

July 9, 2010

Dear New Lifer,

Attached is a copy of our PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY for the fiscal year August 1, 2010 thru July 31, 2011. We hope you'll take a few moments to review it and discover how New Life's leadership team is recommending funds be spent this coming year.

You'll notice that we're proposing a 3.9% decrease in overall budget expenditures for the next fiscal year. This is once again not what we had hoped for, but it does reflect our desire to continue spending responsibly during this long season of economic downturn and joblessness.

While we rejoice in receiving 54 new ministry partners into our church family so far in 2010, with the continuing unemployment trends many of our member families have had to relocate in order to find work. Unfortunately, this and other factors have resulted in lower-than-hoped-for giving totals for this past year.

In light of this and because of our commitment to biblical stewardship, we feel led once again this year to adjust our expectations in order to maintain our solid financial condition during these lean times. Members of our Ministry Staff have operated in this tight environment for several years now and are becoming quite skilled at leveraging each ministry dollar for the greatest kingdom impact.

Of course, we're hoping and praying that this current season will be followed by a season of abundance! We're praying that the vital Gospel work we are engaged in can move forward unhindered by financial constraints. And we're praying that struggling brothers and sisters in our New Life family will be able to find some relief from the financial squeeze that they have felt for some time now. May the Lord make it so!

(By the way, we are happy to report that during this season when lots of New Life members continue to be stretched thin, financial assistance from our Brother's Keeper benevolence fund has been made available to many who have found themselves in emergency situations. To date over \$55,000 has been disbursed from this fund for this purpose. Praise God!)

So, please review this Proposed Budget before July 24-25--that's the weekend that members will vote on approving it. Feel free to direct any questions to our Church Business Administrator, Jim Strong, at jstrong@enewlife.com. An electronic copy of the Proposed Budget can also be found on our website, www.enewlife.com.

Let's all be faithful in our giving to God's work at New Life. Joyful and generous giving is a mark of true discipleship (Matt.6:19-21; I Cor.8:7-9). Let's all do our part and continue believing that our God is able to do 'exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.'

For Transformed Lives leading to His Fame,
THE ELDERS, LEAD TEAM, AND MINISTRY STAFF OF NEW LIFE CHURCH