

Diaconal Report 1-25-15

Financial Summary	Jan	2014
Revenue	\$88,640	\$597,961
Expected Revenue	49,411	584,679
Expenses	50,867	583,790
Budgeted Expenses	48,286	584,679

Wow! God has blessed us beyond what we asked and expected yet again. We have another proof that God answers prayer. God used the entire church to make this happen; this was not just a few huge gifts. We were able to catch up on all of the support and gifts we had intended to provide to other ministries and still have a surplus. We have set the 2015 budget at very close to the same levels as 2014. This is intended to be faith in God's promise to provide for His Kingdom, not presumption that God will bail us out no matter what we spend. We still plan to reduce waste, especially in the areas of printing and utilities.

Please join us in praising God for His generosity and in asking for His wisdom to be good stewards.

Diaconal support & gifts	\$1,407	\$23,019
Diaconal disbursements	1,374	19,446

Thank you for your continued support of our local mercy ministries.

Building Fund gifts	\$ 63,084
Building Fund balance	528,770

God did not stop with the surprising gifts to the general fund; He caused an anonymous donor to provide an extra \$50,000 for our expansion and renovation efforts! Assuming that the pledges made last year continue to come in, we will have enough money to start on Covenant Hall repairs as well as maintain a healthy maintenance reserve.

Don't forget to put your spare change in the Choices of the Heart baby bottles. Cash and checks fit, too. You can return your gift to the church, and we will get it back to COTH.

Are you a Notary Public? Please let one of the deacons know. Sometimes we need a quick call option to document a decision to give a child to adoptive parents.

Likewise, Covenant Care Services is in need of short term foster parents to care for newborns for the ten day waiting period required prior to an adoption being finalized after the birth. If you are willing and able to provide this needed service, please let your deacon know.

You can support our local homeless shelter and help your physical health as well. On Feb. 21 the Open Hearts Community Mission will sponsor the Chocolate Run, a 5K event, at GSU RAC Pavilion. You can learn more and register at info@thesweetestrace.com; OHCM hopes to raise at least \$25,000 at this event to aid in the construction of the building needed for this ministry. Groundbreaking is slated for 2/20.