

Income January 1, 1969 thru December 31, 1969

3,983.37

1969

1,801.03  
 2,289.16  
 39.14  
 4.00

Balance on hand January 1, 1969  
 Contributions from members and  
 pledged and unpledged  
 Ladies' gifts  
 Collections from Church School  
 Collections for pledge envelopes  
 Payments made by S. S. Members for winter  
 fuel and interest on note receivable

17,298.33 21,281.70

Expenditures January 1, 1969 thru December 31, 1969

Amount Spent  
 Budget Allowance  
 6,400.00  
 844.80  
 99.22  
 70.00  
 240.00  
 100.00  
 36.00  
 227.24  
 1,002.36

ANNUAL

FOR PASTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES  
 Pastor's Salary  
 Pastor's Ministry  
 Pastor's Disability and Health Ins.  
 Relief Supply  
 Pastor's Car Allowance  
 Pastor's Living Expenses  
 Telephone Utilities and Telephone  
 Percentage Payments to Austin Savings  
 and Loan Association

REPORTS

433.50  
 21.75  
 875.00  
 20.00  
 73.00  
 601.60  
 84.31  
 282.90  
 230.00  
 93.02  
 101.00  
 200.00  
 230.00  
 40.00  
 17.00  
 37.19  
 28.00  
 18.00  
 6.00  
 10.00  
 2.00

FOR LOCAL CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES  
 Music for worship  
 Christian Education  
 Church Office Supplies and Postage  
 Church Secretary  
 Publicity  
 Ministerial Services and Supplies  
 Church Telephone  
 Building and grounds maintenance  
 Insurance for Church and Parsonage  
 Expenses for delegates to conferences,  
 Association, and Councils  
 Special Attendants  
 Training Institute  
 Camp, Conferences  
 United Church World Fund for New Members  
 Sale Books for  
 Miscellaneous  
 FOR LADIES' RESPONSIBILITIES  
 Ladies' Association dues  
 Austin Council of Churches  
 Texas Council of Churches  
 National Council of Churches  
 World Council of Churches  
 Social Funds for Eden Home Day  
 and Church Falls Camp Construction

Congregational

Church of Austin



13,442.41  
 2,036.20

13,442.41  
 1,810.00  
 12,632.41

20,034.96  
 1,810.00  
 20,034.96

PAYMENTS FOR LOAN ON NEW BUILDING  
 Balance January 1, 1970

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Income January 1, 1969 thru December 31, 1969

Balance on hand January 1, 1969		3,983.37	
Contributions from members and friends, pledged and unpledged	15,801.03		
Loose plate collections	589.16		
Collections from Church School	59.14		
Collections for pledge envelopes	4.00		
Payments made by R. E. Blackburn for princi- pal and interest on note receivable	845.00	17,298.33	21,281.70

Expenditures January 1, 1969 thru December 31, 1969

	Budget Allowance	Amount Spent	
<b>FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP</b>			
Pastor's Salary	6,400.00	6,400.00	
Pastor's Annuity	809.60	844.80	
Pastor's Disability and Health Ins.	150.00	59.25	
Pulpit Supply	100.00	70.00	
Pastor's Car Allowance	540.00	540.00	
Pastor's Parking Space	100.00	36.00	
Parsonage Utilities and Telephone	650.00	550.54	
Parsonage Payments to Austin Savings and Loan Association	1,002.36	1,002.36	
<b>FOR LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS</b>			
Music for Worship	650.00	433.50	
Christian Education	300.00	54.76	
Church Office Supplies and Postage	500.00	875.99	
Church Secretary	300.00	20.00	
Publicity	200.00	73.00	
Janitorial Service and Supplies	1,000.00	604.60	
Church Telephone	150.00	84.31	
Building and Grounds Maintenance	500.00	223.90	
Insurance for Church and Parsonage	600.00	530.00	
Expenses for Delegates to Conferences, Association, and Councils	100.00	98.02	
Nursery Attendants	200.00	104.00	
Expense for Schools, Training Institutes, Camps, Conferences	250.00	53.00	
United Church Herald for New Members	40.00	32.00	
Safe Deposit Box	17.00	17.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	33.19	
<b>FOR LARGER RESPONSIBILITIES</b>			
Brazos Association Dues	27.00	26.00	
Austin Council of Churches	18.00	18.00	
Texas Council of Churches	6.00	6.00	
National Council of Churches	10.00	10.00	
World Council of Churches	5.00	5.00	
Capital Funds for Eden Home Debt Reduction and Slumber Falls Camp Construction	50.00	50.00	
	<u>15,524.96</u>	<u>13,445.41</u>	
<b>PAYMENTS FOR LOAN ON NEW BUILDING</b>	<u>4,510.00</u>	<u>none due</u>	
	<u>20,034.96</u>	<u>13,445.41</u>	<u>13,445.41</u>
Balance January 1, 1970			<u>7,836.29</u>

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Less cash advanced to Building Program Fund	1,808.57	
Less cash advanced to Day Care Nursery Center	1,587.99	3,396.56
Cash balance January 1, 1970		4,439.73

BUILDING FUND

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Income during 1969

Balance on hand January 1, 1969	395.78	
Contributions from members and friends during 1969, pledged and unpledged	1,426.16	
Cash received from Austin National Bank for interest on certificates of deposit	350.00	
Cash received from Mutual Savings Institution for interest on certificates of deposit	262.50	
Cash received from Austin National Bank for certificates of deposit	27,000.00	
Cash received from Mutual Savings Institute for certificates of deposit	10,000.00	
Cash received from Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association for certificates of deposit	15,000.00	
Cash received from First Federal Savings and Loan Association for certificates of deposit	3,000.00	
Savings Account at Austin National Bank transferred to checking account at Austin National Bank	15,581.78	
Cash received from Austin National Bank as a short term loan	93,000.00	
	<u>166,016.22</u>	166,016.22
Cash advanced by church General Operating Fund		1,808.57
		<u>167,824.79</u>

Disbursements during 1969

Cash transferred to Building Fund Savings Account in Austin National Bank	14,100.00	
Payment of loan from Austin National Bank	5,500.00	
Payment of interest on loan from Austin National Bank	24.60	
Payments made to A. W. Bryant Construction Co. on new building contract	134,449.63	
Payments made to A. W. Bryant Construction Co. on contract for repairs to old building	9,695.00	
Payments made to Architect R. P. Swallow	1,854.21	
Refund to Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association of unearned interest deducted when \$15,000 certificate of deposit was cashed	17.85	
Recording fee to Brown, Erwin, Meroney and Barber	2.50	
Recording fee to United Church Board for Homeland Ministries	3.00	
Recording fee to E. Limberg, Travis County Clerk	8.00	
Payment to Hauser Studios of Stained Glass for repairs to church windows and installation in new frames	1,980.00	
Dallas Title Company of Austin for work on abstract of title to church location	158.00	
Brown, Erwin, Meroney and Barber for work on abstract of title to church location	32.00	
	<u>167,824.79</u>	167,824.79

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Certificates of deposit on hand, January 1, 1969		55,000.00
Certificates of deposit at Austin National Bank transferred to checking account at Austin National Bank	27,000.00	

Certificates of deposit at the Mutual Savings Institution converted to cash and deposited to checking account at Austin National Bank	10,000.00	
Certificates of deposit at the Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. converted to cash and deposited to checking account at Austin National Bank	15,000.00	
Certificates of deposit at First Federal Savings of Austin converted to cash and deposited to checking account at Austin National Bank	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
Certificates of deposit on hand January 1, 1970		none

## SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance in Austin National Bank, Jan. 1, 1969	1,382.29	
Cash transferred from Building Fund checking account during 1969	14,100.00	
Interest received from Austin National Bank	<u>99.49</u>	15,581.78
Savings Account closed and cash balance transferred to Austin National Bank checking account		<u>15,581.78</u>
Balance January 1, 1970		none

## BUILDING PROGRAM FUND

(Treasurer's report of entire building program fund from August 9, 1964 thru December 31, 1969)

INCOME

Contributions from members and friends of the church	27,431.60	
Proceeds from sale of property located at 16h and Lavaca St.	54,301.23	
Interest earned on investment of certificates of deposit from bank and savings and loan institutions	7,306.97	
Interest earned on investment in bank savings account	581.78	
Contributions from the church general operating fund	1,698.77	
Short term interim financing loans from Austin National Bank	<u>93,000.00</u>	<u>184,320.35</u>
Cash advanced by church general operating fund		<u>1,808.57</u>
		186,128.92

DISBURSEMENTS

United Church of Christ finance and advisory service	400.00
Bryant-Curington Inc. survey and soil testing	690.50
John T. Westfield hotel expense while giving finance and advisory service	78.84
The Whitley Company printing	167.40
The Shelby Company printing and mailing	167.64
G and S typesetters typesetting for printing	3.00
Miscellaneous expenses preliminary to preparations for building fund campaign such as publications, coffee etc.	37.45
Brydson Lumber Company materials for sign board	2.70
Armstrong Display Signs painting sign board	67.50
Architect's fees to Richard P. Swallow	17,773.80
A. W. Bryant Construction Co. building new addition	152,482.84
A. W. Bryant Construction Co. remodeling and repairs to old church building	9,695.00
Hauser Studios for stained glass repairs and placing windows of old church building in new frames	1,980.00
Austin National Bank interest on interim loan of 5,500.00	24.60

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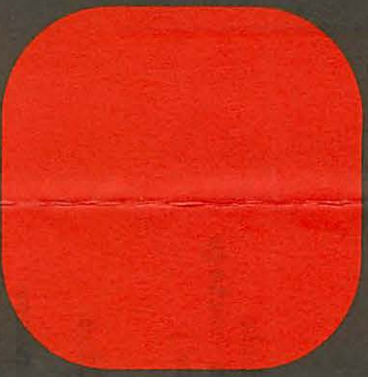
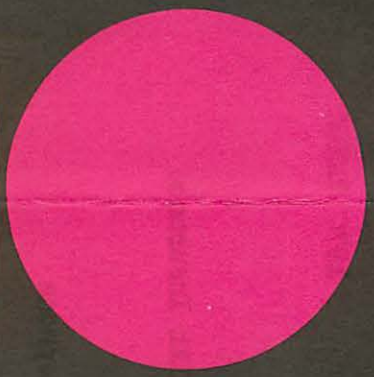
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Reconciliation is our business.

Back it.

1970 BUDGET

	1969	1970
<b>PASTORAL LEADERSHIP</b>		
*Pastor's Salary	\$6,400.00	\$6,700.00
*Pastor's Annuity	809.60	884.40
*Pastor's Disability & Health Insurance	150.00	160.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	540.00	540.00
Pastor's Parking Space	100.00	100.00
Pulpit Supply	100.00	100.00
Parsonage Utilities & Telephone	650.00	650.00
Parsonage Payments	<u>1,002.36</u>	<u>1,002.36</u>
	<u>9,751.96</u>	<u>10,136.76</u>
<b>LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS</b>		
Music for Worship	650.00	650.00
Christian Education Materials	300.00	300.00
*Church Office Supplies and Postage	500.00	600.00
#Church Secretary (part time)	270.00	200.00
Publicity	200.00	200.00
*Church Utilities	750.00	1,000.00
*Janitorial Service & Supplies	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>
#Church Telephone	150.00	120.00
Building and Ground Maintenance	500.00	500.00
#Insurance (church and parsonage)	600.00	550.00
*Expenses, Delegates to Conf., Assoc. etc.	100.00	125.00
#Nursery Attendants	200.00	150.00
#Expenses to institutes, camps etc.	250.00	200.00
*UNITED CHURCH HERALD (new members)	40.00	60.00
Safe Deposit Box	17.00	17.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>5,627.00</u>	<u>5,812.00</u>
<b>RESPONSIBILITIES IN COOPERATIVE WORK</b>		
*Brazos Association Dues	27.00	54.00
*Austin Council of Churches	18.00	20.00
Texas Conference of Churches	6.00	6.00
National Council of Churches	10.00	10.00
World Council of Churches	5.00	5.00
Conference Capital Funds Drive	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>116.00</u>	<u>145.00</u>
<b>PAYMENTS ON NEW EDUCATIONAL WING</b>	4,510.00	9,124.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	20,049.96	25,215.56
Other Income	<u>-2,480.00</u>	<u>-2,480.00</u>
Needed in LOCAL SUPPORT PLEDGES	<u>\$17,569.96</u>	<u>\$22,738.56</u>

OTHER INCOME

Sale of 902 Houston St. parsonage	\$780.00
Child Development Center	1,200.00
Loose Plate Offering	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$2,480.00</u>

\* - Increase in amount from 1969 to 1970 Budget

# - Decrease in amount from 1969 to 1970 Budget

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

O. C. W. M. (undesignated)	\$2,040.00
Eden Home (Operating Expenses)	250.00
The Urban Crisis	<u>210.00</u>
	<u>2,500.00</u>

The Budget which we are presenting to you has been approved by a vote of the congregation on Oct. 26th, but it is always reviewed at the Annual Meeting after our response. Annual Meeting is Jan. 18, 1970.

The Budget as given above does not provide for much in the way of new equipment or new programs for the church. In one sense it is a "survival" budget just to keep operating and is not a "vision" budget to encourage us to do what we feel that we should be doing.

Last year we had \$15,757.80 pledged to our local budget and \$2,564.80 pledged to Our Christian World Mission. In both funds pledges are slow in coming in, and we are behind in the amount of money that we should have if pledges had been given on time.

We do have other items which could be placed into our budget with a feeling that it expresses some of our deeper concerns. Seminary Support for the training of ministers, Scholarship funds for students at Huston-Tillotson or minority persons at UT, air conditioning and central heating for the sanctuary, money to help provide breakfasts for hungry children in Austin, seed money and people involved to obtain federal funds for low cost housing or low rent housing in the city, money to complete the building project and fund a 24 hour ministry and "presence". We could name other good projects. Helping us fund this budget is our first step toward even greater serving in the city of Austin and in the world. A pledge from you is the most effective way of voting for the programs we now have and hope to have.

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       | 165500

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# BUDGET COMMENTARY

Enclosed is a copy of the tentative 1962 budget, recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the congregation at a business meeting Sunday, November 12.

You will notice that most accounts remain substantially the same, when you compare the proposed budget figures with those adopted for the fiscal year 1961.

The Board felt this year that we may as well approach our situation realistically, and present a request for funds to cover Minimum operation expenses, rather than aim at a much higher goal, fall short, and cut back in the light of insufficient pledging.

Slight increases have been made in salaries.

The repair item was raised from \$350 to \$650 partly because of forthcoming cost of repairs on church windows. (Actually, it is difficult to determine in advance what repair costs will be. But we all know about many on which money might be spent to great advantage.)

Parsonage payments will be a little more than previous rental payments. But the property in due time will belong to the church.

Expense allowances will be more adequate for delegates to conference meetings. Also, there is an increase in allowance for baby-sitter services.

Because our Christian Higher Education Fund obligation will have been met, that item is not included in the proposed 1962 budget; and therefore, despite the several slight increases, the net request will be about the same.

In recent months our reserve funds have been seriously depleted, largely because of the down payment on the new parsonage and partly because of the expenses in connection with the ceiling repairs in the basement and in the fellowship room.

So, let's do what we can to over-subscribe this proposed budget, that we may find ourselves with a surplus or reserve which can cushion us against emergency or enable the church to better equip itself to better fulfil its mission.

Information about Our Christian World Mission and our goal for \$1,200 minimum will come with pledge cards in the next few days. You can mail your card in, bring it to church on December 3 for dedication on Church Loyalty Sunday, or wait until you are visited by a canvasser after December 3rd.

Yours very sincerely,

VanCourtright Walton,  
Clerk

Weldon Scheel,  
Chairman of the Board.

*Slate elected*  
*Jan. 15, 1970*

## For 1 year terms:

Moderator: Clark Hubbs \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: Van C. Walton \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Mrs. J. B. Morrison \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assisted by Mr. J. B. Morrison)

Church School Superintendent: Mrs. John C. Towery \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Enlistment: Rev. Mr. James W. Brown \_\_\_\_\_

Advisory Council: Mrs. Marie Clark, Mrs. Ralph A. Bickler, Dr. Paul Szaniszlo,  
Mr. Alfred Wupperman. \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Members-Board of Trustees (2): Miss Ann Mueller, Mr. Niels Saustrup \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Deacons: Miss Wendy Mueller, Mr. Ches Towery \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chairman: Music- Mrs. Weldon Scheel \_\_\_\_\_

Publicity Mrs. Doyal W. Pinkard \_\_\_\_\_

## Lay Representatives-

Austing Council of Churches: Mr. Van C. Walton \_\_\_\_\_

Austin Council of Church Women: Mrs. Robert German \_\_\_\_\_

United Student Fellowship (2): Mrs. Melvin Oakes, Mr. Doyal Pinkard \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 year terms:

Board of Trustees: Dr. David Ross, Rev. Mr. James C. Perkins \_\_\_\_\_

Incumbents are: ( 2 years) Mr. Doyal Pinkard, Dr. Howard Rase; 9 1 year) Mr.  
Rizer Everett, Mrs. Effie Wylie.Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Mrs. Rizer Everett, Mr. Robert German \_\_\_\_\_  
(Incumbents are (2 years) Mrs. Chester Lay, Dr. Mathis Blackstock; (1 year)  
Dr. Victor Appel, Mrs. Gertrude Andl.)Nominating Committee: Mrs. Roberta Winkler \_\_\_\_\_  
(Incumbents are (2 years) Miss Jean Cassel; (1 year) Mr. Randolph Warren)Religious LEducation Committee: Mrs. M. E. Patridge \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Victor Appel (2 years. filling Mrs. Ed Anderson's spot) \_\_\_\_\_  
Incumbent for 1 year is Mrs. David RossMissions and Stewardship Committ. Mrs. Clark Hubbs \_\_\_\_\_  
(Incumbents are (2 years) Mrs. James W. Brown; (1 year) Dr. David Ross)Social Action Comm. Rev. Mr. Russell Mueller \_\_\_\_\_  
(Incumbents are (2 years) Mr. and Mrs. Robert German; (1 year) Mrs.  
Jack Mitchell)Historian and Archivist: Mrs. Rizer Everett's term continues for one more  
year.

-Submitted by Mrs. Doyal Pinkard, Chrm., Miss Jean Cassel, Mr. Randolph Warren.

Brown, Erwin, Maroney and Barber legal service fees	1,120.65	
Dallas Title Company of Austin services on abstract of title to church property	158.00	
Emilie Limberg, Travis County Clerk recording fees	26.00	
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries recording fee	3.00	
Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association for service charge on proposed loan	1,000.00	
Charge for appraisal of church property for proposed loan	<u>250.00</u>	186,128.92

DAY CARE NURSERY CENTER

INCOME

Cash contributions from members and friends of the church	1,235.00	
Cash received from member to complete payment for new refrigerator purchased by member from Sears, Roebuck	44.95	
Fees collected for child care	1,844.00	
Cash advanced by church general operating fund	<u>1,587.99</u>	4,711.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Brown, Erwin, Maroney and Barber-fee for services rendered in amending the Church's articles of incorporation to include licensing of Day Care Nursery Center	150.00	
Secretary of State of Texas fee for filing amended Church charter	10.00	
City of Austin Health Dept. Permit fee	15.00	
Cash and Carry Sign Co. for sign	32.50	
Daily Texan-advertising	17.30	
Citizen Newspapers-advertising	8.00	
American-Statesman-advertising	64.80	
W. O. Harper-services by plumber and electrician for connecting diswasher and installing base plug for refrigerator	105.15	
Acadamey Super Sales Co. for 40 cots	264.00	
Kiddie City-equipment and toys	69.65	
Sweet Publishing Co.-equipment and toys	163.45	
L.L. Sams and Sons-Oak Chairs and tables	384.55	
Sears, Roebuck Co. - dishwasher	224.95	
Sears, Roebuck Co.-payment from member on refrigerator	44.95	
Foremost Equipment Co. for 3 Tote Tray cabinets with trays	564.00	
Mrs. Melvin Oakes-equipment and toys purchased for nursery	95.60	
Mrs. David W. Ross-equipment and toys purchased for nursery	63.06	
Scarboroughs-cutlery trays	1.55	
Childcraft Education Corp. partial cost of shipping aluminum cooking set and luncheon set purchased by Mrs. Melvin Oakes	.23	
Gertrude Andl-salary	1,600.00	
Sandra Blanton-salary	300.00	
Gertrud Leutz-wages	141.00	
Ellen L. Craddock-wages	57.00	
Gertrude Andl-for food and other supplies for the operation of the Nursery	314.94	
Southern Union Gas Co.-gas	<u>20.26</u>	4,711.94

MEMORIAL FUND

Savings Account

Balance on hand Januray 1, 1969	936.39	
Contributions during 1969	120.00	
Interest received from Austin National Bank on savings	41.59	
Interest received from Austin National Bank on certificate	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1,147.98</u>

Investment Account

Certificate of deposit payable by Austin National Bank	1,000.00	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total of Memorial Fund Savings Account and Investment Account		<u>2,147.98</u>

R. E. BLACKBURN FUND  
(For taxes and insurance on  
property at 902 Houston Street)

Balance on hand January 1, 1969	113.43	
Monthly installments received during 1969	280.00	393.43
Payment to Anderson-Williams Ins. Agency	45.00	
Payment to City of Austin Tax Department	134.06	
Payment to State and County Tax Department	20.08	<u>199.14</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1970		<u>194.29</u>

## FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX FUND

Taxes withheld from salaries and wages of employees of the Day Care Nursery Center	291.40	
Cash on hand January 1, 1970		<u>291.40</u>

## FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY TAX FUND

Taxes withheld from salaries and wages of employees of the Day Care Nursery Center	115.10	
Cash on hand January 1, 1970		<u>115.10</u>

## MISSION FUND

Contributions during the year for		
Undesignated Our Christian World Mission	1,967.14	
For the support of the work at Eden Home	247.00	
For the Urban Crisis (Crisis in the Nation)	210.00	<u>2,424.14</u>
Disbursements during 1969 to South Central Conference		<u>2,424.14</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1970		none

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FUND

Contributions	176.30	
Disbursements to South Central Conference		<u>176.30</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1970		none

## NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED-FUND

Contributions	67.50	
Disbursements to South Central Conference		<u>67.50</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1970		none

## VETERANS OF THE CROSS FUND

Contributions from members and friends	55.50	
Disbursement thru South Central Conference for the Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross	27.75	
Disbursement thru South Central Conference for Hurricane Camille Relief in Biloxi	27.75	<u>55.50</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1970		none

NOTES PAYABLE  
January 1, 1970

Austin Savings and Loan Association	9,156.34
First lien mortgage on Parsonage at 1421 Ridgehaven Street Principal and interest payable in monthly installments of \$83.53	
Austin National Bank	93,000.00
Short term notes payable for interim financing of building program	

NOTE RECEIVABLE  
January 1, 1970

R. E. Blackburn and wife	6,094.40
First lien mortgage on property at 902 Houston Street Principal and interest payable in monthly installments of \$65.00	

PLEDGES

Amount pledged by members and friends for 1970 local expenses	16,649.00
Amount pledged by members and friends for 1970 wider missions	2,539.20

William F. Warren, Treasurer

DAY CARE NURSERY

Gertrude Andl - Director of the Nursery  
Reports of the Income from Sept. 2 to Dec. 31, 1969

September	435.00
October	492.00
November	467.00
December	494.00
Total from fees	1,888.75

I am looking forward to having about 40 children by the end of the year 1970.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Andl, Director

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The religious education committee has had a rather busy year due to the completion of our new education wing! Being quite ignorant of what had to be done to set up a day care center and Church School facilities we spent the first part of the year gaining background. In April we started meeting with Mrs. Marth Piza of from the Texas State Welfare Department who helped us through the rules and regulations for setting up a day care center. We hired Mrs. Gertrude Andl, a member of our church, as director of the day care center. We purchased furniture, toys, and other equipment necessary for the new building. The day care center opened in September and now has an enrollment of nine. We hope to be making a small amount to help make payments soon.

Church school attendance has increased somewhat, thanks to our able teachers and our new facilities. The outdoor play equipment is still to be taken care of. Mr. Richard Swallow, our architect, is in the process of designing the equipment.

We wish to thank Eleanor Towery for her help and Mrs. Effie Wylie, our liason. with the Board of Trustees for her help and interest. We also thank Mrs. Gertrude Andl and her staff for their very hard work and dedication.

Religious Education Committee: Mrs. Melvin Oakes, Chairman; Mrs. David Ross, Mrs. Ed Anderson (thru Sept.), and Dr. Victor Appel (since Sept., 1969)

#### CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT

In November, 1969, we attempted to communicate to members and friends of the church our financial obligations for 1970. In a series of letters and a specially designated worship service we examined the spiritual basis of giving, the importance of our wider mission, and the needs of the local church. It is gratifying that many have responded to the enlistment by increasing their pledges but disappointing that our goal is still far from being met. As always, we must deal with what seems to be conflicting desires: on the one hand to regard giving as a joyful expression of our love for God and on the other hand to be concerned with the survival of our human institutions. Let us once again examine the priorities in our lives and our reasons for giving to the church.

I want to thank Mrs Nancy Brown and Mr. Van Walton for serving on the committee, Dr. Mathis Blackstock for his contribution to the worship service, Mr. William Warren for compiling the pledges, and especially John Towery, who provided essential pastoral leadership and did the lion's share of the work.

David Ross, Director of Enlistment

#### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association of the Congregational Church meets in the home of various members on the second Monday of each month.

The membership has decreased to 12 active members. Some former members and ill and two are in rest homes.

At each meeting we have an interesting program such as a discussion by Rev. Mr. Towery of the work of the Association and Conference of the United Church of Christ. Our South Central Conference include churches and work in Miss., La., and Texas He explained what the Conference and Association are doing.

Mrs. Eleanor Towery gave a talk during the year on "The Walk for Freedom", and Mrs. H. D. Rotsch told about her trip through New England this past spring. Mrs. Marie Clark told something of the history of the Congregational Church at another meeting.

We gave the church \$50.00 and a small sum to the leprosy fund. We again gave \$10.00 towards the purchase of Golden Books for the Headstart program.

We paid the cost for shipping donated clothing overseas for Church World Service, and we provided a meal at the USO one Sunday evening in co-operation with the Pilgrim Guild and ladies from St. James Episcopal Church.

Our main sources of income are dues paid by the women. A financial report follows.

-Mrs. Josephine Trenckmann

Jan. 13, 1969	Church Treasurer (balance of 1968 dues)	\$30.00
Apr. 22, 1969	" "	25.00
Aug. 11, 1969	" "	50.00
Mar. 10, 1969	Church World Service for clothing	23.90
Oct. 14, 1969	" " " " "	14.50
Apr. 20, 1969	USO Party food costs	4.21
Feb. 12, 1969	Leprosy Mission	9.00
Nov. 11, 1969	Leprosy Mission	5.00
	Bank Balance Jan., 1969	\$143.63
	" " Dec., 1969	61.55

-Mrs. Erna Seeliger, Treasurer

## UNITED STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Fred Morgan continued as our minister of students. Efforts to have a regular Fellowship group failed. Mr. Morgan was quite active, however, in the interdenomination ICHTHUS, a coffee house program, and Listening Ear, a program to listen to students who need to talk to someone.

Mr. Gordon Henry was hired in the fall to work directly under Rev. Dr. Robert Davidson of the Presbyterian Campus Ministry. All campus ministry of the Disciples, Presbyterians and United Church of Christ was cooperative this past fall. Mr. Henry was responsible for the operation of Black-White Dialogue which took students from the University over to Huston-Tillotson College. He will continue with that program during the spring semester and take charge of Spectrum which is a program covering issues of interest to students and including students from a wide range of view points. Dr. Davidson will not be working at the University area, and Mr. Henry will, on a part time basis, fill in where possible.

The United Fellowship Board has a meeting scheduled for January 31 at our church and will be voting on a proposal to organize a united board including the Disciples, Presbyterians, and United Church of Christ. Campus Ministry will then be a co-operative program.

Our church tried to have a church school class and a fellowship group composed of university students without success. Attendance at worship services has been good, and several students have indicated their interest by desiring to join our church. We will be looking for ways to work with and minister to university and college students in our area.

-Mrs. Catherine Hubbs, Secretary

## BOARD OF DEACONS AND DEACONESES

The members of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses during 1969 were: Mrs. Gertrude Andl, Dr. Mathis Blackstock, Mrs. Dorothy Lay, Mrs. Stella Morrison, secretary, Rev. Mr. Russel Mueller, Miss Wendy Mueller, Rev. Mr. John Towery, Mr. Van Courtwright Walton, and Dr. Victor Appel, Chairman.

The activities of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses during 1969 were devoted to the implementations of projects proposed or begun during 1968 and in considering the question of the objectives toward which the church should be striving.

The Board was able to activate plans for five neighborhood or "house" groupings of church members based on areas of residence in Austin. It was hoped that closer relationships among church members could be achieved by regular meetings of these "cell groups". During the late fall meetings were schedule to discuss the theme, "Is the Church Burning?". The discussion was led by the minister. Subsequent meetings may be expected to be held by these groups on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if the group so desires. During December a newly compiled directory of church members was published and distributed to the membership. The Board is particularly grateful to Mr. Walton for his nearly singlehanded efforts in accomplishing this important task. The Board also arranged for a wide variety of invited speakers to occupy the pulpit during the year. The Board solicits reactions from the church membership regarding possible speakers for the future and suggestions as to ways to maximize guest speakers contribution to us. Perhaps a more effective means of "talk-back" or discussion can be worked out.

The Board recognized that 1969 constituted an important year. It marked the culmination of our long efforts to complete the education wing. The Board concerned itself with planning and carrying out an appropriate dedication service, but more importantly has subsequently concerned itself with the directions our mutual energies should take now that we have completed the building task. To help in plotting our direction, initial steps have been taken to plan a retreat for the officers and interested membership of the church with Rev. Mr. Hartland H. Helmich, Executive Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ.

We hope that the retreat will eventuate this spring. If not, we will work even harder to have a retreat this coming fall.

The Chairman wishes to extend his thanks to all members of the Board for their diligent efforts, and particularly to Mrs. Stella Morrison, retiring Board Secretary for her invaluable contributions.

-Victor Appel, Chairman

#### CLERK'S REPORT

We began the year 1969 with 104 members. In the course of the year we lost two by death, but gained 12 new members bringing our present membership to 114.

Our average attendance for 1969 was 58-three less than last year. Our best month was November with a total of 296, but as November had five Sundays, its average was just over 59. April, with a total attendance of 279 in four Sundays, had an average of almost 70.

-Van Courtright Walton, Clerk

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is made up of Mrs. Effie Wile, Messrs. James W. Brown, Rizer Everett (Sect.), Clark Hubbs (chairman), Doyal Pinkard, Howard Rase, Van C. Walton, and William F. Warren with the minister, Rev. Mr. John Towery ex-officio. Much of the time was devoted to routine financial matters. The board recommended that Mr. A. W. Bryant be given a contract to repair the roof of the old building, reset the stone arches, repair the window frames, and replace the porch ceiling. At the same time the Hauser Co. repaired the stained glass windows and place them in the new frames. The board recommended that the monies in the Memorial Fund be used to furnish the child care center.

Most of the last 6 months were spent waiting for completion of arrangements associated with the Education Wing. The construction was virtually completed in July and loan arrangements were delayed until mid-January.

-Clark Hubbs, Chairman

#### CHURCH SCHOOL

The church school has enjoyed the use of its new space since last September. Both teachers and pupils have found room and space to study better. Climate control means comfortable surroundings and less distractions for the pupils. We still have some equipment needs for our older groups, but our teachers have done a good job in arranging their rooms and decorating them.

Our teachers since this fall have been, Mrs. Jean Appel after a delay caused by an operation, Mrs. Susan Szaniszló, Mrs. Hildegard Everett, Mrs. Nancy McCormick, Mrs. Stella Morrison, and the many different members of the discussion group with Dr. David Ross and Dr. Melvin Oakes providing leadership. Mr. Robert German with Mr. Jim Strickland were willing and ready to teach a high school and/or college class, but we did not have enough young people.

Our appreciation goes to Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Morrison for many extra hours in helping young people make decorations which they sold for almost thirty dollars to raise money to help pay for the new wing. Some of the students also sold candy before Christmas to help raise additional funds.

A Confirmation class is scheduled to begin this coming year and will meet for two hours each Saturday for a year and a half.

-Mrs. Eleanor Towery, Superintendent

## PASTOR'S REPORT

It HAS BEEN A MIXED YEAR FOR THE CHURCH. We have had the excitement of the completion of the new wing, and a wonderful occasion in dedicating the building. We have the most members that we have had for many a year. We seem to be doing well in some respects, but we have some baffling problems. We are giving more in pledges this coming year than we did last year which is very good and to be commended, but fewer of us have given more in the past. We still have a too large unpledged group, and we do not know why. We feel that we had a good construction job for these days, but we discover that we still have some incomplete items and leaks in the sanctuary where none existed before. We have had delays on signing the loan and seemingly unnecessary expense created by the delay, but we can rejoice in a low loan rate of 6 3/4% interest which is unknown in these times. We have a good list of prospects, but both the minister and the congregation have difficulty in getting to visit with the prospects.

While some of our members have given strong support to Our Christian World Mission, more of us are trying to make certain of our mission here in Austin. We have resisted the temptation to give all of our money locally. We are also one of the few churches in the South to be giving to Neighbors in Need and Crisis in the Nation. We are housing a controversial program for high school youth who have left home or are in difficulty. We have qualms, and we have certainly paid a price in loss of property. We have suffered with the RAFT as some of its clients were picked up by the police. We have wanted them to be more effective, and they have wanted to be more effective. The program is still experimental, and it may not be in operation too much longer.

Churches everywhere are losing numerical strength now and having financial problems, and we are facing increased expenses at a difficult season for all churches. We are refusing to avoid controversy, and we may well suffer the loss of our program. Frankly we do not think so, but we move into the future with apprehension. How true the words, "We believe, Lord, help our unbelief."

The pastor feels deeply the need to spend more time visiting both the membership and prospective members. Involvement with university students needs to be increased, and the minister likely should be doing more counseling with students and adults. We have had some interesting, challenging speakers and special programs this past year, and we are working on other programs. We would like to see some of us work in dramatic presentations. We miss Mr. Pat Patridge in this area, and we had just discovered that Mrs. Joan Zoller was interested and had a dramatic background, when they returned to North Dakota. We look with hope at the development of the "house" churches in the five areas which we have mapped out. One item which would be helpful to the pastor would be a group of five or six who would meet once a week for lunch or breakfast and commune together. The minister needs to think, pray and discuss with others on a regular basis.

We are strongly tempted to name a few names of persons who really do much more to minister to others than the pastor, but we would leave someone out. We must mention the faithful service and dedication of Mr. William Warren as our treasurer. He wishes to retire and deserves the opportunity to do so. We will miss him and can never really replace him. Our heartfelt thanks to him and to so many others.

It seems to me personally that we have faced more difficult times together in the past than we do now, but it is easy to be mistaken. We have had the good fortune to discover strength, vision, and guidance in the past. It has come through people to be given to people. We witness to God by the life we live in this world. May He help us to be faithful and sustain us in order for us to serve Him ever more faithfully.

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