



Stewardship Sunday - April 18, 2021
Financial Update

Dear Friends,

An important part of “being the church” is our stewardship of gifts and resources. This isn’t just a matter of dollars and cents, but also a prayerful and inspired approach towards giving. In other words, we believe that giving is borne of the Spirit. As we live through our faith, we should feel led by the Spirit to give cheerfully, not reluctantly, and not because we think we are under orders to do so.

Considering all of this, I am happy to report that we have seen a gradual increase in regular giving over the last several months. In order to fulfill our annual budget, we need to receive \$9200 in weekly giving. In November, I reported that our average weekly giving was only \$7700. That average has increased to \$8900 for the fiscal year so far, and over the last 10 weeks to \$9500.

Additionally, expenses are well under budget. Although we are still behind on our total annual giving, we are ahead when it comes to the bottom line. Here are the Fiscal Year¹-To-Date specifics, based on general offerings and expenses, as of March 31, 2021:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Offerings	\$291,962	\$275,466	(\$16,496)
Expenses	\$282,268	\$240,023	(\$42,245)
Net Op Revenue			\$25,749

We also have kept our Operating Fund healthy and our Emergency Reserve intact, and a healthy balance in our Macedonian (Benevolence) Fund:

Operating Fund	\$38,100
Emergency Reserve	\$28,195
Macedonian Fund	\$6,852

Thank you for your continued and regular giving, support, and engagement at Valley Christian Church. As we look forward to the return of in-person worship, activities, and a healthy world around us, I pray for the Spirit’s continued movement in our hearts.

In Him, as brother and servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Pierson".

Kris Pierson, Chairman
Board of Elders

¹ VCC’s Fiscal Year is September through August.