

## Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

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### Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9 am – 12 noon  
Thursday – Day off

**Sunday School – 9:15am**  
**Morning Worship – 10:30am**

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe there is only one Almighty God eternally existent in three distinct, co-equal and co-eternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, without error & completely trustworthy.

We believe that all people have fallen into sin, have a sin nature & sin separates us from God.

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, that He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for sin & rose from the grave conquering sin & death.

We believe that through faith in Jesus alone, our sins are forgiven and we receive eternal life.

We believe it is our calling as Christ’s Church to share this good news and live holy lives.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling a Christian is enabled to live a godly life and empowered to go and share the good news

We believe in the sanctity of marriage and that God created one biological male and one biological female and blessed their union through marriage.

We believe in the sanctity of all human life from conception until death.

### CHURCH STATISTICS

Date	Online views	Attendance	Offering
2/4/2024	25	64	\$3,681.00
2/11/2024	25	59	\$1,467.00
2/18/2024	31	55	\$1,356.10
2/25/2024	18	58	\$2,665.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>\$9,169.60</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$ 2,292.40</b>
Amount needed each week to meet the budget			\$2,843.75
			\$ (551.35)

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Luanne Stevens
- 3—Lionel Berkebile
- 4—Thomas Wade
- 5—Mike Gnagey
- 9—Nick Rizzo
- 10—Shirley Karmendy, Roy Shaffer
- 15—Gloria Shaffer,
- 17—Patrick Hoffman
- 20—Charles Figard
- 21—Joyce Phillips, Missy Plows
- 24—Dolores Kish
- 25—Keith Coleman
- 26—Terry Phillips, Steve Karmendy
- 29—Cathi Lynn
- 30—Tim Warshel, Stacy Lehman



# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

<p><b>PRAYER CONCERNS</b></p> <p><b>SHORT TERM</b></p> <p>Paul Banjak          Barb – Sam Rizzo’s aunt          Connie Berkebile          Joe Canonni          Gary Caputo          Margie Deanor          Michelle Decker          Gayle Denk          Dick Feightner          Donna Grieg          Joan Hart          Tim Haupt          Donna Johnson          Wilma Johnson family          Sally Kohut family          Dave Mercik          Isaac Miller          Mac Newman          Carly Penrod          Jerry Richards          Jaime Riley family          Jack Rupert          Daunte Tysinger          Thomas Wade          Nancy Warshel          Brenda Weaver</p>	<p><b>LONG TERM:</b></p> <p>Jocelynn Berkebile          Pauline Blough          Ryan Creager          Wesley Donelson          Ashley Floyd – study abroad          Sarah Fuska          Donna Greig          Larry Hartman          Ann Hoffman          Tyler Kalp          Elizabeth Karalfa          AJ Kniss          Jean Krug          Ardyth Laney          Chester Mickey          Richard Manges          Mac Newman          Baby Noah          Judah Pope          Patsy Pudliner          Ansley Stigers          Larry Sullivan Jr.          Cherry Thomas          Timothy Wade          Julia Woodley</p> <p><b>MISSION WORK</b></p> <p>Ben &amp; Jessi Bock &amp; Family, Spain          Andrew Metcalfe,          Samaritan’s Purse</p>	<p><b>LONG TERM –CANCER:</b></p> <p>Terry Berkebile          Donna Custer          Dale          Teresa Freeboy          Jess Harclerode          Glenn Hundertmark          Jack          Jodi          John – Amy Berkey’s uncle          Joni          Jim Kormanik          Mike          Delene Pluta          Diane Podolak          Bev &amp; Tom Pomroy          Ryan Pritt          Lisa Shaffer          Debbie Shoemaker          Susan Simmonds          Pastor Val</p> <p><b>Ministry of the Month:</b>          Windber Ministerium</p> <p><b>College Student of the Month</b>          Joe Denk          510 Sugar Maple Drive          Windber PA 15963</p>
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**CBC Regional Church prayer partner**  
 Within the region, our prayer partner church is Center CBC which is near New Centerville, PA. Keep Pastor Homer Painter in your prayers as he leads their church family. Thanks!



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

“Shock and Awe” is a military strategy designed to use overwhelming force to quickly and decisively strike with power in order to paralyze the enemy’s perception of the battle and crush their will to fight back. It is a precise attack meant to quite literally shock and awe your enemy into submission. Such strategy has been often employed throughout history as a way to exert one nation’s power and dominance over another.

But as we once again turn our hearts toward the events of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter, we encounter an entirely other use of power which is far more shocking and awesome! In John 13:1-5, it says: *13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God;<sup>4</sup> so He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist.<sup>5</sup> After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.*

All things were under Jesus’ power! He possessed the power to do whatever He wanted! What would you do if you had that kind of power?

What did Jesus do? He loved His disciples unashamedly to the end! He stripped off His robe and laid aside the symbol of His honor as their Lord and Teacher! He picked up a towel and did the work of a slave as He washed their feet! Truly this is shock and awe! To dig deeper, He even washed His betrayer’s feet! In this moment, when His hour had come, Jesus used the fullness of His power to serve and love others! This is why He came. In Mark 10:45, Jesus says, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.” He used all His power to serve and die on the cross to wash away our sins in His blood. Have you received Christ’s sacrifice by faith and been washed by Him? If so, know that in Christ you have been set free to serve in His name and are clothed in His power to serve.

In John 13:12, after Jesus has finished washing their feet and sits back down at the table, He asks, “Do you know what I have done to you?” What a penetrating question! Ask yourself this: do you know what Jesus, your Teacher and Lord, has done for you?? I think I can say yes and no. I know He has washed me, saved me, changed my heart and empowered me for service, but I have much to learn in how to follow Him, serve Him and live in His power! I don’t know Him as I ought too! Lord, keep changing my heart to serve others as you have served me!

In closing, a couple of things to consider: (1) *No one is above service* – Jesus said, “If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” (2) *No one is beyond service* – Remember, Jesus washed Judas’ feet! (3) To serve is to embrace personal inconvenience in order to use power for God’s glory and to serve in His name.

The shock and awe of being washed in Christ is that service itself is transformed in our hearts. In Christ, service is no longer inconvenience but love, no longer beneath me but the highest calling and no longer unpleasant work, but holy worship for God’s glory! Do you know what Christ has done for you? How can you embrace Him and walk in His power to serve this month?

I hope you can join us this month as we together worship and serve our Servant King!

In Christ’s love, Pastor Mark

### **Upcoming Sermons:**

Series: "Great Expectations"

3/3 -- "Scarcity or Abundance?" 8th & 9th Commandments

3/10 -- "Not just the outside of the dish" 10th Commandment

3/17 -- Children's Program -- "My Savior Lives"

3/24 -- Palm Sunday -- "The King is coming!"

3/31 -- Easter -- "No more dead ends!"

### **Ministry to Single Parents**

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good." – Psalm 34:8*

The challenges of raising kids today are immense and are even more challenging for single parents. We are beginning a new ministry to come alongside and be a measure of grace to single parents and caregivers of children. The purpose of the ministry is to show the love of Christ by supplying a prepared meal for single adult families raising children and to build relationships in our church family.

Here is how it works: Anyone willing in the church is invited to prepare a meal that can be frozen and put into the freezer located in the classroom next to the downstairs men's restroom. From there, a meal could be picked up from the freezer by a single parent family after morning worship or taken by a church member to a family that is in this situation as an outreach from our church. If you would like to participate in this ministry, there is more information in the lobby or you can contact Dave & JoAn Oatman at (814) 421-3436.

### **Windber Food Pantry Donations**

Through the month of March, the Witness Commission will be collecting juice and 16 oz peanut butter for the Windber Food Pantry. A donation bin has been placed outside the church office for your convenience. Your contribution is appreciated and will make a difference. Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back to the community.

### **Covenant Brethren Church Annual Meeting**

The CBC 2024 Annual Meeting & Worship Conference will be from July 18-20 at the Chiques Church in Manheim, PA. Pastor Mark will be attending and we need two more to attend as delegates. Travel and hotel expenses are covered by our church. The meeting and conference is a great time of discovering what God is doing within our denomination and an enriching time of fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in representing our church family at the meeting, reach out to Pastor Mark. Thanks!

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Ashley Floyd

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### **ACTS 29**

This month, we will be meeting here at the church on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the following Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Rummel Church from 6:00-8:00pm. Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> we will serve at the Broken Dinner (Downtown Central Park Church) starting at 5:30pm. Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> we will have Glow Games at Rummel Church; wear white or other black light clothes. Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> there will be NO YOUTH GROUP. Enjoy Easter! We are looking forward to seeing you this month! Any youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

### **Thursday Night Fellowship & Bible Study**

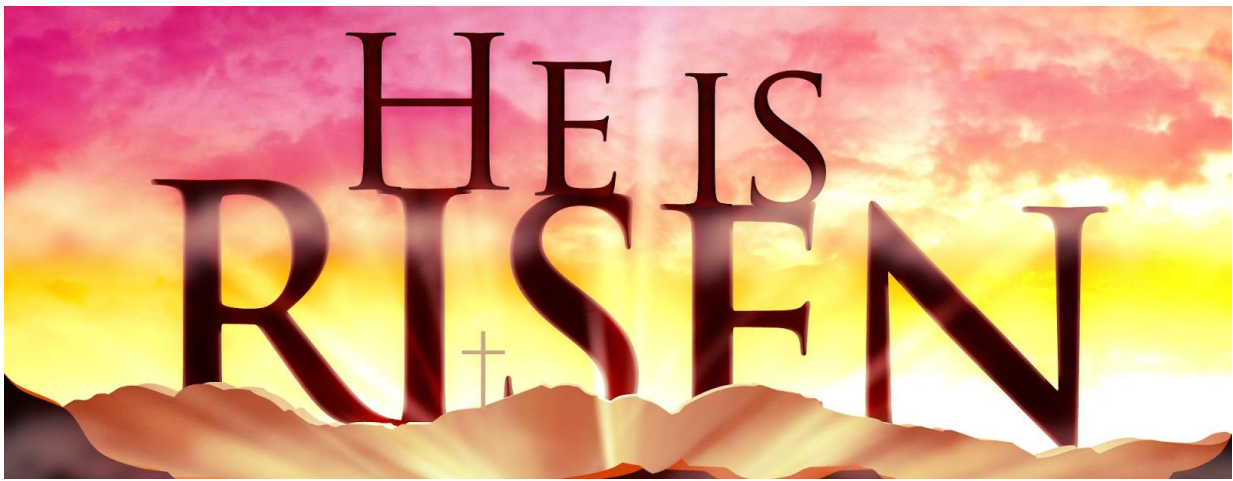
We will have bible study @ 6:00 on every Thursday this month except Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have our meals at 5:00 on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be studying the book of Job in Bible Study. All are welcome to join us to be fed physically and spiritually!

### **Bella Gift Cards**

Available to purchase as a fundraiser for the United Churches of the Windber Area. They support projects such as a scholarship for a deserving senior from one of our participating churches, and the Windber Area School's baccalaureate service. Please contact Mary Lou Berkebile (814-467-5206), Carol Caputo (814-467-9048) or Pastor Mark Murchie (814-467-8460) to purchase a gift card.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for all those that came to the church to help paint the classroom. Your servant heart is greatly appreciated!



**Community Lenten Services**

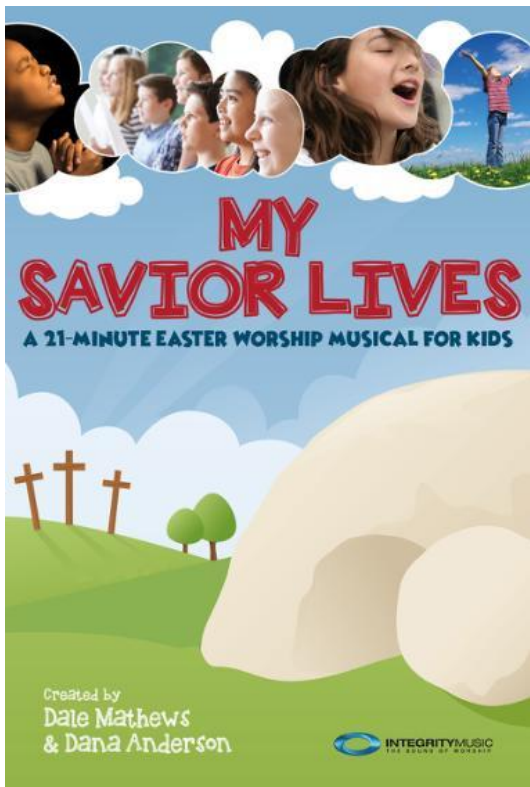
March 06 - SS Peter & Paul - "The Prayers", Pastor Erica Wellner

March 13 - Windber CBC - "The Presentations", Pastor David Mohr

March 20 - Rummel COB - "The Paradox", Pastor Abby Shaffer

**Children's Easter Program – Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

The children have been practicing and preparing to lead us in worship on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be sharing their program, *My Savior Lives*. We hope you can be here to join with them in worshipping our Risen Lord!



**EASTER FLOWERS**

Anyone wishing to purchase flowers for the Altar for Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, please fill out the form below and return by **March 11th**

**The cost is \$11.75 each**

Please return the form along with payment to the Church office, place it in the offering plate or give to Chuck.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

OR

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NO. OF LILIES (5 bloom) \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.<sup>75</sup>

NO. OF TULIPS (6 bloom) \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.<sup>75</sup>

NO. OF HYACINTHS (3 bloom) \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.<sup>50</sup>

NO. Of AZALEAS (6" potted) \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.<sup>75</sup>

NO. Of **miniature ROSES** (6" potted) \_\_\_\_\_ \$11.<sup>75</sup>

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to  
Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS:**

**MARCH 11th**  
**THANK YOU**

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

## Palm Sunday Worship

Join us for worship on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> as we sing Hosannas and worship our King. The children will carry the palms forward during the service to lay them on the altar before the Lord. Pastor Mark's message is titled: "The King is Coming!" Let us come and worship Him!

## Love Feast -- Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

The deacons are excited to invite you to Love Feast & Communion on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we pause, remember and worship our Lord & Teacher who washed us clean setting us free from sin to serve one another by His power in us. All are encouraged to come and participate or to observe the service. The nursery is available for those with young children. Please plan to join us!

## Cross Walk, Good Friday, April 7th

The Windber Community Cross Walk is on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:30, starting and ending at Windber Calvary UMC. We will be carrying the cross through town and stopping at different places in the community to read scripture and pray for our town. Please join us as we remember our Lord and witness to His sacrifice for us!



## EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION – March 31<sup>st</sup>

### Easter Egg Hunt – 9:15

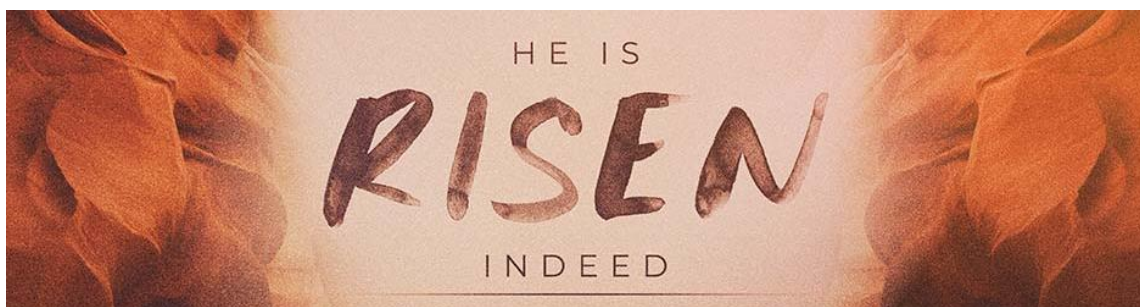
An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for our children for Easter Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School Hour. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs. **We do NOT need plastic eggs.** You can place your donations of candy in the Easter bag outside the church office. The Nurture Commission thanks you for your support of our ongoing ministries.



# Easter Egg Hunt

## Easter Celebration – 10:30

Come join us Easter Sunday @ 10:30 as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!! Pastor Mark's message will be: "NO MORE DEAD ENDS!" We look forward to seeing you there! Because He lives, by faith we live! Rejoice! Christ is Risen!!





- **GAMES**
- **PIZZA**
- **MOVIE**
- **CRAFT**
- **MUSIC**
- **& MORE**

*Saturday, March 23rd*

*11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Parents, drop your kids off in the fellowship hall for the entire time or part of the time. Take this opportunity to run errands, have a “date” night, or just sit and relax knowing that your kids are having a great time with their friends.

**Please sign up beginning March 3rd**

and let us know if your child(ren) will be attending for the entire time or a portion of the time. We have so many FUN things planned.

**KIDS BRING A FRIEND!**

**Sponsored by the Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church Nurture Commission.**

# CHURCH BOARD

February 19, 2024

The Church Board met at 8:00 p.m. on February 19, 2024. The following members were present: Zach Denk, Wanda Custer, Mary Lou Berkebile, Audrey Coleman, Carol Caputo, Dave Oatman, Joe Denk, Kevin Kiser, Lionel Berkebile, Denny Hoffman and Pastor Mark.

Absent: Norma Creager

Zach Denk called the meeting to order and Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

Minutes from the January 15, 2024 were approved with the correction to Nurture #5 – the amount should read \$1,500.00.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Received the January Summary Report by Month and the 2024 Budget Report to date.

**NURTURE COMMISSION:** Norma Creager

1. The Nurture Commission met on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for their regular meeting.
2. Worked on more details and a schedule of food and fun for the Kids Fun Day to be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 to 4:00. Children ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be invited to attend. There will be an insert in the March bulletins with more information and will have a sign up sheet starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. Working on gathering and updating clearances for those working with the children.
4. Beginning Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> there will be some changes to the Christian Education Program:
  - The children's Sunday School class will be split. The 3, 4 and 5 year olds will meet in the current Children's Church room by the nursery. Ashley Murchie will be the teacher.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the former Truthseekers room on the second level and will continue with a rotation of teachers.
  - The adult Sunday School class that meets in the fellowship hall will move to a classroom on the second level as well as the new Children's Church room will be on the second level.
  - Postcards will be sent out mid-March inviting families to join in attending at 9:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.
  - We are excited about these updates and changes and ask everyone to pray for the growth of our Christian Education program.
5. Palms will be ordered and we will be asking volunteers to help organize the children's Palm Sunday processional and the kids Easter Egg Hunt.
6. Please remember to send cards and/or pray for our college student of the month, Eryn Marsh.
7. **THANK YOU** to Mary Lou Berkebile and Emily Hoffman for preparing Valentine cards for the children to sign that were delivered to Windber Woods.





7 Bible Studies (taught or attended)  
4 Taught Sunday School  
1 Communion  
3 Church related meetings  
1 CBC Region Three Board Meeting  
2 Meeting with Dan  
4 FCA  
2 Thursday Night Fellowship  
1 Ministerium meeting  
4 Youth Group  
1 Children's Program Practice  
1 Men's Breakfast  
Numerous calls, text messages and emails

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the reports.

Viewed a RightNowMedia video Lead Like A Shepherd by Larry Osborne – Session 5: “Spiritual Leadership “.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Keep the Keystone Family Alliance Ministry in mind for the future. The Wednesday evening Community Lenten Service offerings are going to this ministry.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Rummel & Scalp youth groups have officially combined. Dan Rupert will lead the group. Rummel church will make a monthly donation to total \$10,000.00 for the year. \$9,000.00 is allocated to Dan's salary and \$1,000.00 to programming such as activity fees, snacks, etc. Our church will contribute \$11,000.00 to salary to enable a raise for Dan and \$1,000.00 to programming. There are approximately 15 regular youth that attend on Sundays. The number increases dramatically when a special activity is planned.
2. Gayle Denk has agreed to be the Financial Secretary and has begun those duties. **THANK YOU** to Cherry Thomas who served faithfully in this position for many years.
3. The Backpack Project through the Windber Food Pantry is going really well and those involved are very pleased with the storage space that our church provides. **THANK YOU** to Unk & Gayle Donelson for coordinating this project.

**NEXT MEETING** will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Closing prayer by Denny Hoffman.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Deanna Hoffman, Church Clerk

02/02/24

**Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church**  
**Summary Report by Month**  
**January 2024**

	Jan 24
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Deposit</b>	
Envelopes	8,316.00
Interest	1.56
<b>Misc.</b>	
Initial Offerin	262.00
<b>Total Misc.</b>	<b>262.00</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>137.25</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>8,716.81</b>
<b>Transfer</b>	
Deacon Fund	250.00
<b>Total Transfer</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,966.81</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>100 Outreach</b>	
105 UNITED CHURCHES	250.00
106 SCALP LEVEL FIRE CO.	300.00
115J COMPASSION HOUSE	220.00
<b>Total 100 Outreach</b>	<b>770.00</b>
<b>200 Executive</b>	
201A SALARY	3,333.34
201B RETIREMENT HOUSING	480.00
201C PENSION	1,232.00
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	26.13
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	200.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	924.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	462.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	899.60
210 YOUTH DIRECTOR/YOUTH MSTY	1,416.66
213 PAYROLL PREPARATION	324.00
<b>Total 200 Executive</b>	<b>9,297.73</b>
<b>300 Nurture</b>	
308 SPECIAL OCCASIONS GIFTS	31.97
<b>Total 300 Nurture</b>	<b>31.97</b>
<b>400 Witness</b>	
403PT MISC	250.00
<b>Total 400 Witness</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>500 Stewards</b>	
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	761.74
503 INSURANCE	2,254.25
505 FUEL OIL	1,328.00
506 ELECTRICITY	333.51
507 TELEPHONE	228.85
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	272.75
<b>Total 500 Stewards</b>	<b>5,179.10</b>
<b>600 Deacon Bd</b>	

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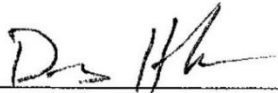
	Jan 24
602pt	250.00
Total 600 Deacon Bd	250.00
Total Expense	15,778.80
Net Income	-6,811.99

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BALANCE 31,885.57

SAVING ACCOUNTS

Deacon Fund	4,084.79
General Fund MM	31,607.93
Memorial Fund MM	15,163.19
Model Wealth Portfolios	34,486.88
Raymond James	17,449.92
Maintenance Fund	16,715.68
Jim & Denise Hayes Youth Fund	13,706.86

  
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Dennis Hoffinan, Treasurer