

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | 2.8.2026

ETERNAL CHURCH



WELCOME AND AGENDA

AARON SHIER

MEETING AGENDA

1. 2026 Plan for Eternal | Chad Hollowell
2. Pastoral Search Update | Scott Carroll
3. Financial Update | Guy Rockey
4. Prayer Prompts | Aaron Shier

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

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Ephesians 3:21, 1 Corinthians 10:31, John 4:23–24; Hebrews 12:28, Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 16:15; Romans 10:14–15, Matthew 28:19–20; Colossians 1:28, Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 3:15; 2 Timothy 3:16–17, Acts 2:44–47; Ephesians 4:1–6; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27, Ephesians 4:11–13; Hebrews 10:24–25, Galatians 6:10; James 1:27; Matthew 5:16, Matthew 5:13–16; Philippians 2:15, Matthew 18:15–17; Galatians 6:1

- 1. To glorify God**
- 2. To worship God**
- 3. To proclaim the gospel (evangelism)**
- 4. To make disciples**
- 5. To teach and uphold God's Word**
- 6. To foster fellowship and live in loving community**
- 7. To build up and equip believers for ministry**
- 8. To serve others and demonstrate God's love**
- 9. To be a witness of God's kingdom on earth**

Proverbs 19:21

“Many are the plans of a man’s heart, but it is the Lord who directs His steps.”

It needs to be understood that....

1. This is a pastoral heart in response to elder led direction
2. This is in addition to everything we are already doing
3. This will require leadership and involvement by others beyond pastors/staff
4. This will be guided by the Holy Spirit and we will make every effort to adapt as led

Eternal Church Plan

Vision

We want to see every man, woman, and child living transformed lives of witness at home, at work, and at play.

Mission

We pursue this Vision by treasuring the truth of the gospel, worshipping Jesus Christ in word and deed, and growing in communities of faith.

Core Areas the Elders and Pastors Sense God Saying "Pay Attention To..."

1. Reaching the Lost
2. Growing In/Into Community
3. Equipping Our People
4. Hiring a new Lead Teaching Pastor

3 Year Dream

1. A stronger heart for reaching the lost
2. The greater Fort Mill / Rock Hill community experiencing the love of Christ tangibly through Eternal Church's presence in the community
3. Discipleship leading to transformation and witness
4. A Healthy Church body

Reaching the Lost

Objective: A church body that has a heart for reaching the lost, equipped and engaged evangelistically both locally and globally

Goals

1. Partner with one of our global missionaries (Peru or Guatemala) to do a church short term mission trip in 2026
2. Explore possible London Project partnership and determine commitment
3. Develop and provide a Family Ministry team plan to provide intentional ministry with at risk / interested in faith teens connected to our church youth group
4. Offer an Evangelism Course (a form of Alpha Course TBD)
5. Develop a 5 year church planting plan and proactively move this direction with the intent of planting a church
6. Increase mission support financially by 5% and form a mission team that connects/ provides care regularly (with our missionaries in Peru, Guatemala, UK)

Growing In/Into Community

Objective: A church body that is engaged in our greater community together, sharing the love of Christ by serving and sharing the gospel

Goals

1. Complete 3 Service days annually
2. Partner clearly with one local care ministry and get our church involved in a monthly participation
3. Presence at 2 greater community events in 2026 (Fort Mill, Rock Hill, Tega Cay - TBD)
4. Use our building more intentionally as a rich resource given to us by God
5. Re-envision community group model and emphasis to be more missional and multiplication oriented

Equipping Our People

Objective: A church body that is mature in biblical understanding, application, growing in discipleship, evangelism and witness.

Goals

1. Offer a 4 week class to learn about “Sharing your testimony”
2. Offer a class on “Missions”
3. Develop and implement a mentoring / discipling team ministry
4. Regular monthly testimonies from our church body in service
5. Refresh Connect U (New Comers - Covenant Class - Treasures Within)

Already Offering: Bible Study in Hebrews, Women’s Bible Study “What’s SHE Doing Here?”, Greenhouse Children’s Discipleship, Spiritual Formation (Rooted Deeply, Practicing the Way, Holding Space), Re|engage / Stay Engage Marriage Ministry, Life Stage discipleship and learning

New Lead Teaching Pastor

Objective: Hire a Lead Teaching Pastor, welcome, and integrate into our staff and church ministries

TEACHING PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

SCOTT CARROLL

Teaching Pastor Calling Steps

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5. **CHEMISTRY**

Prayer Prompts

- Please continue to pray for this search from beginning to end, trusting the Lord's perfect timing
- Pray for each candidate, that they would experience the Lord's peace and clarity as they discern His call
- Pray for the man God is preparing to serve as Teaching Pastor at Eternal Church
- Pray for wisdom, unity, and discernment for the members of the TPSC
- Pray specifically for upcoming interviews

FINANCIAL UPDATE

GUY ROCKEY

Financial Update



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Financial Update: Roadmap



- 1. Full Year Overview*
- 2. First Quarter Results*
 - a. Income*
 - b. Expense*
 - c. Reserve*
- 3. Look Ahead*

Full Year Income and Expense Budgeted at \$1.4 Mil

\$ Rounded Thousands

\$1,600

\$1,200

\$800

\$400

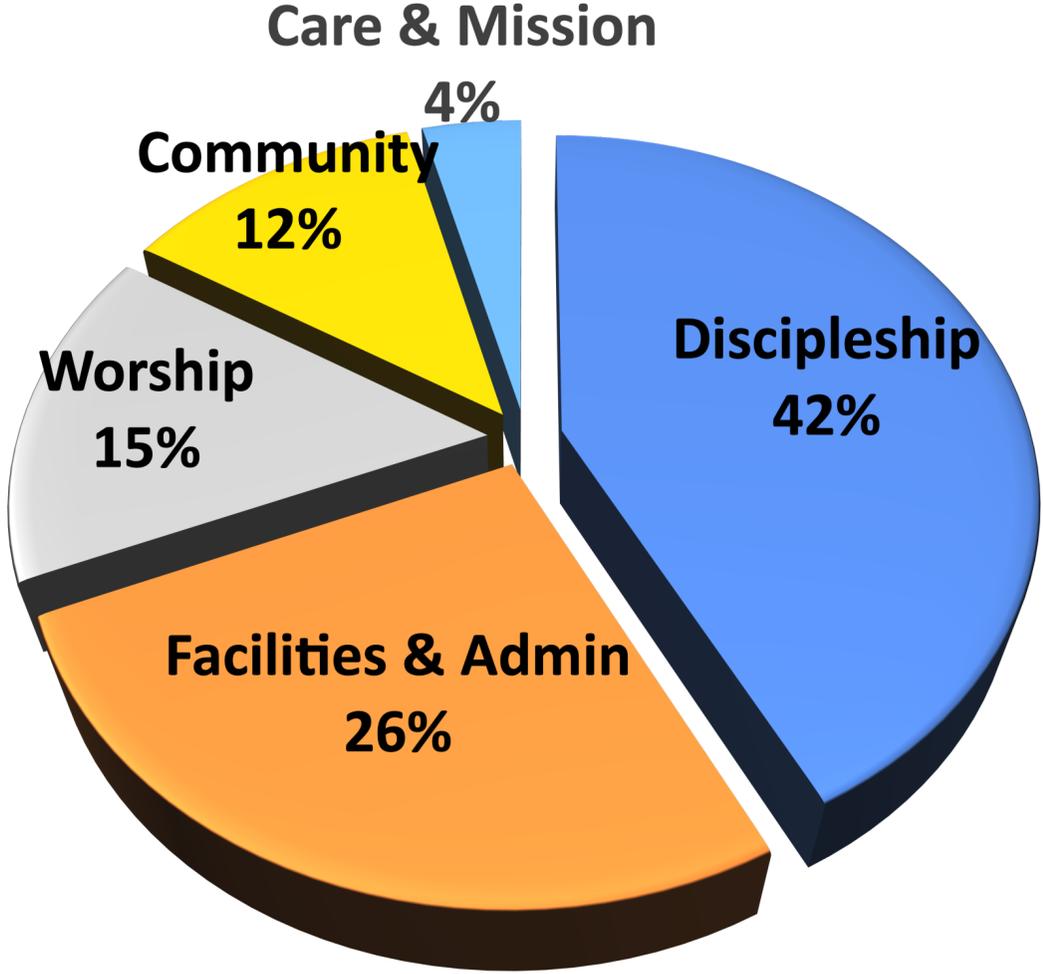
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Category 1

■ Payroll

■ Non-Payroll



First Quarter Income 14% Below Plan

\$ Rounded Thousands



\$9.8Mil Property with a \$3.9Mil Remaining Loan

Remaining Balance	\$3,915K
1st Quarter FY2026	\$30K
FY2025	\$107K
Initial Payment	\$4,052K



Mortgage principal reduction payments each year



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PRAYER PROMPTS & CLOSING

AARON SHIER



Corporate Prayer

- Worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving for all He has done. *“Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man”* Psalm 66
- Pray for the Spirit to stir our hearts to reach the lost with the gospel message, both locally and globally.
- Pray for absolute trust in the Lord’s perfect timing from beginning to end; and for wisdom, unity, and discernment for the members of the TPSC.
- Pray that we remain faithful—steadfast and immovable—we trust that God will continue to guide us, be present with us, and use our faithfulness for His purposes. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)



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Q&A Time

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