

Leadership Board Minutes  
December 9, 2025

Present: Bill McKellar, Harry Solomon, Stacy Wells, Preston DeLaune (treasurer)

Guests: Sarah McCurley (taking minutes), Joe Fowler, Debbie Fowler

The meeting was called to order by Bill McKellar at 6:00 PM. It was noted that Donnie will lead the devotional at the January meeting.

Preston presented the financial report, noting that the operating account currently holds approximately \$48,000. The proceeds from the parsonage sale are reflected in the designated funds for the time being, until a decision is made regarding their use. Total cash on hand is approximately \$604,000. The endowment figure on the balance sheet still requires correction, and the renovation loan continues to be paid from the endowment account. Harry shared a positive note regarding the young couple who purchased the parsonage. For the month, income exceeded the budget by \$9,000, bringing year-to-date giving to approximately \$620,000 toward the \$700,000 annual goal. Office supply expenses were higher than usual due to the QuickBooks renewal, and insurance costs again exceeded expectations, though there is hope for savings in the coming year. Net income for the month was \$1,324.48. While the year-to-date deficit remains at approximately \$118,000, the year was budgeted for a \$100,000 deficit. November showed improvement over the same month last year, and there is optimism for a strong finish in December.

Donnie asked Bill to highlight the church's participation in the Christmas Around the World event at Barksdale Air Force Base, where more than 200 dozen cookies were prepared and packaged for distribution.

Bill shared that the board would not spend extensive time discussing the budget during this meeting. Pledges received to date total approximately \$650,000, and the final pledge amount at the end of December will serve as the basis for next year's budget. He also reviewed the Light the Day campaign, which invites members to sponsor a day of church operations at \$500 per day. In addition, the church received over \$12,000 in contributions on Giving Tuesday.

Bill reported that Donnie has communicated to the conference his desire to remain at his current appointment. In his report, Donnie emphasized that the church is in a unique physical and ministry position, with significant opportunities ahead, particularly through partnerships with Barksdale Air Force Base, Rusheon Middle School, and Helping Hands.

Bill also shared portions of Donnie's self-evaluation, in which Donnie identified preaching as his strongest area and administration as an area of lower confidence. Donnie concluded his report by

responding to the question regarding God's vision for the church over the next two to four years, again pointing to the many opportunities to serve and engage the surrounding neighborhood.

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM, after which the board entered the SPR portion of the meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 PM.

Donnie concludes the meeting in prayer at 7:19pm.