



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS | September 15, 2019

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As a result, income exceeded expenses and posted a \$167 surplus in the month of August. Fiscal year-to-date deficit is \$5,302 and represents 20% of our total savings (Funds 2, 50 and 55). The full report can be found on our website in the Members section under Financial Statements.

If you have any questions about online giving or the church financial performance, please email me at [rjleanza@att.net](mailto:rjleanza@att.net), or call 216-337-0619.  
- Russell Leanza, Treasurer

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Save the Date - September 29  
Sign up for the project of your choice in the lobby or through our website.

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