

*Thirteenth Street Baptist Church* received & Inspected

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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to your letter of March 7, 2012 to Thirteenth Street Baptist Church, Ashland, KY regarding closed captioning exemption (case identification number CGB-CC-0454):

We have a thirty minute faith based, non-news television program that airs from a local station, WCHS, each Sunday morning. This is a missionary effort produced in-house, not for commercial purposes and is supported by the members of the church and irregular contributions from those who view the sermons on television. We operate solely by these donations as they are our only means of support for all of our needs and functions. The monthly cost of airing the program is a minimum of two thousand four hundred (\$2,400.00) to three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). We have been on the air in this local viewing area for approximately forty (40) years and have never solicited donations from our viewers or asked for sponsors. We have contacted the general manager, Harold Cooper, at the TV station that airs our program and they have confirmed that they do not offer closed captioning as they use a local contractor for that service. In order to comply with the closed captioning regulations we would have to do the same and that would add a minimum financial burden of one thousand two hundred (\$1,200) to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per month, to an already strained budget. This would then increase our monthly distribution for the television ministry to a minimum of three thousand six hundred (\$3,600) to four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00). We would need to raise an additional fifteen thousand six hundred (\$15,600.00) a year. This would create an undue financial burden on the church and could potentially hinder production or we would have to terminate our program.

Enclosures:

1. Yearly Financial Statements for 2011
  2. Two copies of this application
- We have sent other financial records (2010 monthly and yearly reports, tax exempt certificate previously).

Submitted by,

*Bill Parker*  
Bill Parker, Pastor

State of Kentucky  
County of Boyd

Signed before me

By *Bill Parker*

This 30 day of MARCH 2012

*Patricia Toler*  
Notary Public

My Commission expires December 17, 2012

THIRTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2011

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/01/11	\$	13,938.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2011	\$	336,565.99
(Includes funds transferred from Savings II – \$25,000.00)		

DISBURSEMENTS

Missionary Salaries & Gifts-----	\$	28,036.00
Television & Radio Ministry-----		33,400.00
Tape, Video & Book Ministry-----		29,542.57
Bible School expense-----		5,102.32
Building & Grounds (includes repairs to parsonage)-----		14,403.68
Nursery Salary & Supplies-----		4,772.72
Salaries-----		52,427.28
Car repair & maintenance, gasoline & travel expense-----		3,739.88
Pastor's car, license, taxes-----		15,673.00
Utilities-----		16,477.26
Office Salary & Supplies-----		17,435.47
IRS, KY & City Taxes-----		37,591.16
Blue Cross-----		45,599.19
Social Services, Community Kitchen, CARES, Various Assistance---		18,201.32
Gifts Designated to Individuals-----		1,600.00
Visiting Ministers-----		250.00
Insurance (Buildings)-----		5,320.04
Bulletin Supply Paper-----		1,617.34
Carpet Cleaning-----		960.00
Miscellaneous (flowers, kitchen supplies, food, etc)-----		<u>4,576.62</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2011	\$	336,755.85
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BANK BALANCE 12/31/11	\$	13,748.93
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