

Several people have asked me to share specifics on the list of upcoming capital needs I mentioned May 26. I have put them in priority order. That can always change.

**New Sound system**. We need to move to a digital sound system. This is a high priority. We have a bid to completely renovate everything from Sweetwater Sound for \$25,000 plus installation. This will include new speakers, monitors, wiring, a digital sound board, eight wireless microphones, and a digital recorder. We need to update the sound for children and youth ministry.

New lights. At the same time, we need to move to a digital lighting system for the sanctuary. We have a bid for \$15,000

The youth room needs renovation. We do not have a cost on this yet.

**Termites in the trees**. The trees around the perimeter are infested, the one in the playground in particular. We are treating the trees to see if we can save them. If they have to come out, the price we got was \$41,000. However, a church member has stepped up and will be taking care of this.

**Termites in the sanctuary** and throughout the main building. We have a contract with Terminix and they are treating the building. They have said that eventually we will need to tent the building and that will cost \$21,000. When the time comes, we will get multiple bids.

We need new gutters on the main building. \$6,000.

The FLC roof needs to be lifted and repaired before AC units can be replaced. \$62,000

**Two AC units at the FLC** will need to be replaced, \$22,000. We continue to keep them running through repairs but replacement is soon to come.

The FLC needs exterior painting. It has not been painted since it was built. \$16,000.

The floors in the sanctuary and office spaces need replaced. \$25,000.

We need to renovate the entry ways for a greater first impact and hospitality. No cost has been set yet.

As you can see, the list is exhausting. We can expect \$200,000 in capital expenses over the next few years. There are two ways to go at this. We can keep coming to the congregation every time there is a new emergency and someone or a small group of people can write checks. Or we can decide to be faithful now systematically, stick with the 10/10/80 plan and pay as we go, knowing these items are coming.

We have set the goal for the Hope for Tomorrow campaign and it is bold, a 30% increase in giving. This goal will take every person to reach, every sacrifice and commitment matters. When we reach our goal of \$500,000 in annual giving, we will be able to be faithful to the 10/10/80 plan and set aside almost \$50,000 a year to cover these expenses. This is doable, very doable!