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Director's Report

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We are already three weeks into our Spring session at Amarillo College. I mentioned previously that I will be teaching my Bible classes both in person and online so that more students will have the opportunity to enroll. This is working well, as anticipated. Some of the students who live locally and take the classes online also come by at least once a week to sit in the class. This provides a good time to visit with them and know them personally.

I plan to present a class on Revelation this summer. This will be an audit class and serve primarily as background for approaching the text of Revelation. This background will be from two main sources—the Old Testament and first century Caesars of Rome. More about this study later.

Amarillo College presented a seminar on AI, artificial intelligence, on Friday, Jan. 26. An explosion of progress in this field has occurred since 2010 in almost every area of our lives. The leaders in the high-tech field in countries around the world are pushing it forward with rapid speed. It is not going to happen in the future; it is here now. Every level of education is being affected. It is already being used in churches and by ministers. We need to address it.

CALENDAR

January 16 - Spring I Began
March 7 - Spring I Ends
March 11-15 Spring Break
March 18 - Spring II Begins
May 10 - Spring II Ends

SPRING 2024 CLASSES

Spring I

RELG 1301-001 Old Testament
January 16 – March 8
M/T/W/Th 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

RELG 1301-002 Old Testament
January 16 – March 8
M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

PHIL 1301-001 Intro to Philosophy
January 16 – March 8
M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

PHIL 1304-002 World Religions
January 16 – March 8
M/T/W/Th 12:30-1:45 PM

Spring II

RELG 2301-001 Life of Christ
March 18 – May 10
M/T/W/Th 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

RELG 2301-002 Life of Christ
March 18 – May 10
M/T/W/Th/F/S Online (Web)

PHIL 1301-002 Intro to Philosophy
March 18 – May 10
T/Th 5:30-8:15 PM

INCOME & EXPENSE

Income	Nov	Dec	Expense	Nov	Dec
Adrian	500	500	Payroll Expense (plus PR taxes)	7,312	8,090
Anna Street	300	300	Kitchen Supplies	98	0
Bell Avenue	2,600	2,600	Office Supplies	65	0
Borger	300	300	Postage	66	0
Bushland	50	100	Property	273	0
Clarendon	25	25	Utilities	<u>617</u>	<u>267</u>
Claude	200	200			
Clovis	1,000	1,000			
Colonies	400	400			
Dalhart	150	150			
Fritch	50	50			
San Jacinto	750	750			
Sunray	1,000	0			
Texline	200	200			
Individuals	175	75			
Memorials	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,800	\$ 6,650	TOTAL EXPENSE	8,431	8,357

Cash Flow for November : \$ -631

Cash Flow for December \$ -1,707

Some Quotes from our Recent Seminar

- 1) "Countries around the world are racing to out-pace others in developing the AI synapses, like those in the human brain. So far, China is leading the pack."
- 2) "AI technology was put to the test by asking it to take the college entrance exams given by universities and colleges around the country. Just 18 months ago, the technology could not pass any of the exams. Today, it is able to pass every one of the exams."
- 3) "AI is destabilizing the concept of truth itself in the 2024 election. Images can be generated that show the political candidates saying or doing things that are not true."
- 4) "AI does not just search the internet to find facts and assemble them into a story or essay; it can generate a new story or essay for students. Searching the internet is old-hat that first generation computers could do. This goes far beyond today. This is called *generative AI*."
- 5) "Previously, automation was done to replace the hard, dirty, repetitive tasks. In the future (now), it is targeting the highest paid employees and those with the highest education."
- 6) "In the past, humans wrote the codes for computer use. In 2024, 80% of all coding will be done by AI."
- 7) "The digital-divide will no doubt get wider due to the development of artificial intelligence. It is no longer the issue of providing students with a computer or internet connection. The issue will be how it will be used in education."
- 8) "One big question deals with ethical questions of its use. One cannot program ethics into a computer brain. Intelligence belongs to humans and humans need ethics."