



# A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Father God and of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ whose Resurrection we remember during the Season of Easter.

I have been trying to keep you abreast of our financial situation over the past several months. I have good news to report for the month of March. In March we had expenses of \$176,643 and \$191,200 received, leaving a surplus of \$14,557 for the month! Praise God! This surplus was not a result of large gifts, but of many people increasing their gifts just a little. Our family has increased our giving \$70 a month. That may not seem like a lot, but if all our giving units would do so it would amount to \$745,000 each year. As always, I will seek to lead by example, so you need to know what your pastor is doing. I often tell you that it is not doing something large, but everyone doing their part that moves the kingdom forward. Our experience this month is proof of that. Thanks to all the work areas that are continuing to keep their expenses down during this time. We will soon be including this information in the bulletin and newsletter on a regular basis so we will not need to take up space in this letter.

High school seniors and their families are invited to a luncheon in their honor on Sunday, April 27 immediately following the 11:00 worship services in Oaks Hall. You are invited to make reservations by e-mailing Sherri Cole at [sherri@mceachernumc.org](mailto:sherri@mceachernumc.org) or calling 770-943-3008, extension 5021.

Please remember to be in worship the next three Sundays as we move toward our Consecration Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be hearing more about the program in worship and through mailings. This Sunday there will be a very brief and interesting breakdown of our giving over the past twelve months. Remember, it is all about our need to give – not the church's need to receive. Discover the joy that comes from sharing in God's work through faithful stewardship.

Have I told you lately what a great staff team we have at McEachern? Today we had one of our quarterly half-day training events. The training was led by one of our annual conference leaders. As I sat in the training I wondered where we as a congregation would be without the dedicated work of these folks. I invite and encourage you to send them reminders that they are appreciated. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate; just an email, a call, or a comment made in passing in the hallway. I am proud and awed by the ministry they perform every day.

Almighty God, we praise you for your blessings in our lives. We ask that you would continue to bless us so that we may be a blessing to others in your name. More than blessings, we pray that we might be faithful to you in all we say and do. Thank you for all, lay and clergy, who labor to bring peace, reconciliation, and your love to the world. This we pray in the name that is above all names, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Bless,