

Town Hall Meeting Notes

December 13th, 2017

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Part One: Financial Update

Financial Stewardship as Discipleship

As Jesus teaches us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Mt 6.21. How we use and steward our resources reveals what we love and value.

A Quick Look Back

We have sought to steward our funds to care for the things God has entrusted to us and to advance his Kingdom. Over the past year we have been able tend to some neglected parts of our campus (Resurfaced the Parking Lot & Steeple Restoration. We also invested in our community and internationally (Irma Shelter and Relief & \$20,000+ to Tugen Translation Project.)

Our Financial Picture

In our present financial position, our operating and ministry expenses exceed our unrestricted income by more than \$100,000. This has occurred for a couple of different reasons.

- 1) A planned budget deficit during Pastor Dave and Pastor Anthony's transition.
- 2) The typical summer slump was more significant than expected.
- 3) Hurricane Irma had the immediate impact of the loss of two Sunday's of giving and the lingering effect of a drop in giving as our community continues to recover.
- 4) We have observed giving skew from general donations towards the Generations project.
- 5) A change in the giving habits of our congregation where gifts are both fewer and smaller.

Impact on the Life of Our Church

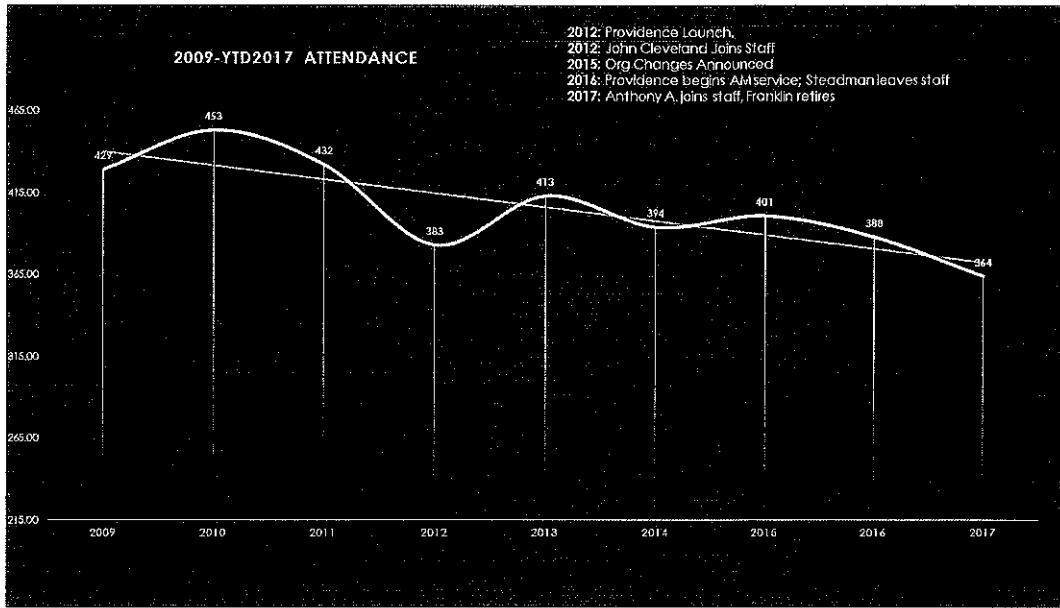
The budget deficit has clear implications on how we operate and do ministry.

- 1) We are unable to address the needs of our aging facilities. This is seen in the overdue restoration of the sides of our sanctuary, ceiling leaks in the corridors of the sanctuary, and the empty playground plot.
- 2) We are reassessing the Generations Project budget, goals, and timeline.
- 3) We are approaching our minimum reserve balance. If the reserve continues to fall, we will need to make immediate changes to our budget which will impact our missionary support, ministries, and staff.

What Are We Doing

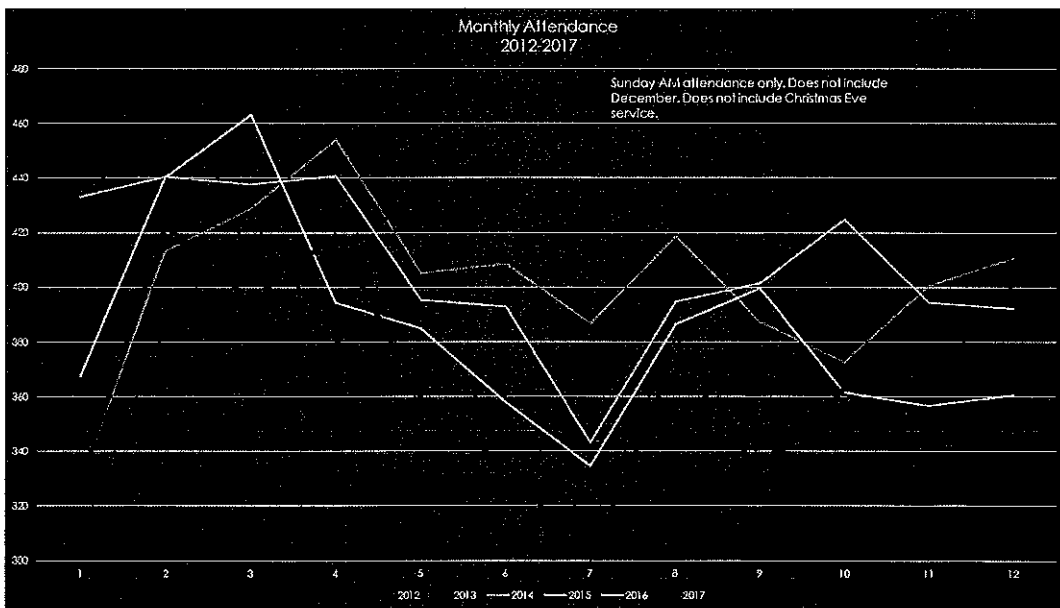
We are talking about it(!) and taking steps to improve our financial communication and transparency. We have slowed down spending across all ministries and programs. We have reduced the budget by 10% for 2018. We trust the Lord will provided for every work and ministry he calls us to walk in.

Part Two: Attendance and Kingdom Impact Update



Observations:

- General down-slope of the graph over nine years.
- Cultural changes in our nation and society
- Difficulty in reaching millennials and young families
- Sunday School (children and adults) attendance falling too (not shown in chart)



Notes:

- December not included in this year's average (typically large month).
- Summer 2017 Sabbatical likely hurt average.
- Oct. & Nov. beating three of last five years!

Bright Spots and Blessings:**1. Providence Church**

Now averaging 150-170

Considering second service

2. Escuela de la Biblia de Discipulos

Three of four weeks/month

Rev. Milton Villanueva

3. Homeless Ministry

10 regular volunteers: cook, distribute items, fellowship

20-60 meals (delivery and pickup)

4 showers

4. Future Leaders (Seminary Funding)

John Cleveland

Andrew Witherell

Chris Carpenter

5. Global Impact of Our Missionaries

- ANG (Crisis Pregnancy)
- Jericho Road (Homeless)
- Robert Hamd (Lebanon)
- Steve Woodworth (ITEN)
- David and Natalie Holsten (Indonesia; CEO of MAF)
- Steve Kelly (???)
- Dylan and Jessica Nugent (Kenya)
- Art and Ellen Sanborn (Thailand)
- Matthew Mpofu (Zimbabwe)

6. The Blessing of the Lord**Concluding Hope: The Sovereignty of God in His Church**

⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10).