

# Annual Members' Meeting

**January 26, 2025**

**Moderator: Sean Harris, Pastor**

# Agenda

- **Prayer**
- **Vote to enter a meeting**
  - Financial Report
  - Clerk's Report
  - Members of Concern
  - Proposed Article Revision
  - Member Candidates
- **Adjournment**
- **Benediction**

# Opening Prayer

- **Proverbs 21:31**
- *The horse is prepared against the day of battle:*
- *but safety is of the LORD.*

# Opening the Session

- **All in favor of entering into a members meeting say “aye”**
- **Any opposed say “no”**
- **Results**

# **Berean Baptist Church**

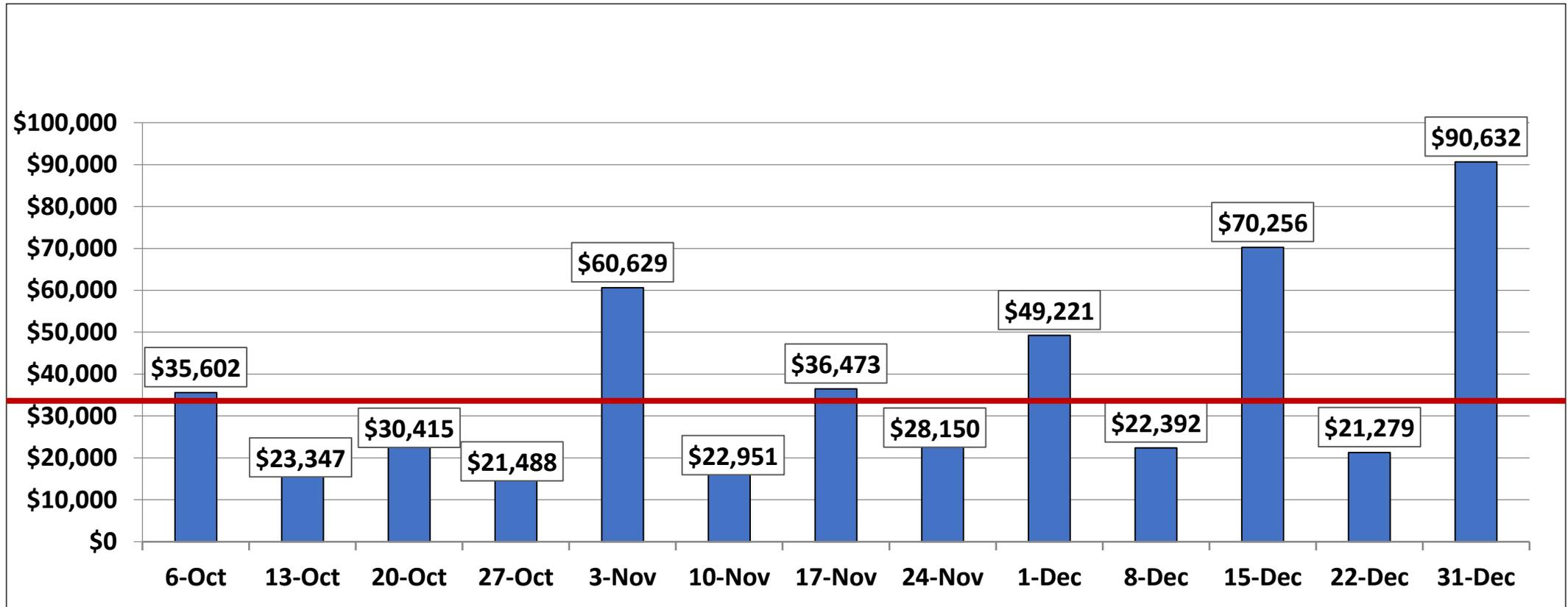
## **Fourth Quarter Financial Report**

**Steven Wilson – Executive Pastor**

**Brian Bahrenfuss - Treasurer**

# Fourth Quarter Tithes & Offerings

(\$33,654 needed weekly)



October \$110,851

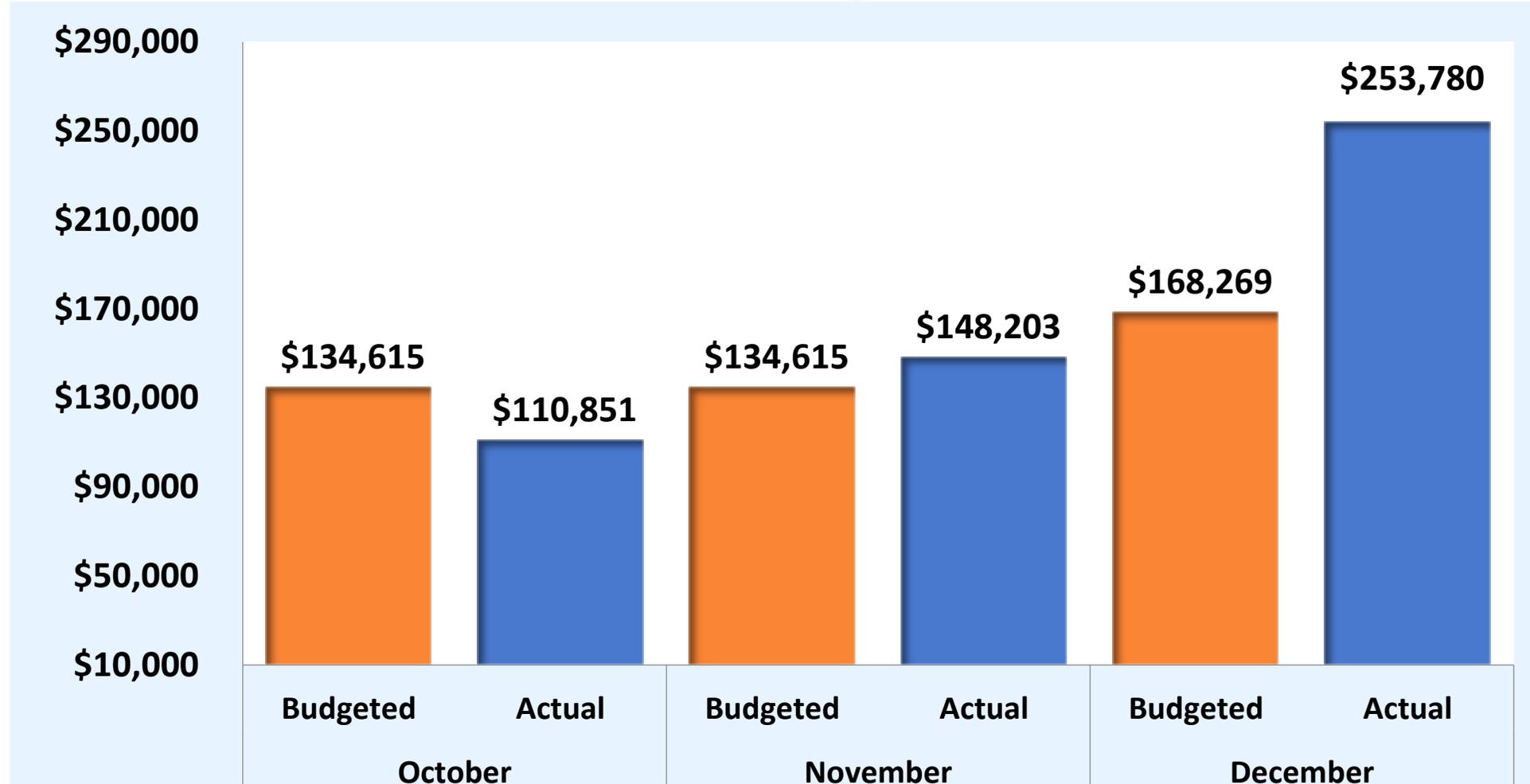
November \$148,203

December \$253,780

**\$437,500 needed; \$512,834 received; \$75,334 over**

# CHURCH

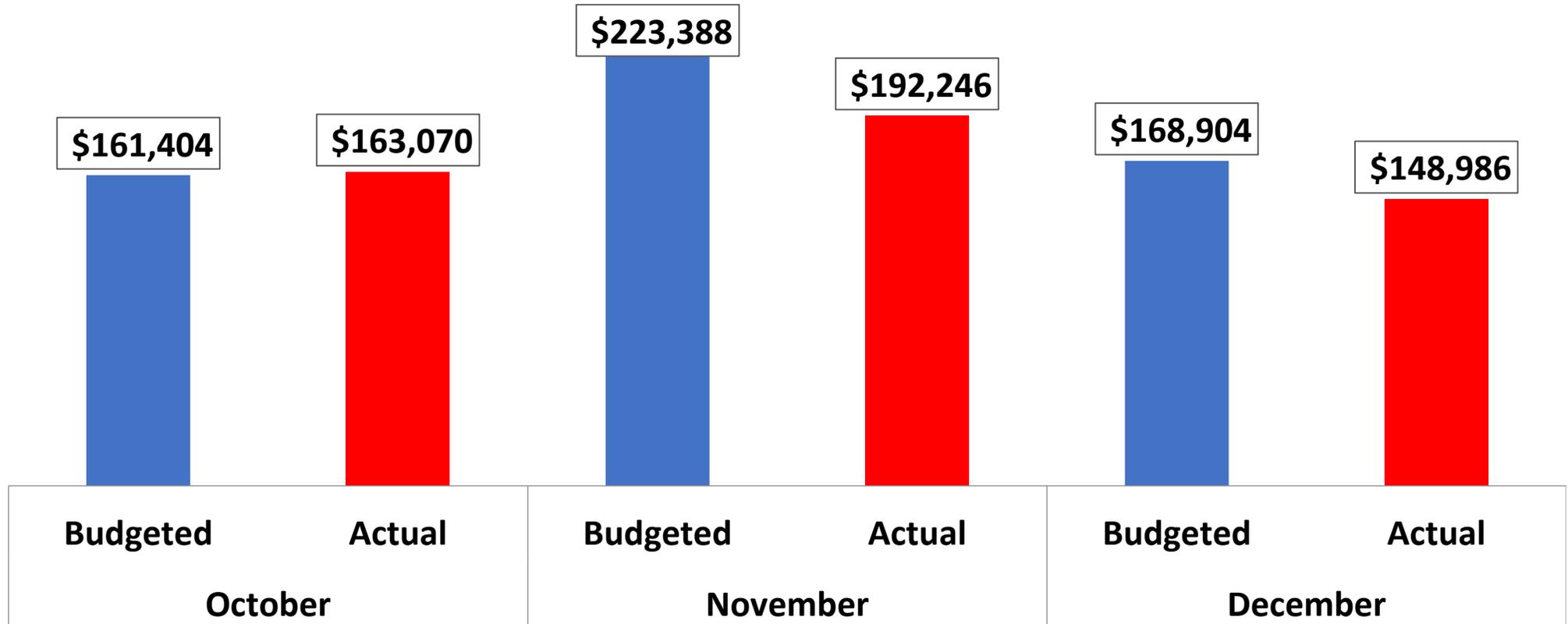
## Oct-Dec Budget/Tithe



**QTD Actual Over Budget: \$75,334**

# CHURCH

## Oct-Dec Budget/Actual Expenses



**\$553,696 budgeted; \$504,302 spent; \$49,394 Under**

# CHURCH

## 2024 Quarterly Cash Report December 31, 2024

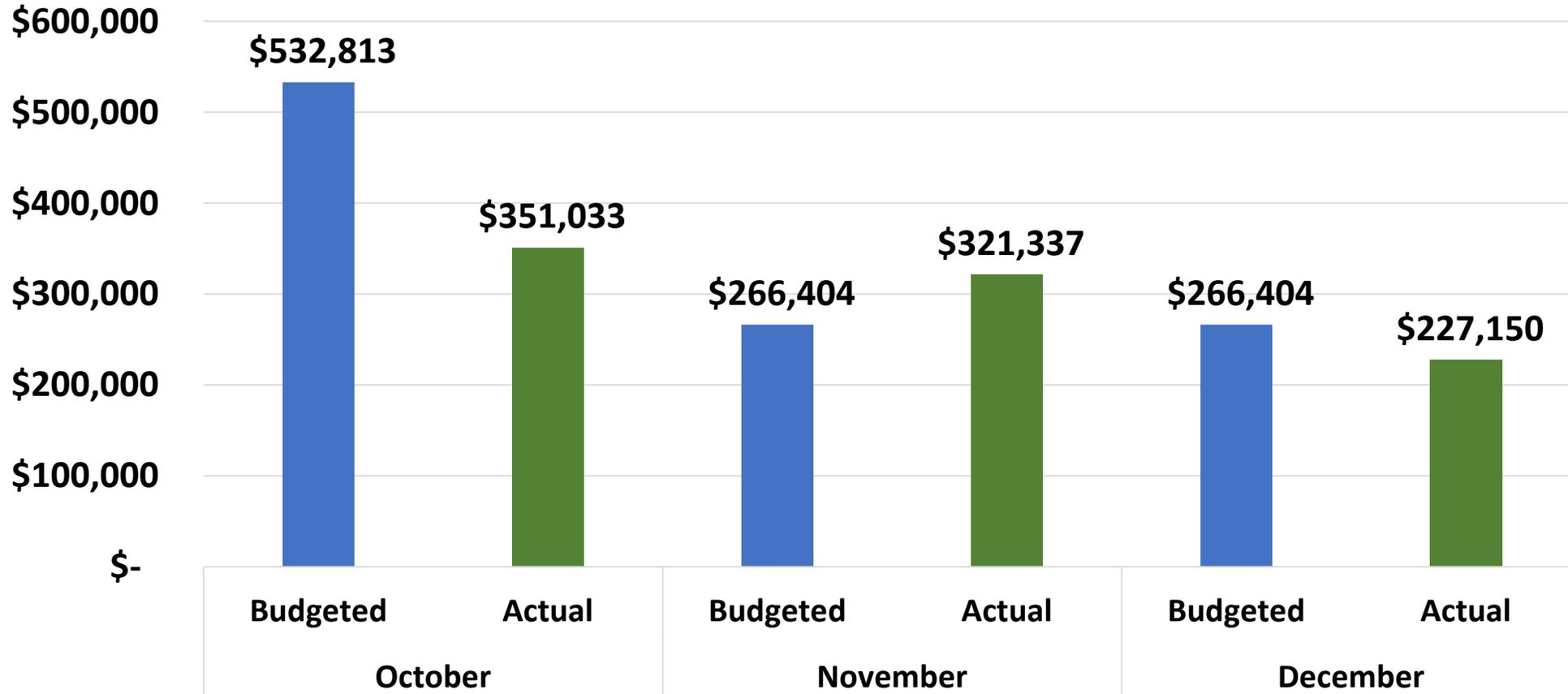


<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 2,249,425</b>
Surplus fund	- 338,314
Strategic Reserve	- 945,669
Byrd Trust Fund	- 4,609
Short Term Net Liabilities	- 5,450
Missions Fund	- 281,605
Benevolence/Widows/Misc	- 54,683
<b>Undesignated cash on hand</b>	<b>\$ 619,095</b>

**\$619,095/\$145,833 (Avg Mo. Budget) = 4.25 months reserve**

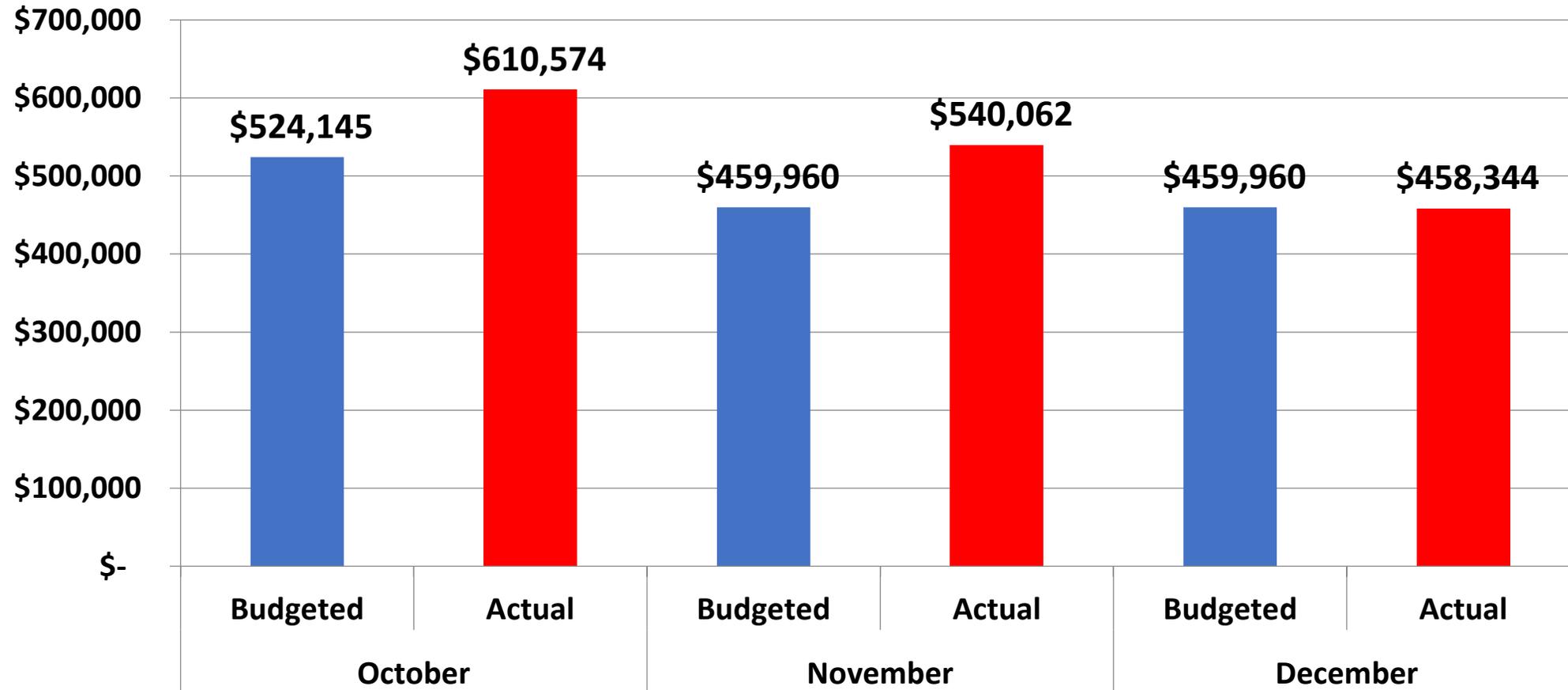
# SCHOOL

## Oct-Dec Budget/Operating Income



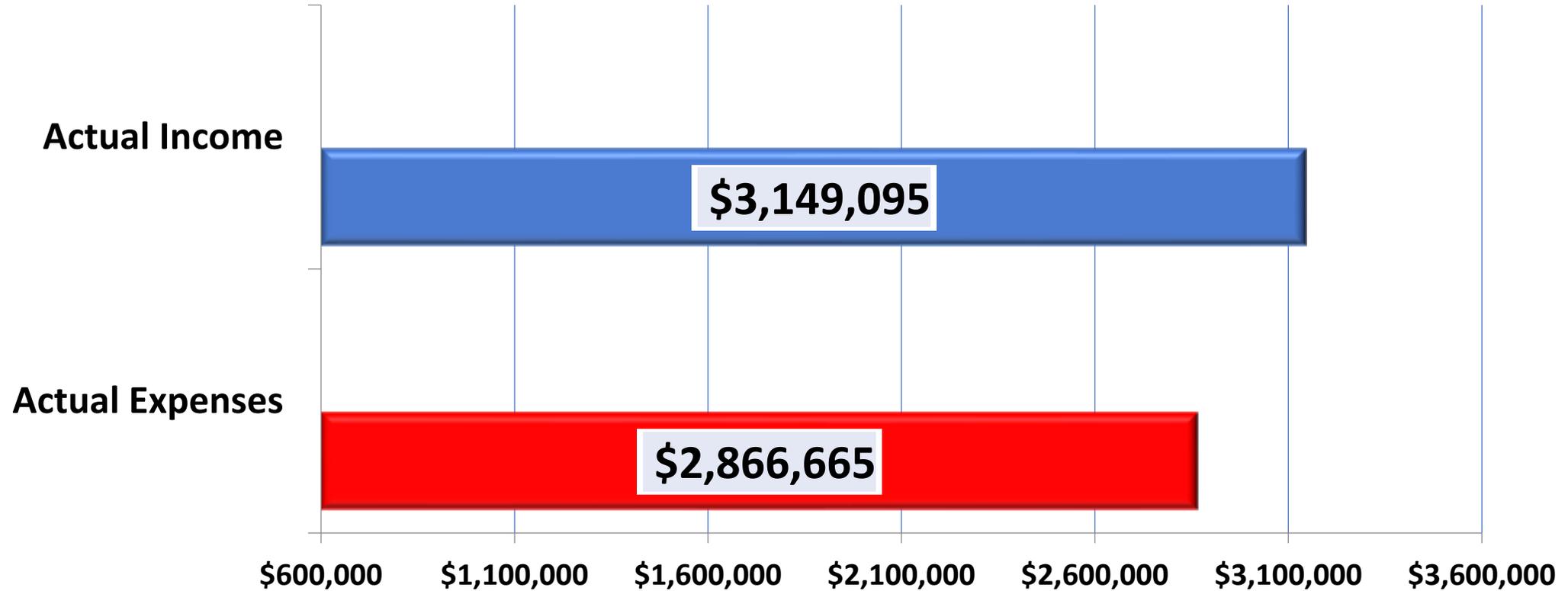
# SCHOOL

## Oct-Dec Budget/Actual Expenses



# SCHOOL

## YTD BBA All Income vs. Expenses



**Positive for Second Quarter \$282,430**

# SCHOOL

## 2024 Quarterly Cash Report December 31, 2024



<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	\$ 584,258
Savings Account	- 178,608
Vanguard	- 7,148
Fundraiser	- 32,708
Liabilities	- 657
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<b>Unrestricted cash on hand</b>	<b>\$ 365,136</b>

# Ministry Debt

	<u>2024</u>
<b>United Bank 1<sup>st</sup> Mtg</b>	<b>\$3,174,613</b>

# Missions Support

<b>Missionary</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Missionary</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>Tanis</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>Stubbs</b>	<b>Boston</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Perez</b>	<b>Spain</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Branch</b>	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Camp Anchorage</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>Yamazaki</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Marie</b>	<b>Bolivia</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Clark</b>	<b>Gypsies</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Ribeiro</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>NCLL</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Bashore</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>\$1,120</b>	<b>Blue Letter Bible</b>		<b>\$100</b>
<b>Dr. Anderson</b>	<b>ABC</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$7,220</b>

# **Berean Baptist Church**

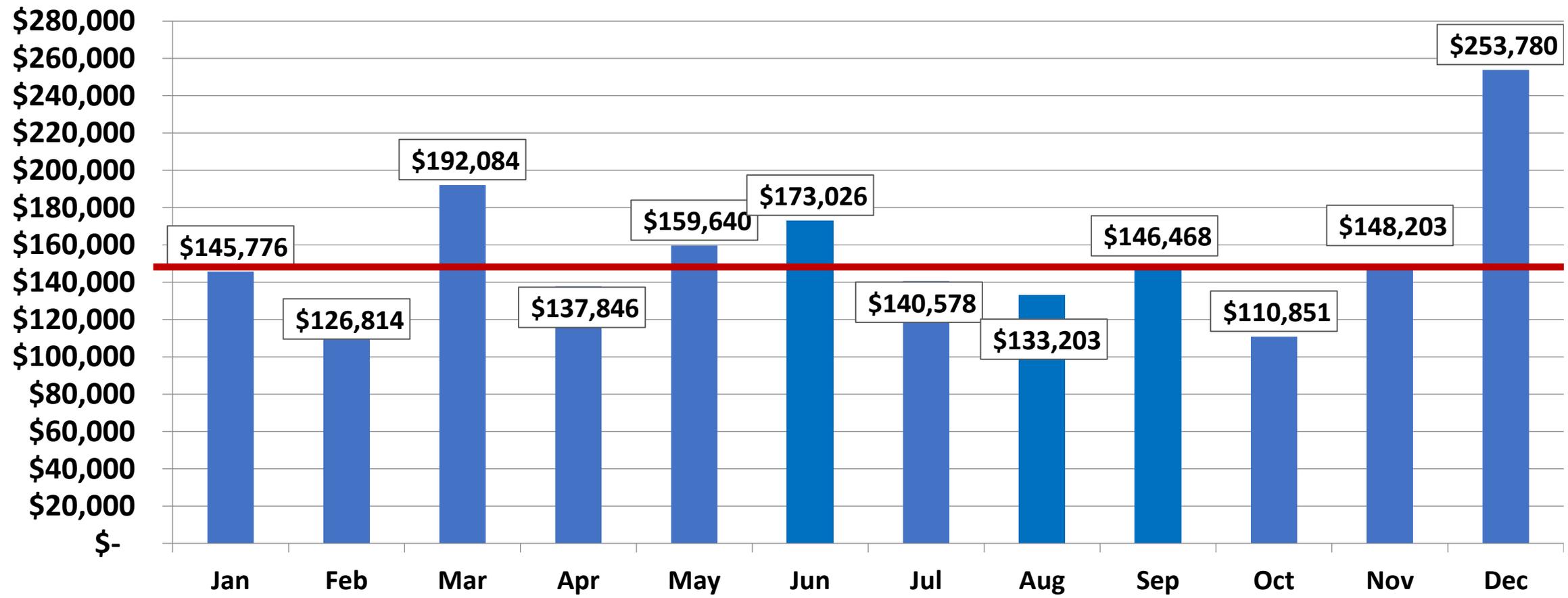
## **Annual Financial Report**

**Steven Wilson – Executive Pastor**

**Brian Bahrenfuss - Treasurer**

# 2024 Annual Offerings

(\$145,833 needed monthly)



**Total Budgeted - \$1,750,000    Total Received - \$1,868,268**  
**Over Budget \$118,268**

# CHURCH

## Projected vs. Actual Giving

	<u>2024</u>
<b>Projected Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1,750,000</b>
<u><b>Actual Giving</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,868,268</b></u>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 118,268</b>

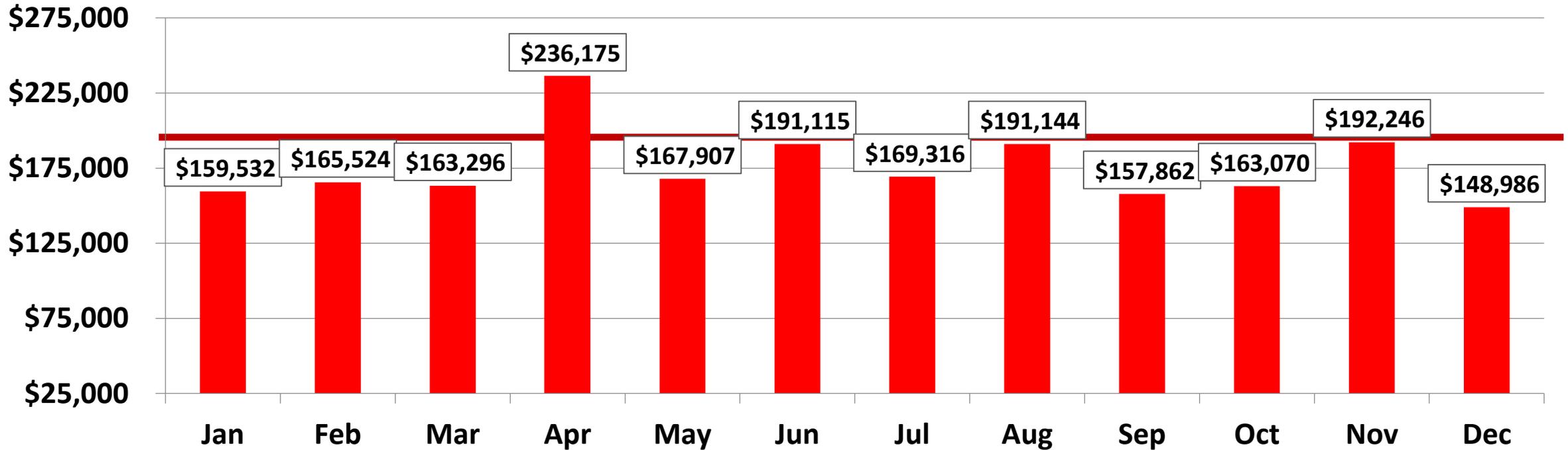
**This is \$9,856 a month or \$2,274 a week  
over budget giving**

# CHURCH



## 2024 Annual BBC Expenses

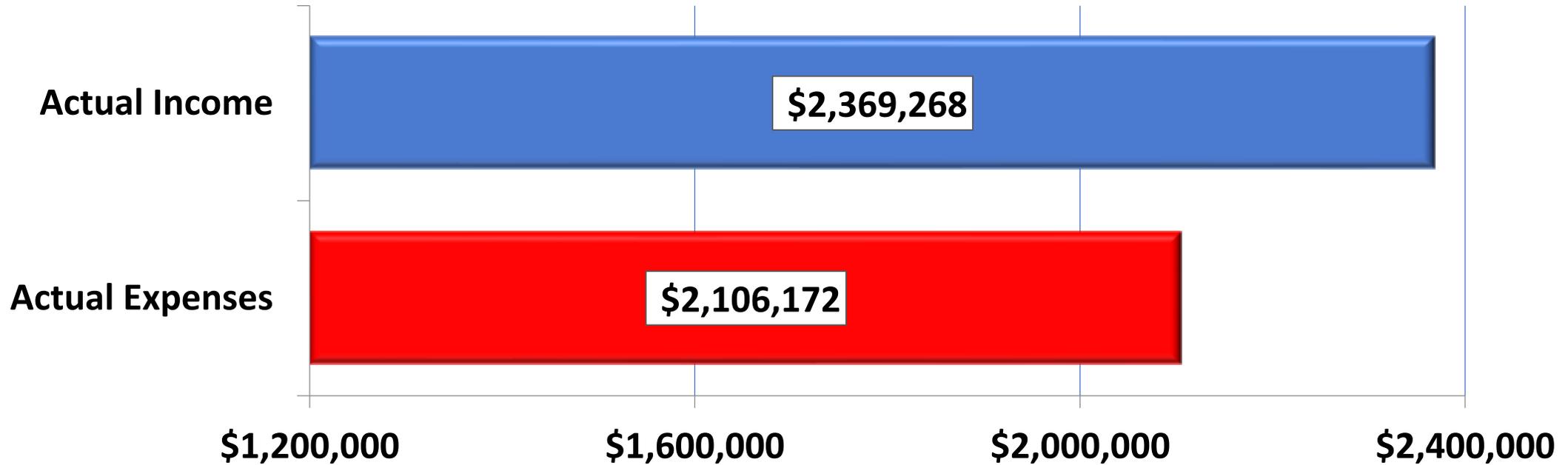
(Average Monthly Budgeted Operating Expense \$192,059 includes BBA Building Use Fee)



**Total Budgeted - \$2,251,000    Total Spent - \$2,106,172    Under \$144,828**

# CHURCH

## 2024 Annual Income vs. Expenses



**Net Operating Surplus: \$263,096**

## Donation Letter Mailed

At our last member's meeting a question was raised about our budgeted amount for bank fees. The majority of the bank fees are due to the online giving and especially the giving via credit cards. Currently, the church spends on average \$2,200 a month in service charges processing giving. The majority of these fees come via credit cards. We want to be good stewards with the church's money and we realize how much we are paying to the credit card companies that could be used in more beneficial ways.

## Donation Letter Mailed

We have noticed that you are one of our most faithful online givers and have chosen to give using your credit card. While your gifts are greatly appreciated, and we understand the convenience of using a credit card and the benefits you may receive from it, we would like to ask you to consider the option of setting up your giving using the ACH option.

## Donation Letter Mailed

Utilizing this option would save the church thousands of dollars in fees over the course of the year, and those funds could then be used to benefit the church's ministries. The amount saved would be equivalent to a part time employee's wages for a year. We still value your giving if there is a reason you choose not to use the ACH option, but we wanted to bring to your attention that option and the savings it would bring to the church over the course of 2025 and the years beyond.

# Introduction of New Treasurer



**Terry Sasser and Mary Lynn**

# **Berean Baptist Church**

## **Annual Clerk's Report**

**Pastor Sean Harris – Pastor**  
**Teresa Perry – Church Clerk**

# Membership – 2024 Summary



<b>Members (Adults ONLY) – as of 1/1/2024</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>Joined</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Departed</b>	<b>-67</b>
<b>Members (Adults ONLY) – as of 12/31/2024</b>	<b>493</b>
<b>Member Children – as of 1/1/2024</b>	<b>302</b>
<b>Births</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Children of New Members</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Departed</b>	<b>-55</b>
<b>Member Children – as of 12/31/2024</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>TOTAL Adults and Member Children – as of 12/31/2024</b>	<b>809</b>

# New Members

## January 28, 2024



**Mark & Mikayla Brown**



**Shelby Estep**



**Nate & Paige Forrester**



**Justin & Lovina Goad**



**Chapman Guillory**



**Josh & Sierra Judkins**



**Bruce & DeAnna Kellogg**



**Ben Kuykendall**



**Luis & Ilmaris Mejias**



**Nate and Bella Mills**



**Francisco Montes & Sahara Camacho**



**Susan Parker**



**Jordan Thomas**

# New Members

## April 21, 2024



**Phyllis Bonner**



**Tim & Leslie Brown**



**Keith & Jacqueline  
Burkholder**



**Sam & Hannah Cornett**



**Travis & Leah Dalsis**



**Darrius & Ericka Glass**



**Nikki Ogunbiyi**



**Jessi Schomaker**



**Jack & Avery Ward**

# New Members

## July 28, 2024



**Tyler Beach**



**Barbara Bowman**



**Richard & Kathi Bundy**



**Ben Cochrane**



**Matty Contreras**



**Scott & Brenda Cordell**



**Rana Elsayed**



**Chan Kim**



**Rey & Merla Molina**



**Blake Rala**



**Kyle & Leslie Wall**



**Zach Warren**

# New Members

## October 27, 2024



**Ryan & Diana Brees**



**Malikai Campbell**



**Jenna Carroll**



**Michelle Carroll**



**Brian Dzama**



**Nathan & Sydney Earnhart**



**Matt & Kat Goldstein**



**Nathaniel Greenberg**



**Abbey Hartman**



**Garrett & Grace Hesse**



**Dave LaFountain**



**Aurelia Lucero**



**Kristian Martinez**



**Megan Royko**



**Austin & Ashley Ryder**



**Jeremy Shay**

# New Members

## December 8, 2024



**Justin & Thamirys Brenner**



**Gabby Bynum**



**Matt & Martha Compton**



**Josh & Kaitlin Erkkila**



**Mike & Amanda Garcia**



**Scott Garcia**



**Tristan & MaryBeth McDermid**



**Rey Molina Jr.**



**Kathy Roberge**



**Dave & Ashley Scott**



**Madeline Smith**



**Josh Thomas**



**Tien Le**



**Ramil & Regina Tumonong**

# Membership Losses - 2024



<b>Departed: YTD</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>Gone to be with the Lord</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PCS/ETS (military)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Moved</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Moved Membership/Resigned Membership</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Other (church discipline or non-attendance)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Transition to Adult Non-Member</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>55</b>

# Gone to be with the Lord



**Sue Wise**  
February 2, 2024



**Joyce Reband**  
May 8, 2024



**Judy Wixson**  
May 20, 2024

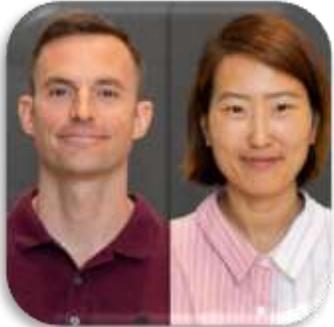


**Phyllis Arnold**  
May 23, 2024



**Luke Walters**  
September 22, 2024

# Adult Losses – PCS/ETS



**Nathan & Jin Jones**



**Luke & Jessica Lail**



**Evan & Jenna James**



**James & Rosilin King**



**Jason & Georgia Black**



**Sam Mayo**



**Drew & Sydney Smith**



**Josh & Katie Miller**



**Edward Crawford**



**Robert & Keshun Mosley**



**Francisco & Sahara  
Montes**



**Adam & Katrina Smith**

# Adult Losses – Moved



**Eric & Lorie Southerland**



**Ken & Linda Plain**



**Kathy Michaelson**



**Rodney & Toni Harvey**



**Robin Larson**



**Kyle Wixson**

# Adult Losses – Resigned/ Attending Another Church



**Abigail Ludwig**



**Quinn Dougherty**



**Rudy & Pam Messex**



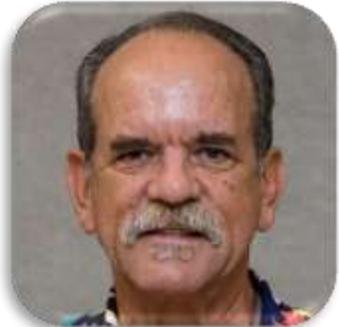
**Chris Armantrout**



**John & Joan Dayton**



**Ron Mason**



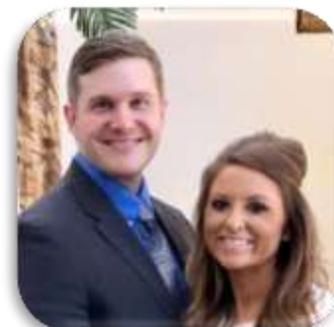
**Neil Torres**



**Richard & Tammy Clark**



**Sandy & Grace Scarboro**



**Aaron & Amanda Schade**



**Daniel & Abbie Knox**



**Marcus & Faith Belt**



**Terra King**



**Mike & Anne Hubbard**



**William Lee**



**Calvin & Christy Rome**



**Cris Jones**



**Scott & Brenda Cordell**

# Adult Losses Non-Attendance



**Ashley McCulloh**



**Bryan & Jessica Henry**

# Member Children – Transition to Adult Non-Member



## Aged Out – Reached the age of 18 and have not joined

Tristan Hartman	January	1
Samantha Campbell	March	1
Makayla Campbell	April	1
Isabella Caldera	September	1
Abigail Hylland	September	1
Sienna May	September	1
Ben Wallace	September	1
Sarah Winslow	December	1
Sofia Molina	December	1
		9

# Non-Member Information

<b>Non-Member Adults</b>	
<b>Prospects for Membership (already attended First Class)</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Voting tonight</b> (will include 4 children)	<b>(6)</b>
<b>Prospects for First Class</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Enrolled in next First Class</b> (scheduled for March 2, 2025)	<b>(32)</b>
<b>Regular Attenders</b> (regularly attend but not interested in joining the church)	<b>50</b>
<b>Occasional Attenders</b> (people we track but with sporadic attendance)	<b>70</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242</b>

# Other Membership Information 2024



Other Membership Information	
Members Currently Deployed	2
Baptized in 2024	19
Members Currently Homebound	16
Completed 1 <sup>st</sup> Class in 2024	109

# Members Currently Deployed



**Devon Bowers**



**Michael Wood**

# 2024 Baptisms



**Chan Kim**



**Malikai Campbell**



**Brian Dzama**



**Zoe Earling**



**Anna Germany**



**Abbey Hartman**



**Anna Lesley**



**Clair Rala**



**Ella Cate Warren**



**Zach Warren**



**Tien Le Truong**



**Rey Molina Sr.**



**Scott & Brenda Cordell**



**Kyle Wall**



**Thorin Rodgers**



**Landon Neal**



**Gabby Bynum**



**Rey Molina Jr.**

# Homebound Members



**Phyllis Bonner**



**Trey Cecil**



**Arlene Edel**



**Margaret Gillespie**



**Canieta Hargrove**



**Phil & Colleen Heatwole**



**Troy & Pam Iverson**



**Jason Massingale**



**James Phelps**



**Jennifer Rivas**



**Darlene Russell**



**Linda Shockley**



**Judy Denise Smith**



**Agnes Turlington**

# Other Members Needing Prayer



**James Beach**



**Barbara Bowman**



**Julia Dzama**



**Goldie Ellison**



**Jeff Giddings**



**Ernie Grayson**



**Lesley Losiewski**



**Gary Schave**

# Members of Concern Non-Attendance



<b>Name</b>	<b>Jacob &amp; Jennifer Thorn</b>	<b>Lea Newman</b>	<b>Carmen Flores</b>
<b>Last Attended Date (wks)</b>	<b>8/18/2024 (23 weeks)</b>	<b>9/22/2024 (19 weeks)</b>	<b>9/29/2024 (18 weeks)</b>

# Members of Concern Non-Attendance



<b>Name</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Ashley Ross</b>	<b>Andrena Dessasure</b>	<b>Julian Newman</b>
<b>Last Attended Date (wks)</b>	<b>11/3/2024 (12 weeks)</b>	<b>11/10/2024 (11 weeks)</b>	<b>11/24/2024 (10 weeks)</b>

# Proposed Article Revision

**1. The mission of Berean Baptist Church is to proclaim Christ to make disciples who make disciples. (Mat 28:18-20, Acts 8:5, 17:3, 28:23 1Co 1:23, 2:2, Col 1:27-29).**

**A. A disciple of Christ has been born again (Tit 3:5), and as a new creation (2Co 5:17), is being transformed (2Co 3:18) by the Holy Spirit to think, be, do, and proclaim like their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2Pe 1:11) in their daily life (Mat 16:24, Luke 6:40, John 3:3-8, 10:27, Rom 8:29, 1Co 11:1).**

**B. BBC believes the New Testament does not distinguish between being a believer, follower, disciple, convert, or Christian. All those born again are disciples who must follow Jesus, their Lord and Savior, in the New Covenant (2Co 3:6).**

# Proposed Article Revision

**2. Our vision is to carry out the Great Commission (Mat 28:18-20, Mar 16:15) of our Lord Jesus (1Co 3:11) in Fayetteville, Fort Liberty, the surrounding communities, and globally (Act 1:8) as we, His disciples, love God and love others (Mat 22:37-40), grow in Christlikeness, follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:14), and worship the Triune God (John 4:24) in how we think, be, do, (Rom 12:1-2) and proclaim to the advancement of the kingdom of God (Act 8:12, 28:31, Rom 14:17, Col 4:11, Rev 1:6).**

# Proposed Article Revision

## 3. Core Values

- A. God-glorifying: We were created to bring glory to God. Everything we do as individuals and as a church must bring glory to God. When it does not, we must repent (Mat 5:16, John 15:8, 1Co 10:31).**
- B. Love: Love for God and others is the single greatest way disciples show they are followers of Christ (Matt 22:37- 40, John 13:35, 1Co 13:4-8, Rom 13:9, Jam 2:8, 1Jo 5:2).**
- C. Christlike: Every member of the church must make it their priority to imitate Christ in their thinking, being, doing, and proclaiming 24/7. This is God's will for all believers (Rom 8:29). When they do not, disciples experience conviction and must repent (Heb 12:6).**
- D. Biblically Grounded: The Bible is the Word of God (2Ti 4:2, Heb 4:12); we are Bereans (Acts 17:11); the Scripture alone determines our doctrine, theology, practice, and what is and is not God-glorifying, loving, and Christlike (2Ti 3:16, 2Pe 1:21). See our article of faith on the Bible.**
- E. Unity: Maintaining unity in Berean is of utmost importance unless maintaining unity conflicts with following Christ or aligning ourselves with what the Bible reveals to be truth (John 17, 1Co 1:10, Eph 4:3,13, Gal 6:1). We are commanded to live in harmony with one another (Ps 133:1, Rom 12:16, 15:5, Titus 3:10-11).**

# Proposed Article Revision

## 4. Generalized Purpose

**A. This congregation is organized as a church exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes as the establishing and maintaining of religious worship, the building, maintaining and operating of churches, parsonages, schools, chapels, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, print shops, daycare centers, camps, nursing homes, and cemeteries, and any other ministries that the church may be led of God to establish.**

**B. The church shall also ordain and license men to the gospel ministry; evangelize the unsaved by the proclaiming of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; educate believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture, both in Sunday and weekday schools of Christian education; maintain missionary activities in the United States and any foreign country; and engage in any other ministry that the church may decide, from time to time, to pursue in obedience to the will of God.**

# Membership Recommendation

**The Elders of Berean Baptist Church Present the  
Following People for Membership:**



**Billy Bussey**  
Jax



**Johlin Cummins**

**Husband: Michael (already a member)**



**Amy Kalow**  
**Alexandra**



**Matt and Mina Reilly**  
**Isabella and Charles**



**April Tate**

# Vote to Accept New Members

- All in favor signify by saying “aye”
- Any opposed say “no”

# Adjournment

- **All in favor of adjourning say “aye”**
- **Any opposed say “no”**
- **Results**
- **Close in prayer**

