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Hope Chapel Family,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This letter is to effectively communicate to you the church's current and trending financial situation.

Our current operating expenses are trending around \$19,000 monthly which is \$6,500 less than what we budgeted and expected. This shows that the church is doing everything that we can to stick to the budget in which was communicated to you.

However, over the past several months, the church has fallen behind on the gifts needed to reach this goal and currently is trending at a **-\$4,500.00** a **month**. This has caused us to use a considerable amount from our savings account to cover this deficit. This is no longer an option and immediate action is needed.

Your Hope Chapel staff and leadership are willing to do what is necessary to close the deficit and to create margin in our finances. In addition to the funds needed to cover this, we are also in desperate need to replace and fix our furnaces, and the roof of the church building.

It is still our greatest desire to create disciples that can introduce Pine Hill to the Love, Hope, and Power of Jesus Christ. It is vital that we address this thick sense of burden that covers this vision because of our current financial situation.

Your HC Leadership has prayed and feel it necessary to pursue several courses of action to lift this burden.

First, we will be pursuing a refinance on our mortgage which will allow us to fix and replace our roof and furnaces.

Second, we will be meticulously decreasing our spending in hopes to close this monthly deficit.

And thirdly, we would like to **invite you** to be praying about the church's financial situation and that God would provide during this time. We ask that you also would be ready and willing to take steps with your own personal finances to make sure you are able to give regularly and faithfully as all are commanded to do. We believe that together we can close this deficit and create the margin that will allow us to freely create disciples that can introduce Pine Hill to the Love, Hope, and Power of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 12 says "For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have."

If you have any follow-up questions to this message, please feel free to reach out to Pastor De'Andre via email at pd@hcpinehill.org or by calling our church office.

Sincerely,

De'Andre Ralston Lead Pastor Hope Chapel of the C&MA