

Dear Family:

We have begun a new year, 2022 is here! Attached to this letter is a financial reckoning of 2021. We thank you for all your investment in the Kingdom for 2021. It was the second year that our country and our world has had to deal with COVID-19. This has brought many challenges. We have been tested in so many ways:

- 1) Our faith has been tested
- 2) Fear has been used against us as a weapon
- 3) Some of our governmental leaders have used all these issues for political purposes
- 4) Many people in authority just don't seem to know what to do
- 5) Many people have been sick with COVID-19

In the middle of all this, the church of Jesus all over the world has continued to expand and reach many people. The Sycamore Church continues on the path of God's own choosing. In the middle of covid19, the Lord blessed us. He gave us a 7200 square foot building and He sold our property on 52nd Street at full price. The new building is getting close to being ready. It looks fabulous. The Lord has granted us great favor with Chatham County. We were able to alter our site plan so we could park on the grass. This will save us a lot of money. We added a room to the office space and opened it up substantially to use as a meeting place. We installed a video and sound system in the whole office building. It has allowed us to use it for worship services each Sunday.

We have done some large outreach events. Our Free Yard Sale allowed us to meet many people. Nourish sponsored our Trunk or Treat event and this yielded many contacts. We had more people at the Live Nativity this year than ever before. The outdoor Candles and Carols service was fantastic. Our annual beach baptism was a great



witness to so many at Tybee. And we hope to have Camp in June. It's been three years since we had Camp. We have planted a church in Nigeria. We have helped to plant another church in Nigeria. We have begun work on planting a third church in Nigeria. These are all things that have happened because of the faithfulness of the Sycamore Church.

What if there were no Sycamore Church? Perish the thought! The Lord is using this body for His purposes. Our financial obedience to Him is a part of our discipleship. The price of everything has gone up – and not just a little. God has blessed us in many ways. Some of you who are reading this have been the backbone of our financial strength. We thank the Lord for you. May your tribe increase. Some of you have not experienced the joy of giving a tithe (one tenth) of your income. Why not try Him out this year? We need you. There are times in the past that it has not been easy. We are calling on you today to consider what God would have you do with the stewardship of your life: your money, your spiritual gifts, your talents, your time, your influence and your possessions. None of these really belong to us. They have been put in our hands by God as a gift, as a test of faithfulness and as means of His Kingdom purposes on this earth.

As the Lord said to Moses “What's that in hand? Throw it down!”

Until Jesus Comes,
Your Pastors



		Jan - Dec 21	Budget
100-Contributions	The Sycamore Church	\$292,622.97	\$286,400.00
	Total Income	\$292,622.97	\$286,400.00
200-Admin	Administrator Salary	\$12,924.00	\$12,600.00
	Pastor Benefits	\$17,913.01	\$20,000.00
	Pastor Expenses	\$42,265.00	\$33,200.00
	Pastor Salary and Housing	\$156,864.00	\$150,300.00
	Payroll Expense	\$988.69	\$1,000.00
	Total 200-Administration	\$230,954.70	\$217,100.00
300-Equipment	Maintenance	\$378.37	\$1,200.00
	New Purchase	\$3,950.67	\$3,600.00
	Software	\$1,696.86	\$240.00
	Total 300-Equipment	\$6,025.90	\$5,040.00
400-Missions	Benevolence	\$2,158.63	\$300.00
	Events	\$5,619.46	\$2,400.00
	Summer Camp	\$227.00	\$10,000.00
	Baseball Camp	\$5,395.01	\$5,000.00
	Youth	\$100.00	\$300.00
	Treehouse Afterschool Club	\$0.00	\$240.00
	Foreign and Extended Missions	\$7,800.00	\$6,000.00
	Your Next Step Ministries	\$4,540.76	\$4,200.00
	Fellowship of Christian Athlete	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
	Barnabas Center	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Savannah Baptist Association	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Georgia Baptist Convention	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Total 400-Missions	\$28,840.86	\$31,440.00
500-Operations	The Hub - Office	\$3,445.09	\$6,000.00
	Advertising	\$1,502.62	\$240.00
	Cell Phone	\$3,239.21	\$3,000.00
	Insurance	\$4,988.84	\$5,400.00
	Kitchen Expense	\$296.30	\$600.00
	Maintenance	\$6,583.65	\$4,200.00
	Purchases	\$3,420.48	\$360.00
	Service Charges and Fees	\$7,214.12	\$6,000.00
	Supplies	\$390.95	\$240.00
	Utilities	\$6,542.19	\$4,700.00
	Web site	\$618.59	\$600.00
	Total 500-Operations	\$38,242.04	\$31,340.00
600-Training	General Literature	\$110.16	\$180.00
	Music	\$1,056.60	\$1,300.00
	Total 600-Training	\$1,166.76	\$1,480.00
	Total Expense	\$305,230.26	\$286,400.00

*In 2021, we additionally spent \$329,501.51 on the renovation of The Hub - Worship Center.