

Diaconal Report 10/22/2015

Financial Summary	Sept	Jan-Sept
Revenue	\$46,898	\$429,185
Expected Revenue	48,833	439,500
Expenses	48,705	414,002
Budgeted Expenses	50,549	438,757

Our tithes & offerings are slightly less than we hoped for, but still more than for the same periods in 2014. Our expenses are less than we originally budgeted primarily due to changes in our personnel expenses. We are thankful for God's provision! Please pray for the Stewardship committee and Session as plans and projections are made for 2016.

Diaconal gifts & offerings	\$1,463	\$17,269
Diaconal disbursements	1,974	15,058

Building Fund balance \$2,620

The inside renovation of Covenant Hall is complete but there were outstanding invoices as of 9/30. When they are paid we will have dipped into our building reserve by over \$20,000. Also, we still have to repair some moisture problems under the building; that will cost over \$43,000. Contributions to the building fund are still needed and requested.

Have you considered how you can serve the body of Christ by being an usher and/or a nursery volunteer? Think how much it means to a visitor for someone to greet them and offer to guide them to the restrooms, nursery or even a seat in the sanctuary. Think what a positive impact it makes on a visitor (and members) to leave their young children with loving nursery staff. Think of the benefits you will receive from caring for covenant children and their parents. To volunteer, please contact one of the deacons about ushering or Candace Strickland about the nursery.

If you have not done so already, please review your info in the church database (tpcstatesboro571.churchofficechms.com). You can get contact information for your leaders and most attenders. If you are not in the database or have questions, please contact Chip Bray (csbray@bulloch.net). While you are at it, check out the church website at tpcstatesboro.com; you will find the church calendar, recorded sermons and more about the life of our church there.

The deacons encourage everyone to participate in Operation Christmas Child. Packing boxes are available for you to pick up in the "Cry Room" behind the sanctuary. Deadline in Nov. 15.

On a local level, don't forget about the food bank and thrift store at Christian Social Ministries. Please make giving food to the needy a regular reminder of just how abundantly God has provided for you.

A goal for the deacons for November is to provide names and needs of local indigent folks so that church members can provide some material assistance during the Christmas season. We trust that our physical gifts will encourage these people to consider the eternal spiritual gifts available to them through Christ.

We have heard concerns that we need more seating with our single morning worship service. We typically have just under 300 people; there are 440 chairs. What do we do?

You can encourage your fellow worshipers by choosing seats that are closer to the front of the sanctuary. Front seats are considered prime in any other venue.

It is also beneficial if you move to the middle of a row whenever possible.

Don't be afraid to sit next to others instead of leaving an empty seat. While you are at it, greet your brother/sister in Christ!

It should not have to be said, but please be on time. Remember why you are at church- to worship the holy God of the universe who loves you, a sinner, so much. Promptness is a way you can show the priority you give to worship.