

Congregational Meeting

Aspen Grove Church | April 2nd, 2023



Mission

Who are we?

Mission

**Reimagining Christ's goodness,
beauty, and truth together.**





Where have we come from?



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Where are we now?





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Where is Jesus taking us?





Let's stop and reflect

**Trellis:
Our God-
supplied
structure**



Our God-supplied Structure

- 1.** February 2020 - Prayer by Timberlakes and Coles for a new church in South Charlotte
- 2.** March 2020 - December 2021 - Meetings with various churches and potential core members

Our God-supplied Structure

3. January 12 2022 - Aspen Grove Incorporated
4. April 2022 Indian Land YMCA Partnership

Our God-supplied Structure

5. March 25 - Aspen Grove first informational meeting

6. May 2022 - Keystone Heights Presbyterian Church commissions

Howard and Darol as planters

- Preached James, Jonah, began John

Our God-supplied Structure

7. May 2022 - Strategic Board adopts Bylaws

- Members: Scott Thomas/Immanuel Nashville, Rob Ham KHPC, Jarrod Beddingfield, Darol and Howard

Our God-supplied Structure

8. June-November 2022 - Core Group
Equipping

9. Thanksgiving weekend 2022 - YMCA
Worship Soft Launch

10. December 2022 - Aspen Grove
recognized as a 501c3

Our God-supplied Structure

11. January 2023 - Aspen Grove
Grand Opening

12. January-March 2023 - Leader
equipping study

13. March 2022 - First Discover Aspen
Class with 8 participants

Our God-supplied Structure

14. Micro-network of Supporting Churches

- Keystone Heights (KH Florida)
- Waypoint Church (Chapel Hill)
- The Church at Agape Outpost (Colorado)
- Carmel Baptist (Charlotte)
- Fort Mill Baptist

Our God-supplied Structure

**15. Sugar Creek Coffee Roasters
Partnership**



The Vine

A photograph of a garden path leading through a wooden trellis covered in green vines. The path is made of stone tiles. In the background, there is a wooden garden bed on the left and a swimming pool on the right. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with trees and foliage. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**God Supplied
People to Serve**

God Supplied People to Serve

1. June 2022-2023

- Staff Support

- Children's, Worship/Set Up,
Administrative Leaders

God Supplied People to Serve

JUNE 2022

- Discover Aspen
- Security
- Coffee
- Greeter, Communion, Hospitality,
Mission

God Supplied People to Serve

JUNE 2022

- Community Group Leaders/Hosts
- YMCA Outreach Bible Study
Leaders
- Pastoral Intern Thomas DeSouza

Where Are We Now?



Vital Worship

1. Still our most important habit together
2. Preaching John and Job
3. Prayer Card: Total dependence on God's strength

Contrast Community

1. Gospel Doctrine: Developing Honor, Honesty, Joy
2. Gospel Culture: Developing Grace, Safety, Time

Relational Wholeness

1. 60 Members
2. 5 Regular Attenders
3. 30 Exploring
4. Discover Aspen Team Developing
Follow Up

Virtue Formation

1. Finished First Leader Equipping Study

Cultural Renewal

1. Integration of Faith and Work
 - Opportunity to develop

Outward Facing

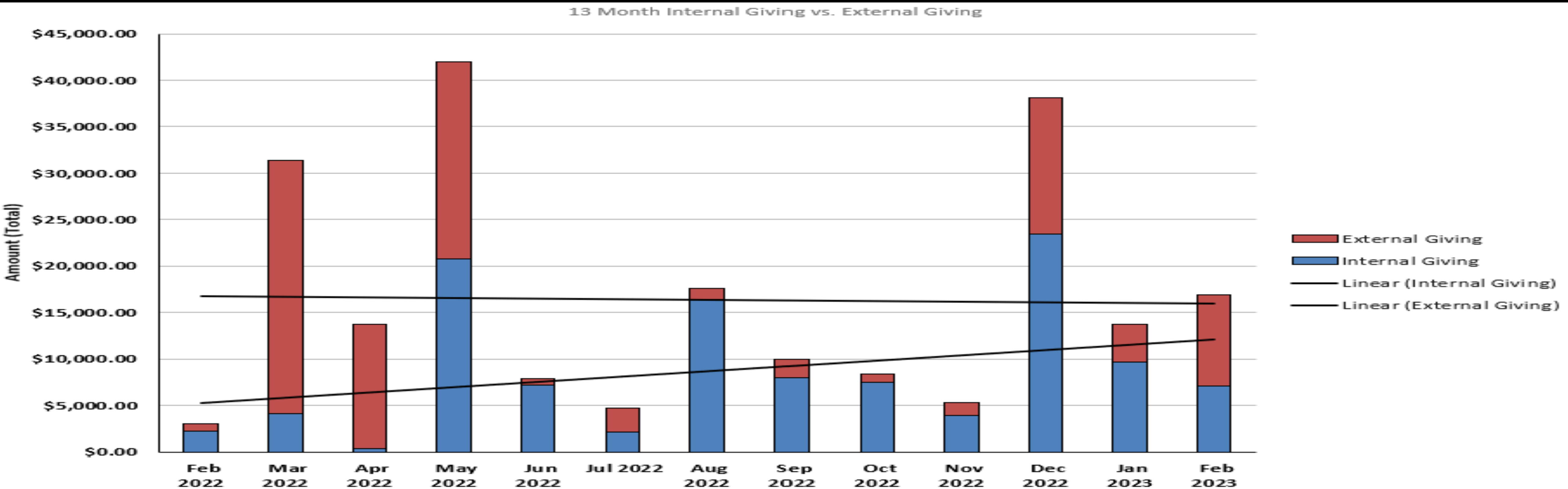
1. Global: partnered with two missionaries
 - Thomas Kalunda (Uganda)
 - Makenna King (Guatemala)

Outward Facing

2. Local: Inviting and Investing neighbors to weekly worship
 - Over 80 visitors since soft launch
 - Easter Worship Service
 - Weekly investments in friendships

Financial Health Report

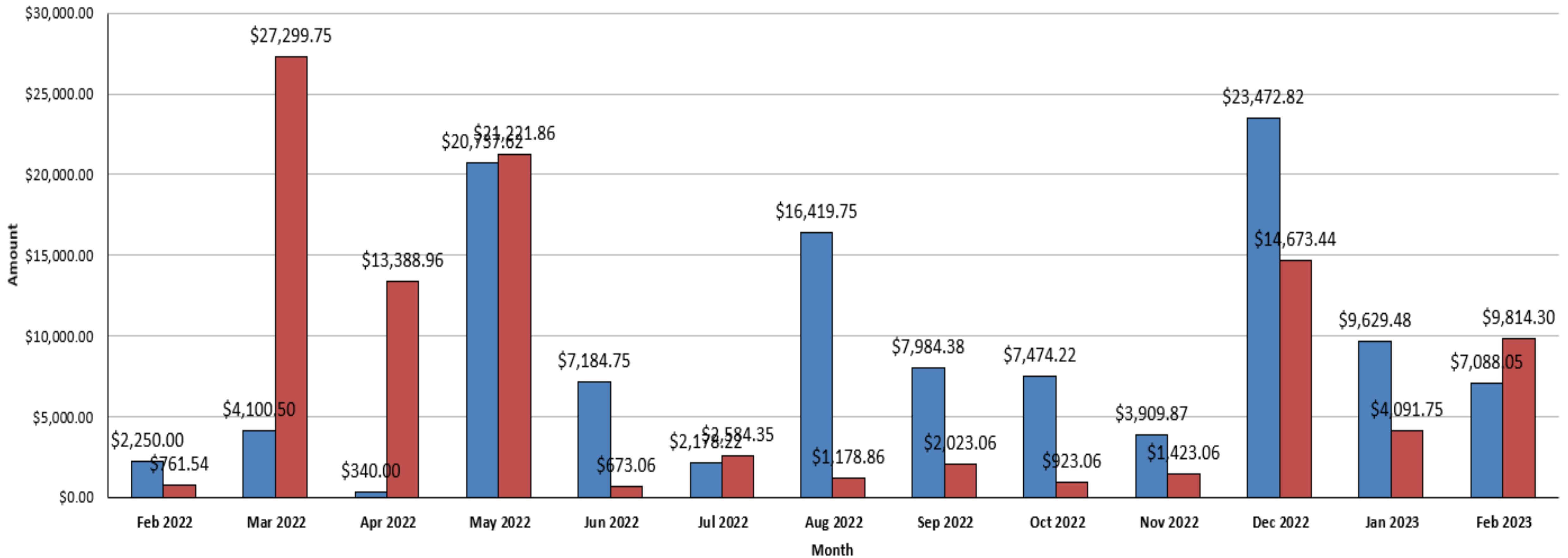
Financial Health Report



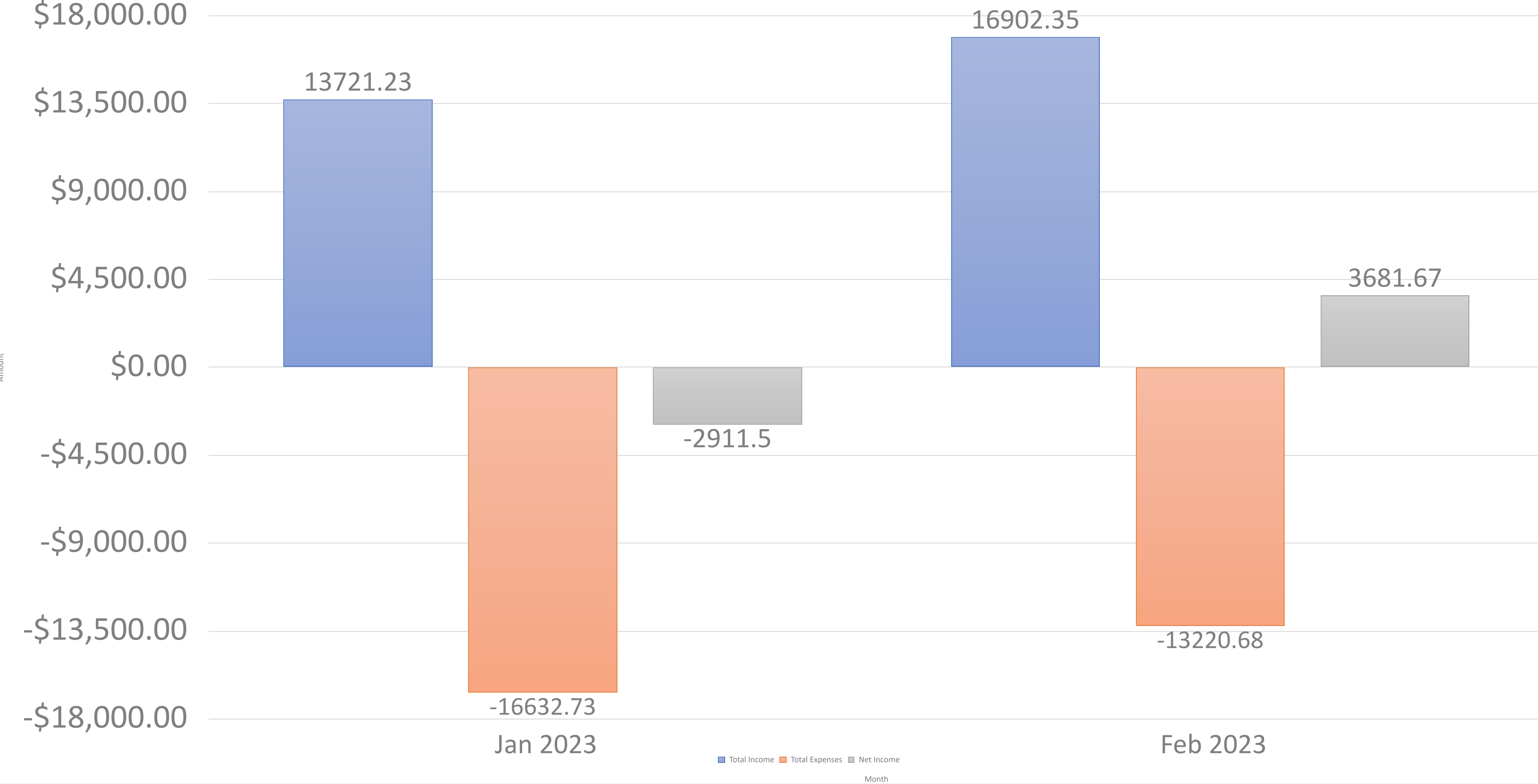
Financial Health Report

13 Month Internal Giving vs. External Giving

Internal Giving External Giving



2023 Net Income by Month



Financial Health Report

	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May 202	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Total
Total Income	\$3,011.54	\$31,400.25	\$13,728.96	\$41,959.48	\$7,857.81	\$4,762.57	\$17,598.61	\$10,007.44	\$9,397.28	\$5,332.93	\$38,146.26	\$13,721.23	\$16,902.35	\$213,826.71
Total Expenses	\$401.05	\$1,022.07	\$3,768.74	\$4,182.48	\$4,624.77	\$5,054.09	\$15,957.41	\$24,249.22	\$8,085.20	\$9,465.77	\$8,434.49	\$16,632.73	\$13,220.68	\$115,098.70
Net Income	\$2,610.49	\$30,378.18	\$9,960.22	\$37,777.00	\$3,233.04	\$291.52	\$1,641.20	\$14,241.78	\$1,312.08	\$4,132.84	\$29,711.77	\$2,911.50	\$3,681.67	\$98,728.01

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Where are we going?

Vision

By the end of 2024, we aim to gather and strengthen 200 learners who consider, believe, and display the beauty, goodness, and truth of Christ by means of our worship, nurture and mission.

Vision

Our vision focuses first on the fields (gather new disciples) and then on the barn (strengthen)



Vision

Pray for our imagination to focus on people we **can't** see when it is easier to focus on people we can see

Vision

We will both reach out and build up.

Mission

Prioritize making contacts and deepening connections

Contacts

- Weekly Worship Sunday Morning
- Aspen Social and Set up Events
- Possible Fall festival with YMCA

Mission

Connections

- Taste of Aspen
- Discover Aspen Quarterly

Develop our imagination to be a
church planting church

Nurture

- Increase our community groups from 4-6 in the Fall
- Men of Aspen began March 31
- Women of Aspen: Bible Studies Mid-May to Mid-July
- Leadership Training Event April 22

Nurture

Elder and Deacon Nominations June-
July 2023

- Elder and Deacon training August-
November
- Member Vote for Elders, Dacons,
Pastors, January 2024
- Ordination January/February 2024

Nurture

- Pursue additional pastoral interns
- Cultivate our existing church partners and engage new ones

Worship

Grow our teams

Improve Aesthetics/AV

Hospitable preaching to those
becoming Christians

Aspen Grove's Permanent Presence

What about a building in the future?

Aspen Grove's Permanent Presence

Permanent Presence in Indian Land

- Communicates commitment to our community
- Praying about and planning for land/building
- Thankful for the YMCA and may plant our next church here



**Ponder anew what the
Almighty can do, if with His
love He befriends you**