

# For Our Family Fund Update

As we shared on Super Bowl Sunday, we have some exciting news to share about our For our Family Fund giving initiative. Because of our church's faithful giving, we have received over \$125,000 in 3 months!!! That generosity is already making a huge impact on our church today AND into the future. **Here are the first three facility updates we will be able to accomplish with the money received:**

First, we'll be updating both side projectors that are at their shelf life in the auditorium. This will give us clearer visuals and a better experience for worship, teaching and every visual display in our gatherings.

Second, we're upgrading our entire sound system. This means clearer audio for worship team members, a better sound quality for the congregation and an overall environment that helps people engage more fully as we worship God together. One thing to note is that the projected cost of the sound system update was \$40,000. However, the actual cost is only \$26,000!

Third, we will be replacing the HVAC unit for heating and cooling in the Avenue Kids area! It will be great to know that for years to come, that space is well equipped to handle many energetic kids as we point them to Jesus.

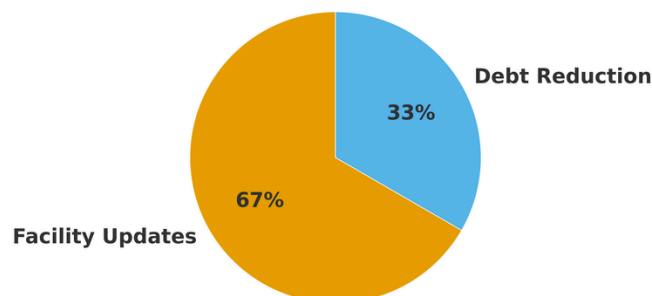
Lastly, as we move forward with the refinance of our auditorium mortgage next month, **we will be making a \$50,000 principal payment** that will save us thousands of dollars in monthly payments in the near future as well as positioning ourselves for a more favorable loan for years to come.

There is still time to join the 70 + families who have already given to the For Our Family Fund. You can give to the fund through June, either in-person or online. Details on how to give can be found on our website: **[www.avenuechristian.com/thisisus](http://www.avenuechristian.com/thisisus)**.

Thank you church family for your generosity!

-Pastor Kyle

## For Our Family Fund



Money received will be used in this way



Enhancing the Worship Experience!


**Connect to Jesus. Become like Jesus. Proclaim Jesus over our lives.**

# Together we will help people find new life in Jesus Christ!

## Upcoming Events

YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE LIVES.

Caring Network  
**Baby Bottle Drive**  
Fill with bills, change, or checks



OR DONATE ONLINE AT  
[CARINGNETWORK.COM](http://CARINGNETWORK.COM)

Join Us for Lunch, Learn and Games

Todd Zastrow, CPA, Tax Advisor will give an update on 2025 tax changes and the benefits and processes of Noncash donations to Avenue.

Short presentation during lunch followed by Fellowship and Board Games!

Sunday, 2/15/2026, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Lunch Provided. Contact Darla Scheidt to sign up by Friday, 2/13.

Email: [scheidtD@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scheidtD@sbcglobal.net) Call/Text: 630-267-0343

Starting Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>



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**Bunco Night!**

Friday  
Feb 20th  
7 - 9pm

**Avenue Women's Bunco Night**

**Chili Cook-Off and Hymns**

Come for a fun night with our church where you can enjoy all different types of chili and enjoy a time of worship!

When: Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 5:30 - 8:00pm  
Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family

Winner of the Chili Cook-Off will receive  
2 Free Nights at a Hotel in Chicago!



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**LIVE IT OUT**

**Camp Firelight 2026**

Save the Date:  
Monday, June 15 -  
Thursday, June 18  
9:00am - 11:30am  
Preschool - 4<sup>th</sup> grade



## Financial Update

Despite the extraordinary giving to the For Our Family Fund, we saw a decrease in giving to our general fund in January. As we have previously communicated, our hope is that the For Our Family Fund giving would be “above and beyond” one’s consistent giving. Also, we continue to challenge and pray for the **200+ families who give \$5 per week to double their gift to \$10 per week**. Doing so would help us to reach our budget easily and position us for consistent ministry impact for years and years to come.

### January Financials:

**Giving: \$72,963**

**Other Income: \$6,171**

**Expenses: \$99,096**

**Difference: -\$19,962**

**Monthly Budget: \$100,000**

### YTD '25 - '26 Financials:

**Giving: \$588,025**

**Other Income: \$36,762**

**Expenses: \$661,506**

**Difference: -\$36,719**

**Year To Date Budget: \$700,000**