

Because we live in a technological world and our society utilizes technology in ways we once thought were impossible, the Technology Committee has compiled this list of recommended upgrades to existing technology as well as consideration of additional technological items. These recommendations are just that – recommendations - and are not expected to be purchased until/if the church membership decides they are needed or anted. Funding for these items have not been secured nor have any actions been taken to secure funding for any of these items. This list is merely a means for the church membership to make informed decisions about the upgrades and additions that best suit our growing needs.

The reason for this recommendation list is to address the current and future needs of the church while also planning for future outreach needs. A brief description and reason it is being recommended is included under each item.

Recommendations

The following items are recommended by the Technology Committee in the order of priority:

- **Purchase additional bulb for projector**
 - **Estimated cost:** \$250
 - **Why it is Needed:** Currently, the projector has been in use for several years. Bulb life on the average projectors varies and other factors contribute to degradation. Because of this, we feel the bulb in the projector is likely to fail soon. The projector is almost 5 years old.
 - **Priority Level:** Highest

- **Purchase New Computer for Sunday School Office**
 - **Estimated cost:** \$1200 (Price WILL change depending on when it is ordered. A system configured right now would cost \$1,113.00)
 - **Why it is Needed:** There is no system designated for use in the Sunday School office for Sunday School officers. The laptop is almost 5 years old and is being used by many different people, which sometimes conflicts with Sunday School officers using it for their functions. We have also established a new Photography Committee, which will use digital photos and video to record church events. A new desktop system capable of archiving and editing photos and video as well as performing the tasks used by the Sunday School officers is needed. The system we recommend will more than handle all of these needs and afford us many years of continued use.
 - **Priority Level:** High

- **Upgrade Church Database Software**
 - **Estimated cost:** \$119.96 (Special offer through October 31st. After October 31st, price for upgrade goes up to \$149.95)
 - **Why it is Needed:** Although the software has not been fully utilized, part of the problem is in user friendliness. The latest version of the software is much more user-friendly and easier to understand. Because of the lower cost, we would be very well served to upgrade now.
 - **Priority Level:** High
- **Upgrade RAM in Laptop**
 - **Estimated cost:** \$80 - \$120(Prices change constantly)
 - **Why it is Needed:** The laptop is older and showing it's age. Adding RAM will increase performance.
 - **Priority Level:** Medium
- **Purchase New Projector for Sanctuary**
 - **Estimated cost:** \$1800
 - **Why it is Needed:** A permanently mounted projector in the sanctuary would alleviate the need to roll out the cart and put the projector in the aisle. This particular projector is wireless, meaning we could install it without running the same wires needed to operate the current projector. All that would be needed is power. This is a “nice addition” item, not something that is necessary
 - **Priority Level:** Low
- **Replace Screen in the Sanctuary With A Motorized Screen**
 - **Estimated cost:** \$3000 - \$5000(Price depends on the size of the screen purchased)
 - **Why it is Needed:** Adding a motorized screen would make raising and lowering the screen for functions much easier. It would also allow us to show announcements before services and quickly raise the screen as service begins. This is another “nice addition” item.
 - **Priority Level:** Low