

Diaconal Report 12/17/2015

Financial Summary	Nov	Jan-Nov
Revenue	\$49,562	\$518,726
Expected revenue	48,833	537,167
Expenses	42,304	510,812
Budgeted expenses	50,149	539,330

Diaconal gifts	\$3,130	\$22,234
Diaconal disbursements	1,132	
19,614		

Building Fund Balance \$-15,516

We show this as a negative number as there were some expenses in the renovation of Covenant Hall that were unexpected. We hold a building maintenance reserve; we have dipped into that reserve. We are waiting on the repairs needed in the crawl space under the buildings. As an appropriate remedy is determined and funds become available, we will finish the building construction projects begun a little over a year ago. We are hoping the pledges made that were to go through May 2016 will cover most of these expenses. Please pray that they do.

If you are looking to make some donations prior to the end of the year, please do not forget the needs of your church. Extra gifts to the building fund, diaconate, Trinity Christian School and the counseling ministry will all help advance the cause of Christ. (By

the way, to certify the donation for 2015 tax purposes, we must either physically receive the gift by 12/31/15 or it must be postmarked by 12/31/15.)

Christian Social Ministries continues to need your donations to assist needy people in our community in the name of Christ. Gently used clothing, especially men's clothing, has been requested. Non-perishable food (canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, rice, dry cereal, etc.) is given out regularly to hungry locals. Used household items are sold at the thrift store to buy additional food to give out; you can leave your food, clothing or household goods in the collection box outside the sanctuary.

End of year sales are a great time to buy items for next year's Operation Christmas Child. Simple toys, school supplies and basic clothing items can be sent overseas next year to again advance the cause of Christ. Our church sent out 91 packed boxes this year. Thank you to all who donated boxes, to our youth who packed boxes, and to those who gave money to cover shipping costs.

Your deacons have chosen three families to help significantly this Christmas season. We were late in getting the information together as to their specific needs; there is not time to send out a list of items for you to buy and wrap. (We promise to do better next year.) This year we are asking for donations to cover the costs of the gifts we will purchase for the family members. If God moves you to do so, simply mark your check "Christmas Mercy Gifts" on the FOR line and put it in the offering. We will be taking up an offering for Diaconal Ministries during the communion service this Sunday evening, 12/20.

MERRY CHRISTMAS