

December 3, 2020

Dear West Side Baptist Congregation:

I'm sorry we can't hold our annual Christmas breakfast and meeting this Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. I would have enjoyed eating the breakfast casseroles and having lovely conversations. This is our meeting when we discuss our church budget for the following year. With no breakfast, we'll do the next best thing and give you a preview of the budget and answer any questions you might have.

After Sunday's service our moderator Pat Carpenter plans on calling together our congregation for a business meeting. Those in church will be asked to stay and those who watch the service on Facebook will be able to stay online to hear the discussion. Please feel free to make comments on Facebook.

The budget format is the same as always. You will see the program area along with what was budgeted in 2020 and what the church council proposes for 2021. There are some notes in the right column for a few of the line items.

As you review the budget there are several highlights that I wish to explain.

1. The 2021 budget recommendations are either increased or decreased due to our experience this year. We know that our attendance has been impacted by COVID and it has had some impact on our income and expenses.
2. We recommend several expense items (#7110, 7730, 8150, 8530 and 8531) to be spent from Memorial, Paslay Education or Capital Campaign funds. This corresponds with #4135 in income.
3. No staff salary increase is included.
4. At the very end of the budget you will see a red number - \$18,090. We do not have a balanced budget. This is the amount of expense proposed more than income planned. We may receive more income or have less expenses but if we over-spend, then that amount will need to come from our investments. Line #9000 is the amount we are budgeting to use from investments which is the projected interest earned (\$12,000) in 2020.

As you review the budget, please feel free to give me a call if you have questions. My number is: (785) 554-3251.

We are a generous church. I know with our prayers and faithful giving we will have an incredible 2021!

Nancy Lindberg  
Church Treasurer