

# Serving So Others May Go



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**“WHEN PLANS CHANGE”**

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“The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry” – Robert Burns. Almost four years ago I started my newsletter this way, and now it fits once again. Sometimes it’s just silly plans of having spring weather that got changed with a pile of snow. Sometimes it’s like this morning where I had to change my Easter plans because of being sick. I was supposed to teach Sunday School and have lunch with church friends, but I didn’t want to get anyone else sick, plus I couldn’t talk anyway. I would have been ok with it being an April Fool’s joke, but alas, it was not. And there have been lots of other little changes happening recently too, but the main two relate to work.

One is something I probably should have been expecting really. For the last several years there has been some big change that came along and threw off my goals for the year. In 2015, Julie left which completely shifted my role. Then 2016 brought the realization of the effects of the Affordable Care Act on our org. And then last year we began the process of switching to our new Collaborative Model and all of the changes and extra time that go along with implementing it. So I suppose it’s not so surprising that we’re throwing another change in this year. For years, and years, and years, we’ve used QuickBooks as our accounting system, and I

have become very familiar with how to use it and what it can do. But as we have started adding people to the financial team and as we grow in the new Collaborative Model, it is becoming clearer what QuickBooks can’t do that we need it to. Also our new online giving system that we thought would be a lot better is also now revealing frustrating limitations. So we’ve started to test a new system that would replace both sides called Aplos. Apparently it was created by people in the nonprofit realm to work better for our needs rather than the for-profit business world. But even if this does end up working better for us, it means changing absolutely everything, even down to the terms I would use for various aspects. Also because it’s so different, the information does not import over very well, so we’re having to manually enter a lot of the information to get to a place where we can really test it with example numbers. Sigh...I hope it’s worth the effort and it gives us what we need to be more effective in the future.

The other change is not as nice to say. Brittany is no longer going to be moving here to work in the office. She is pregnant and they decided to stay closer to their family which makes sense, though it does change a lot of plans here too.

So when plans change, it can be hard and disappointing, but I still trust that God is in control of it all.



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## Financial Report

Checking Account

**Starting Balance** \$18,394.05

### Receipts

Individuals	\$2,645.00
Central CofC	\$500.00
Elliott CofC	\$100.00
Hikes Point CC	\$50.00
Lewis CofC	\$50.00

### Expenses

#### Benefits

100 – Salary	\$1,300.00
110 – Medical Insurance	\$130.00
115 – HSA Contribution	\$70.00
130 – Social Security	\$580.00
141 – Roth IRA	\$200.00
150 – Housing Allow.	\$917.00
160 – Utilities	\$122.11

#### Office

661 – Internet	\$49.99
Promotion/Rep.	
740 – Home Office	\$100.00

**Ending Balance** \$18,269.95

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Thank you so much!

## From our President

### Psalm 67 Makes One Thing Clear

Did you ever read Psalm 67, looking for the overall meaning of the passage? This is the Psalm that prays to God, "May your message be known on earth among all nations." "...that all the peoples would praise Him." "...that all the nations would be glad and sing for joy." Why? Because God rules justly and guides nations. When all the nations get this right, the earth will yield its harvest. Why? Because God will bless us. This Psalm asks God to bless us. Why? "So that all the ends of the earth will fear him." Now, how would you sum it all up? Your answer is probably the same answer that sent your favorite Team Expansion missionary to the ends of the earth. And we're grateful that you help make it happen through your partnership and prayer. Thank you!

- Doug Lucas - President, Team Expansion

## Walking in a “Sprinter” Wonderland...



## Prayer Requests / Praises:

- Praise for the resurrection and the hope we have through Him!
- For more office help in finances, applications, creative arts, etc.
- Finding a replacement finance person soon...know anyone?
- For seekers to hear the truth about Easter

\*Please let me know how I can pray for you as well

