



June 10, 2025

Hillcrest Covenant Church Community,

As we approach the end of our fiscal year (July 2024–June 2025), we want to share a brief update on our church's financial picture. At last year's June Congregational Meeting, we approved a budget of \$1,575,000. Thanks to some additional funds in our missions account, we felt confident moving forward, even with some planned overages of around \$37,000. As of now, we're projecting a year-end shortfall of approximately \$70,000 — about \$33,000 more than anticipated.

Hillcrest has always risen to meet moments like this—with faith, unity, and generosity. We believe that, with God's help and your continued support, we can once again finish strong. To close the gap, we're inviting everyone to consider giving an additional gift during the month of June. **Our goal is to receive \$140,000 in giving this month**—\$33,000 above our normal June target.

We're so grateful for your ongoing support of Hillcrest and the many ways you make ministry possible. As we look to the 2025–2026 budget, we've made adjustments that reflect our actual giving levels over the past few years. While this brings needed sustainability, it also means we'll have to make tough choices in areas we deeply value. To help meet future needs, we're also exploring new sources of income, including the potential to rent out parts of our building during unused times. We'll share more about these opportunities at the Budget Informational Meeting listed below.

As we close out this year, **we ask three things of you:**

1. Pray for wisdom as we make decisions for Hillcrest's finances.
2. Pray about how you might contribute financially in June.
3. Give thanks to God for how He continues to provide for Hillcrest—including the gift of our incredible staff.

Please join us on Sunday, June 22 after the 10:45 service for a **Budget Informational Meeting**. We will review the 2025-2026 budget and talk about changes. On Sunday, June 29, after each service, we are calling a **Congregational Budget Meeting** for all members to vote on the new budget. We invite your attendance and participation in this important process.

We are truly thankful for you. Your presence, your prayers, and your generosity are vital to our community as we continue to pursue new life together in Jesus.

With gratitude and hope,