



# First Baptist Church

November 8, 2023

Dear Church Family,

As we enter the holiday season, I want to share a financial update with you. After 10 months of giving and expenses, we only have a deficit of \$21,000, which is much better than planned in our annual budget. We are \$141,000 below our target for contributions, but we fully expect to overcome this minor deficit and finish the year in a strong financial position. The last quarter of the year generally has the highest expenses, so all of us will need to be faithful to reach our 2023 goals. Please prayerfully consider how you can help as you plan your November and December giving.

Through your incredible generosity, lives continue to be changed through the power of the Gospel working through the ministries and members of First Baptist Church. This year we invested in a new Chinese church, other church plants/replants in Columbia, and missions endeavors around the world. We made several facilities and technology improvements at the church. Young adults in our college and young professional ministry are considering what it means to truly follow Jesus for the first time. Young couples are connecting with the church as they begin their marriages through our Prepare and Enrich and young married adult classes. Children are learning how to follow Jesus, students are being challenged to live on mission, men are being equipped to be spiritual leaders, women are being established in the Word of God, and people from every tongue and tribe are being reached through our international ministry. God is using First Baptist to advance His Kingdom.

I am so thankful for the Lord's provision and for your faithfulness in financial giving. As we move into the beauty of the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, let's celebrate all the Lord is doing and be even more committed to Gospel advance. If you have any questions about contributions, please contact Gloria Duncan at 803-343-8582 or Rhonda Jackson at 803-343-8563.

God Bless,

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Senior Pastor