

# Treasurer Communication Letter

As you may have observed from the church bulletins over the course of the last several months, the tithes and offerings to the church have not been sufficient to keep up with the operating expenses of First Baptist of Aurora. Because of that, we are taking measures to reduce some ministries and church operating expenses. The following cost reduction actions are being taken to help close the gap between the church's contributions and its costs to operate.

Beginning in January, the following changes in ministry and in how we operate will occur:

1. The Church Secretary's hours will be reduced by one-third and the duties will primarily be performed from home. As a result, some of the work that Sharon performs will be discontinued and we will no longer maintain secretarial presence in the church building during the week.
2. The paid custodial services will be discontinued and shifted to a volunteer program. Your assistance in helping to maintain a clean and fresh church setting would be greatly appreciated. The Trustees will be administering this program.
3. The morning fellowship and refreshment time will be discontinued, eliminating the cost of the morning food and drinks. However, as a means of enriching the ministry of our personal growth with Christ, the Board of Christian Education will be looking at opportunities to expand the Sunday School program.
4. The church will be moving to a Quarterly Newsletter, as opposed to the Monthly circular that exists today. This will not only reduce paper and postage costs, it will also reduce ink and copier maintenance costs. Sharon will continue to send the Quarterly Newsletter electronically, as she does today. If you would prefer to receive it electronically, and eliminate the paper mailing, please let Sharon know.

These actions are being taken to help us endure the difficult economic times. We know that God's plans for the First Baptist Church of Aurora have not changed. However, it is our responsibility to see that we are good stewards of the resources that He provides for us to achieve His mission. We consider these actions to be temporary and expect that, as we become healthier as a church, some or all of these will be restored.

Thank you for your continued support, as we continue to Share, Love, and Serve Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Jim Black  
Treasurer, First Baptist Church

## Business Meeting Changes

**A change has been made in the constitution that has moved our business meetings from monthly to quarterly.**

**“Quarterly business meetings shall take place in February, May, August and November. These meetings will take place on the second Sunday of these months directly following Sunday morning worship. All major decisions of boards, standing committees and appointed committees must be presented to the business meeting to receive a vote of approval before a stated decision may be implemented.”**