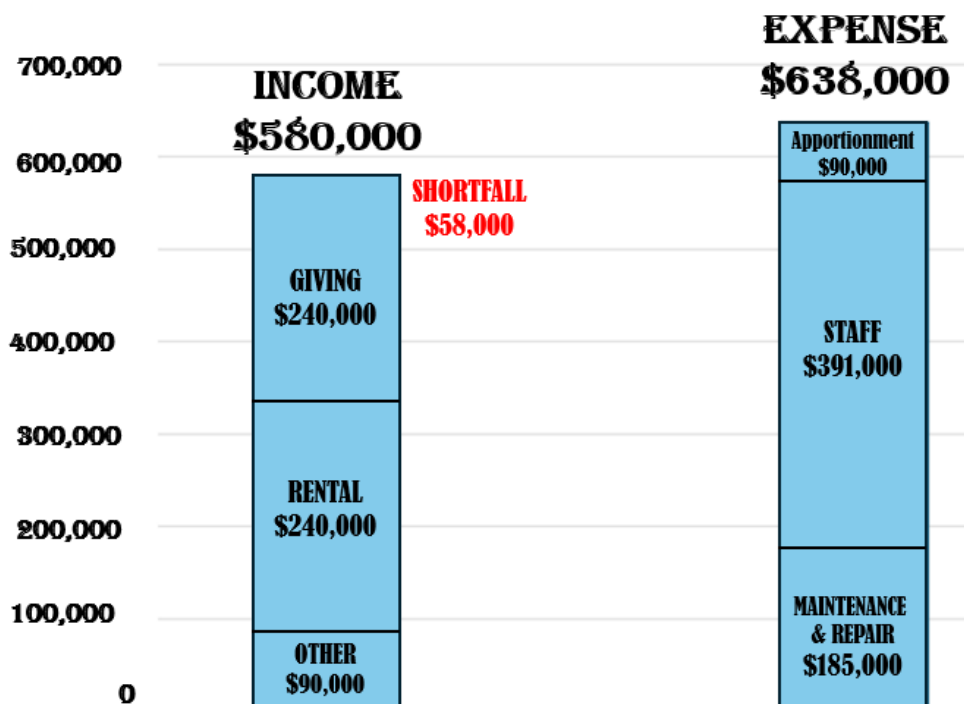


My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is once again time for the Church to begin developing our budget for next year. Below, you will see a chart that shows the Finance Committee's first estimate of the Church's income and expenses for next year. As you can see, in this initial estimate, we are projecting a potential deficit of nearly **\$60,000**. This may seem excessive, but it is similar to our beginning positions in previous years. With your help, I am confident that we will be able to close this gap.

Included in this message are Pledge Cards for 2025 and I would ask you to prayerfully consider your next year's giving in order to support the program and needs of our Church. Together, we can close this projected gap in our budget and bring about another strong year of spiritual growth.

2025 Estimated Income and Expenses



There is another financial issue I need to bring before you. As seen in the next chart, the Trustees have identified several potential very large ticket items that are not included in the initial budget estimate. These are potential issues that, if they arise, will require rapid action by the Trustees. At this time, we do not have the cash reserves necessary to fund any of these items.

If the air conditioning here in the Sanctuary or one of the water lines supplying the Church fail, we will need to quickly obtain the necessary funding for these repairs through a special finance campaign during the year. While no action is required at this time, I wanted to make you aware of the potential issues and to again ask you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to support the Church in one, or more, of these major fund-raising events.

Trustee's Major Needs

• Air conditioning	\$140,000 - \$220,000
• Parking Lot	\$80,000 – \$150,000
• Water Lines	\$20,000 – \$40,000
• Kitchen	\$15,000 - \$25,000

If you have any questions about what I have presented today, please feel free to contact me. The future of our Church rests with all of us.

Jim Spangler
Chairman, GGUMC Finance Committee