

April 22, 2010

Dear Church Family:

To keep you fully informed regarding finances at First Baptist, it is a pleasure to address you via this inaugural "chairman's letter" covering the first calendar quarter of 2010. My initial comments relate to the accompanying "Summary Operating Statement" which depicts the comparative results for the first quarter in a summarized fashion.

Receipts for the first quarter of 2010 were \$1,337,723, 11% below budget and 9% below the same quarter last year. With total expenses for the quarter approximately 7% under budget, we closed the period with year-to-date expenses exceeding receipts by \$168,461. Since our budget anticipated a deficit of \$123,728 for the period, we ended the first three months of 2010 approximately \$45,000 worse (in terms of expenses exceeding receipts) than anticipated in the budget.

It is typically a challenge to gauge spending patterns early in the year because the timing of mission and ministry expenditures is difficult to anticipate and budget, and because there are often a number of significant expenditures for deposits or supplies which will be used later or throughout the year. With that said, however, it appears that first quarter spending has remained conservative, with no notable unfavorable trends compared to budget. You will note that the "debt retirement" line item reflects increased expense compared to the prior year, as we have begun scheduled principal reduction on the children's building expansion note as discussed during budget information meetings.

I will admit up front that I am no Warren Buffett, but permit me to close with some "color commentary" reflecting my personal observations and opinions (and not necessarily those of the staff or others). While we are behind where we would like to be at this point of the year, we are clearly in a position to be able to recover if we remain faithful and disciplined in our budget giving, particularly as summer approaches. Although the staff will continue to be prudent with their spending, I pray that our continued diligence to support the budget will allow our ministers to exercise full faith in God's provision (and in our faithfulness) as they seek to maximize the ministry visions and opportunities represented in the 2010 budget.

Finally, I want to encourage you to eagerly (not a misprint) anticipate the upcoming opportunities to support the Unified Mission Offering and fund our remodel effort. Sometimes it seems that we become so accustomed to God's blessings that we fail to fully recognize and appropriately respond to them. Although I am not completely there yet, I have resolved to consider my personal financial stewardship not as something I *have* to do, but as something that I *get* to do.

What a great God we serve! I love serving with you....

Jim Brown  
2010 Finance Committee Chair

First Baptist Church - McKinney  
Summary Operating Statement

	Quarter ended March 31		
	2010		2009
	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS	<b>\$1,337,723</b>	\$1,490,000	\$1,460,771
EXPENSES			
Missional Life	<b>108,465</b>	145,625	139,336
Ministries	<b>190,988</b>	232,995	143,625
Discipleship	<b>11,453</b>	10,250	6,582
Youth	<b>19,844</b>	20,360	16,190
Children	<b>23,386</b>	33,700	20,006
Worship and arts	<b>49,309</b>	66,177	31,962
Communications	<b>58,313</b>	56,950	51,023
Other ministries	<b>28,683</b>	45,559	17,862
Administration and support	<b>1,056,306</b>	1,084,658	1,054,900
Facilities	<b>101,152</b>	106,250	79,285
Computers	<b>35,771</b>	37,800	23,929
Utilities	<b>74,543</b>	68,300	66,740
Salaries and benefits	<b>834,488</b>	859,198	880,554
Other administration	<b>10,352</b>	13,110	4,393
Debt retirement	<b>150,425</b>	150,450	138,300
Total expenses	<b>1,506,184</b>	1,613,728	1,476,161
NET OPERATING TOTAL	<b>(\$168,461)</b>	(\$123,728)	(\$15,390)
Avg. Attendance:			
Worship	2195		2409
BFG	1958		2040