



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | 8.9.2026

ETERNAL CHURCH





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MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Staff Structure Update
3. New Elder and Deacon Affirmation and Voting
4. Finance Update
5. Heart for Eternal Church
6. Corporate Prayer



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MINISTRY AND STAFF STRUCTURE

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April 4, 2026 Congregational Meeting Recap

- Committed to faithfulness and stewardship over preservation
- Our financial reality required structural changes
- A season of change and invitation to participate

MINISTRY AND STAFF STRUCTURE

A Season of Change

**Our mission has not changed.
How we carry it together is changing**

Faithful stewardship • Healthy leadership • Shared ministry

Sustainable ministry aligns our resources, commitments, and capacity for long-term faithfulness

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Steward faithfully

Align spending and staffing with the resources God provides.

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Protect healthy capacity

Focus our pastors and staff on the work they are uniquely called and equipped to do.

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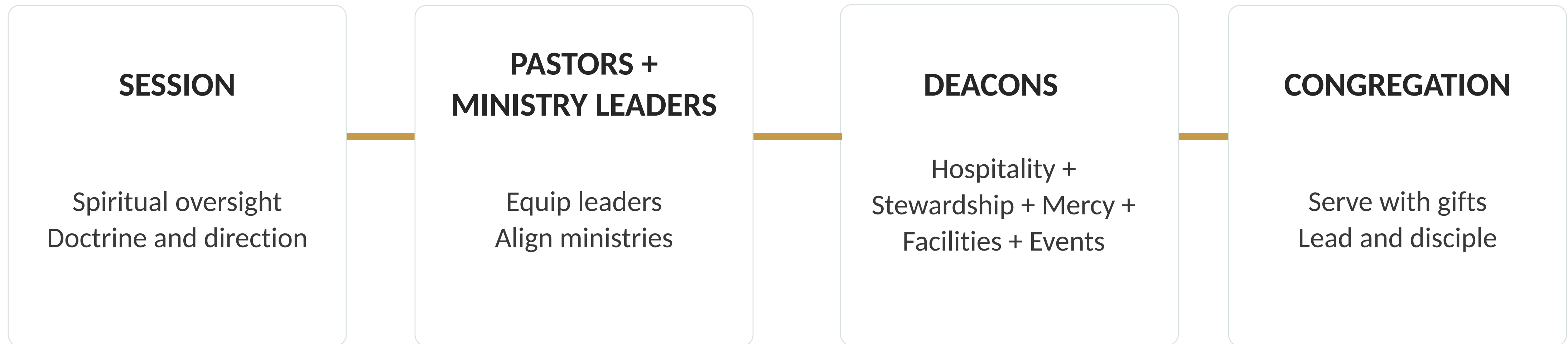
Share the ministry

Equip leaders and invite the whole church to use their gifts in meaningful ways.

Our finances are approaching sustainability; our current staffing workload is not sustainable indefinitely.

Ministry Alignment

A way to align oversight, equipping, service, and participation



One mission. Distinct assignments. Shared responsibility.

Ministry and Staff Changes

Pastoral Staff | Vision, Mission, and Values – and equipping the church body

Steve Gee: Lead Teaching Pastor

Chad Hollowell: Lead Pastor of Ministry and Staff (former title Executive Pastor)

Jesse Schlicher: Worship Pastor, Youth Ministry oversight, and Men's and Women's Ministry oversight

Ministry Directors | Greater ownership within their ministry areas

Lauren Dean: Kids Ministry Director

Kristen Gardner: Director of Communications and Events

Melissa Woodruff: Director of Connections, Groups, and Outreach

Administrative and Operational Support | Shared among staff, deacons, volunteers

Keith Dudley: Production Manager

Rachel Basisty: Volunteer Administrator

Bridgette Curtis: Finance Administrator

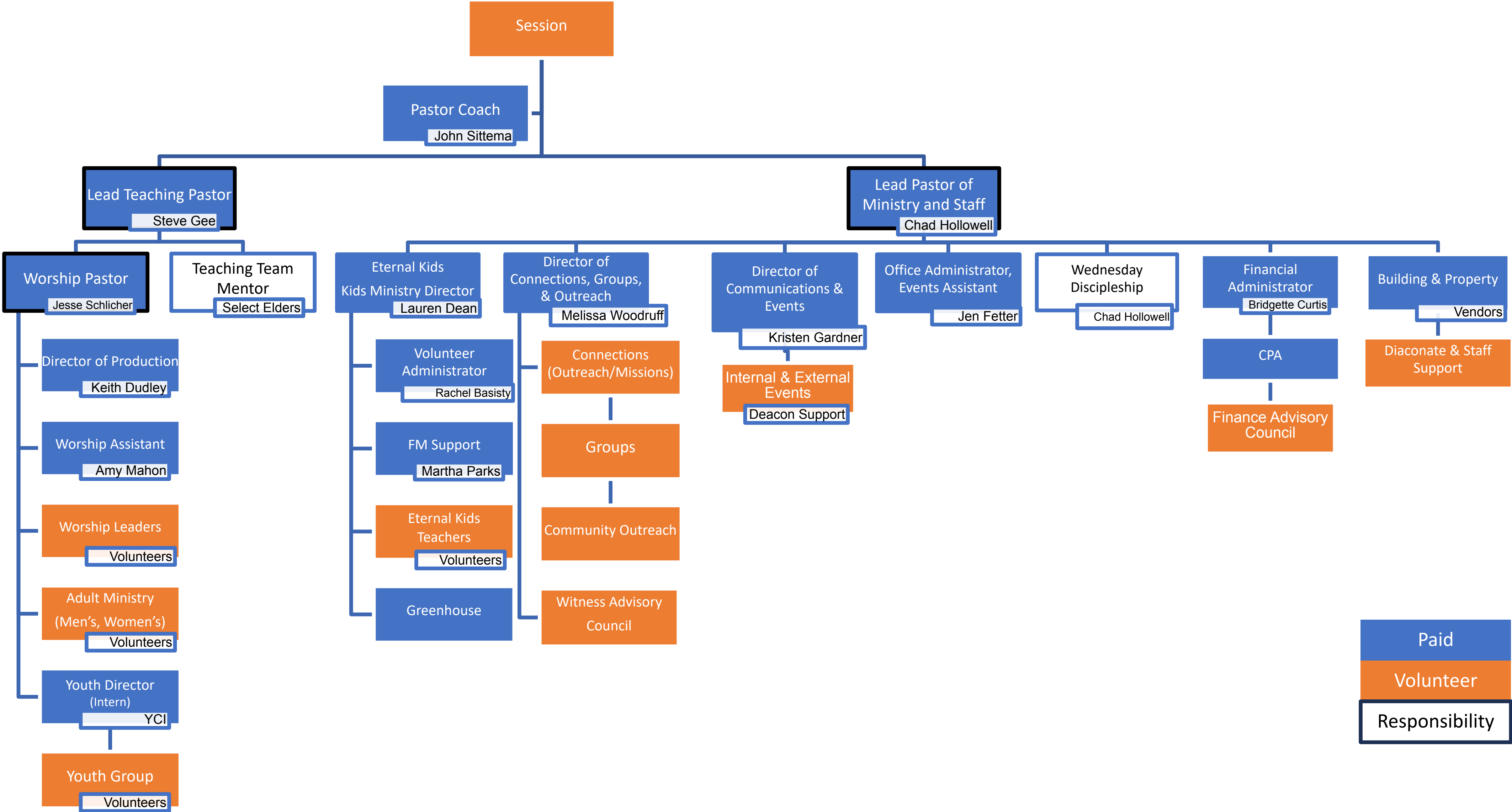
Jen Fetter: Office Administration and Events Assistant

Amy Mahon: Worship Assistant

Martha Parks: Family Ministry Support

Deacons: Building and Property, Event support

Ministry Structure for the Season Ahead



Ministry belongs to the whole church

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body” – 1 Corinthians 12:12

WITNESS

TRUTH

WORSHIP

COMMUNITY

**We seek to live lives of
witness, shaped by truth,
surrendered in worship,
rooted in community...**

**...and sent with a purpose –
for God’s glory and the good
of every man, woman, and
child in our reach.**

There is a place for you in the work of ministry.

Serve once

Say yes to a specific event or practical need.

Join a team

Offer your gifts consistently in an area of ministry.

Help lead

Take ownership of an event, team, or serving opportunity.

Current Opportunities to get involved:

Hospitality + Connections + Community Groups + Family Ministry + Administrative Support

Contact: office@eternalchurch.net

Helps Hub + Building and Property Maintenance + Set Up/Tear Down Team

Contact: activedeacons@eternalchurch.net



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Vote

**for Elder
& Deacon candidates**



ELDER AND DEACON AFFIRMATIONS

Voting is open through September 15.

LARRY ASHWORTH - ELDER



NEVILLE MARCUS - DEACON



JEFF HOWE - DEACON





DEACON

GARRETT COPELAND



Financial Update

Agenda

- How Are We Doing?
- What Has Happened Since April?
- FY26 Year-to-Date Financial Overview
- Giving
- Finance Advisory Council
- FY27 Budget



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How are we doing?



Stabilizing

Maintained a strong financial position through another season of leadership and organizational transitions. Giving remains faithful.



Disciplined Stewardship

Outflow aligned with giving, reserves grew, and **monthly outflow was reduced below budget**. Strong culture of prudence, stewardship, and shared service developed.



Encouraging Progress

Faithful giving and prudent stewardship give us hope for what's next.

What has happened since April?

Since April, our *year-to-date forecasted results have improved*. Forecasted giving is slightly lower than what we expected in April, but forecasted outflow has decreased to a greater degree. This is expected to have a ***favorable impact on our reserves***.

Full Year Forecast

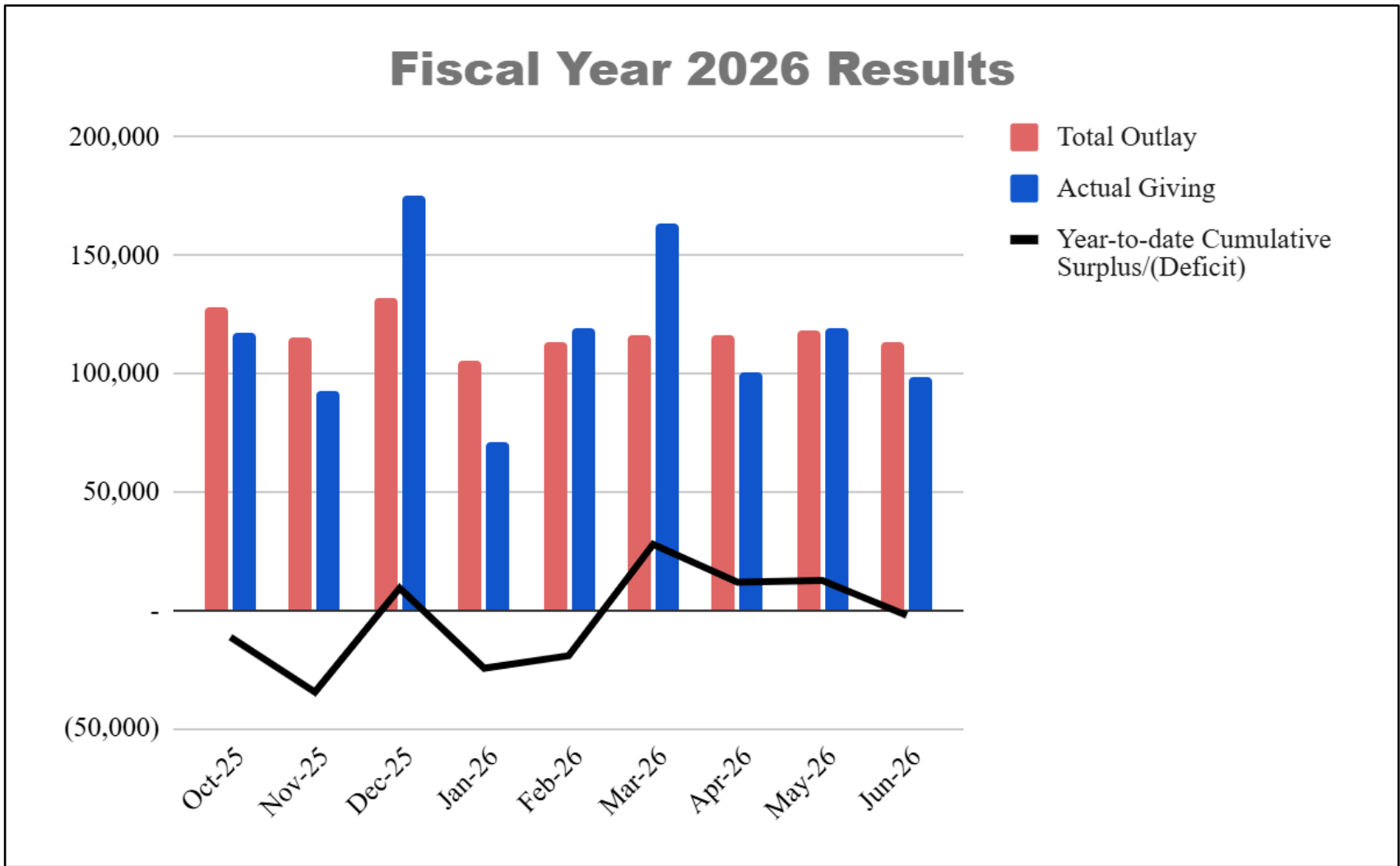
Category	Forecast as of April 2026	Forecast as of June 2026	Increase / (Decrease)
Giving	\$1,379,000	\$1,363,000	(\$16,000)
Outflow	\$1,450,000	\$1,408,000	\$42,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$71,000)	(\$45,000)	\$26,000
Reserves	\$525,000	\$543,000	\$18,000

Year-to-Date Financial Overview

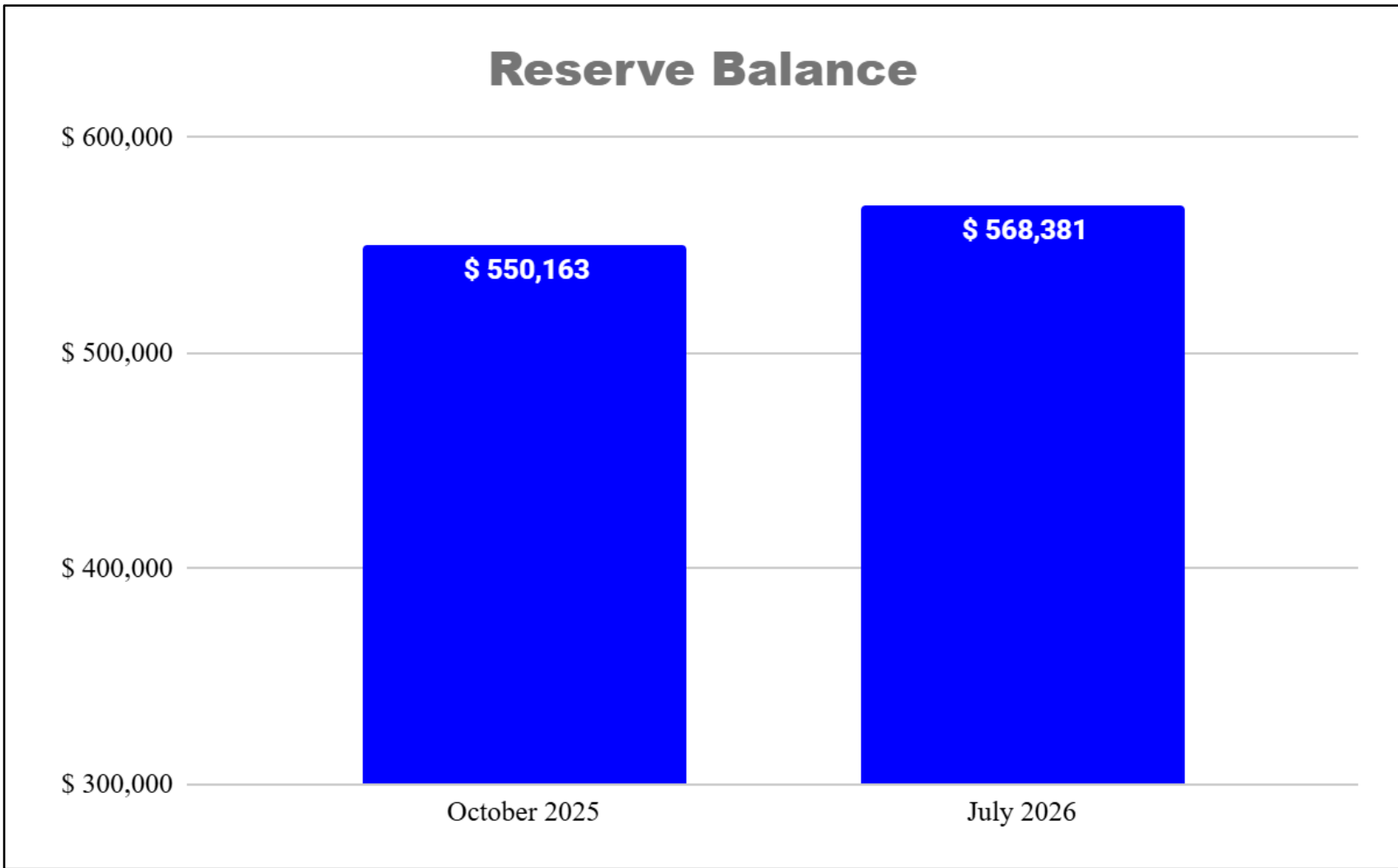
*Expenses differ from **Outflow** in that it doesn't include the mortgage principal. Going forward, we will be using Outflow instead of Expenses as it represents **the church's total cash outflow** and is a more helpful metric.*

Category	YTD Actual
Giving	\$1,057,000
Outflow	\$1,060,000
Net Result	(\$3,000)

Reserve Balance	
October 2025	\$550,163
July 2026	\$568,381
Increase	\$18,218



Mortgage Principal = \$10,000 / month



Cash reserves remain healthy at **\$568K**, providing roughly **5.1 months** of operating coverage.

Balance Sheet

“What we own” and “What we owe”

WHAT WE OWN

Operating Cash
~\$50,000

Cash Reserves
\$568,381

1650 O’Henry Lane

Land, Building, Furniture & Equipment

WHAT WE OWE

Mortgage on Building
\$3,800,000

Initial Loan amount: \$4.3M
3.19% for 10 years, then variable

Giving

Many ways to give

Bill Pay and Online Giving

Setting up Bill Pay through your bank and/or making direct online bank deposits are the least expensive methods of giving.

Stripe fees = ~\$10k/year

Enhanced Stock Giving Process

Established a clear, consistent process for making offerings through stock transfers, Donor Advised Funds, and IRA distributions.

Ways to give at Eternal



[Give Online Here](#)

If you are having trouble giving online, reach out to [Bridgette Curtis](#), Eternal's financial administrator.



Give In Person

There are boxes at the back of the worship center where we humbly accept your tithes and offerings. Thank you for worshipping with us in this manner.



Mail A Check

Feel free to mail a check to the church's address either through your banking options or from a home address. The address is 1650 O'Henry Lane, Fort Mill, SC 29708.



Eternal Church offers several additional ways to give tithes and offerings through **stock transfers**, **Donor Advised Funds**, and **IRA distributions**. Click the type of gift below to find the information your financial provider needs for each giving type, as well as how to notify our Finance Office so we can acknowledge your gift.

Gift of Stocks



Gift from Donor Assisted Funds (DAF)



Gift via IRA Distribution



Finance Advisory Council (FAC)

Advises the Session on financial matters and strategy

Troy Fleming
(Elder)

Chad Hollowell
(Pastor, Elder)

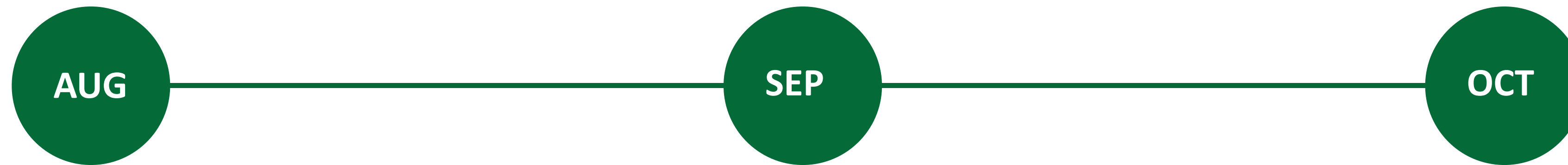
Bridgette Curtis
(Finance Assistant)

John Shumate
(Deacon)

Garrett Copeland
(Deacon)

Guy Rockey*
(Elder)

Looking Ahead – FY27 Budget



August

- Draft budget developed and reviewed by Pastors and FAC (with Session input)
- Present proposed budget to Session for approval

September

- Review proposed budget
- Q&A with Pastors and FAC as needed
- Approve FY27 budget
- Present FY27 budget to congregation
 - Budget Information Meeting held in early September

October

- FY27 budget effective October 1, 2026

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LEAD TEACHING PASTOR

STEVE GEE



We Give Thanks

1 Chronicles 16:8

[8] Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples! (ESV)



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CORPORATE PRAYER

- ▶ For our pastors, staff, and volunteers as the fall season of ministry gets under way. That they would be strengthened and refreshed by the Lord and filled with joy as co-laborers for the Gospel.
- ▶ For our church leadership, both existing and candidates, that they might be given wisdom to care for the church well.
- ▶ For our continued attention to stewardship to appropriately deploy the resources we have been entrusted with for the ministry of our King.
- ▶ For those in our midst who need care, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, that we, as a body, might love one another as Jesus has loved us.



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