



# Faith & Finance: FIRST Quarter 2025

2025 FIRST QUARTER INCOME STATEMENT		
	APPROVED BUDGET THROUGH MARCH	ACTUAL THROUGH MARCH
<b>INCOME</b>		
Giving	\$125,500	\$127,496
Rent	\$28,689	\$29,555
Other Income	\$2,875	\$2,311
	<b>\$156,564</b>	<b>\$159,362</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries/Benefits/Taxes	\$93,290	\$82,413
Mission Shares/ Apportionments	\$20,500	\$20,327
Admin.	\$8,074	\$8,696
Youth	\$1,625	\$3,696
Education	\$1,625	\$745
Music/Worship	\$4,015	\$1,242
Evangelism	\$7,625	\$125
Other Programs	\$1,875	\$596
Building	\$42,681	\$52,433
Outreach/Missions	\$12,725	\$9,250
	<b>\$194,035</b>	<b>\$179,523</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$37,471)</b>	<b>(\$20,161)</b>
UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)		
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) AFTER UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$37,471)</b>	<b>(\$20,161)</b>

Giving is slightly ahead this quarter due to unpledged donations. If you have a pledge, now is a good time to catch up if you have fallen behind.

Salaries are under budget due to the unfilled building manager position. We anticipate hiring for this position in Q2.

Youth budget is over due to Mission Trip deposit. We anticipate this line item to balance out before the end of the year.

Evangelism is under budget because budgeted communications costs did not begin until Q2.

Building expenses are over budget due to unexpected elevator repair, and snow removal costs.

Scheduled monthly payments are up to date. Mission Discretionary spending increases in Q2.

This year's deficit budget reflects a commitment by leadership to invest in the church's growth and outreach. Priorities include youth programming, evangelism, and the addition of a part-time Building Manager. These investments are designed to strengthen our ministry and position us for long-term impact, even as they require a short-term financial commitment beyond our current income.



# First Quarter Outreach Giving

Through the tithes and offerings committed to our operating budget, Faith supported the following organizations this quarter.

- Community Reach of Montgomery County
- UMCOR—Advance 999895
- Conference Outdoor Ministry
- Interfaith Works—Undesignated
- Manna Food
- Reconciling Ministries Network
- BWARM
- Altadena UMC—AUMC Disaster
- Microgrant to Hope School

## Elementary Sunday School is Growing

Sunday School for K–5th grade has been steadily growing, with 8–16 students each week ranging in age from 5–10. Our “one-room schoolhouse” approach, using a narrative lectionary curriculum alongside Godly Play, has worked well, though space is getting tight in Room 203. Looking ahead, there's interest in expanding to include three classrooms: Nursery, K–2, and Grades 3–5. This would allow us to better tailor lessons and create stronger teacher-student connections. Sunday School will pause for summer (mid-June to August), giving our teaching team time to rest and prepare. Plans are underway to convert Room 200 into a classroom or nursery, which may involve light renovations and additional volunteers. We will also replace the carpet in Room 203 with laminate flooring similar to what is in the main office suite. Stay tuned for ways to support this exciting transition!

### Stormwater Pond Maintenance

Did you know there's a stormwater detention pond at the northeast corner of the church parking lot? These ponds help manage runoff during heavy rain to prevent flooding and erosion. Recently, unanticipated repairs were needed to remove debris, replace gravel, and fix drainage areas. These updates ensure the pond functions properly and meets county inspection standards. Unfortunately, these repairs were not included in our 2025 budget. We are grateful to volunteers who are working to improve our ability to plan for ongoing maintenance and capital expenses as our property ages.

### Room 202 Update

In preparation for welcoming a new Building Manager, we updated the flooring in Room 202. The new floors are similar in style and quality to those in the main office, offering a refreshing and professional look. We also purchased new office furniture for that space. We look forward to a staff member attending to building needs on a regular basis and believe that this staff person will also help us nurture existing and build additional rental relationships.

### Improvements to the Garden

Improvements have been made to the garden, completed by Jeremy Bloom as he pursues the rank of Eagle Scout. Some of the work was funded by contributions made during our 60th birthday celebration. It was also supported by the Bloom and Isaacs families. We are also excited for the small portable greenhouse donated by the Spencer's. The growing season is almost upon us. Watch for information about ways to help the garden bloom and grow.



### Quarterly Giving Statements

Quarterly giving statements were emailed last week. If you made contributions but didn't receive one, or if didn't make a pledge last fall and you would like to make a financial commitment for the remainder of 2025, please contact Kim Webster, Finance Manager, or submit your pledge online [\[HERE\]](#).

**What are your questions?** Do you have questions about the church's finances? They could be questions about giving, expenses or the church budget process. We'd love to address them in a future issue. Email your ideas to Kim Webster, Financial Manager, at [kwebster@faithworkshere.com](mailto:kwebster@faithworkshere.com)