget.
2. Contributions to the Freedom Fund totaled \$5062. The monthly budget was \$10,000 so we did not meet our budgeted goal. In order to meet our \$10,000 per month mortgage payment we used \$4938 from our Freedom Fund "safety net" leaving \$12,637 In that account.
3. Revenue for the preschool program in September was \$31,060 and expenses were \$33,035. Year to date, our income is \$194,083 and expenses \$198,825 so we are \$4742 short of covering all our expenses. We are, however, right on budget since expenses are budgeted to be over income at this time. Our expectation is that the preschool program will break even by the end of the fiscal year.
4. Leadership expenses in September were \$28,389 and budgeted at \$32,017 so expenses were \$3628 less than budget. Year to date totals now have Leadership expenses at \$28,658 under budget. This savings has been realized by not filling full time positions and instead utilizing primarily part time and volunteer staff during the past 9 month period. This decision was made to keep true to our resolve to keep expenses within income.
5. Expenses for September totaled \$74,488. Our budget was \$78,305 so we were \$3817 better than budget.
6. The total net income (income minus expenses) this month (September) was -\$10,509. We were budgeted to be -\$8,585 under budget for September. Therefore, we were over budget by -\$1924.
7. There were no capital expenses this month so we have \$17,009 remaining in the capital improvement fund.
8. The Freedom Fund Non Debt monies remained the same as last month at \$88,025 in this fund.
9. Freedom fund contributions this month totaled \$5,062. They were supplemented by \$4938 from our "safety net" reserves in order to meet our \$10,000 a month mortgage obligation.

The mortgage loan balance so far this year (9 months) has been reduced by \$94,963 and there is \$37,339 debt remaining. We have \$12,637 remaining in our mortgage "safety net" reserve. Freedom fund contributions so far this year total \$80,200.

Please note that on October 4 we made a council-authorized final payment on our loan. After this payment was made our Freedom Fund Non debt balance is \$62,997. Starting in October any Freedom Fund donations will go into this account and it will be renamed simply the Freedom Fund removing the word Nondebt from its title.

It's been a long journey to become a mortgage free church and congratulations to all who made this possible. It's a huge milestone reached.

10. The total year to date ordinary net income (income minus expenses) is

-\$21,006. This is within the \$8,104 the operating fund started the year with plus the capital improvement balance of \$17,009 totaling \$25,113. This is good news. We are living within our means.

It has been possible, though, because we have reduced our expenses in order to match reduced income received to date. Income is down \$45,210 to date compared to budget and expenses have been reduced by \$46,678 compared to budget. We were budgeted to be down \$22,474 at this point and we are down \$21,006 so we are doing better than we budgeted at this time. Again, though, this has only been possible because we have matched our reduced income by reducing our expenses by not being fully staffed nor able to fully implement our worship, learn, care and give ministries.

The church council continues to monitor our 2017 giving and expense budget and reporting the results to the congregation. We are very thankful for the response to date.

Our giving pattern has been that giving is higher in December, but, it would be helpful if our October and November giving covered the expenses in both of those months, as well. To do so we would need to receive "non ordinary" giving as we did in July and August in addition to "regular" giving. We ask for your prayerful consideration of any opportunities you may have to give in the remaining 3 months of the year to enable our church to more fully fulfill its/our mission to make Christ known as our year comes to an end.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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