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**Fiscal Year-to-Date 7.16.23:**  
Budget: \$680,000.00  
General Giving: \$604,842.87  
Difference: \$75,175.13

## **NEED TO KNOW**

### **VISION & WORSHIP NIGHT**

We are so excited to invite everyone for a night of intentional worship and inspiration as we get ready for the fall. It's on Wed night, Aug 30. Free dinner and KidCare is available for those who RSVP. We want everyone to be there! Head to the website to RSVP.

### **BAPTISM**

Baptism Sunday is coming up again on Sept 3! Baptism is for anyone that has made the decision to follow Jesus. It is a moment to publicly declare your faith in Jesus. If you are ready, check the box on today's connect card.

### **FALL KICK OFF**

Get ready - for the big, all church Fall Kick Off & After Party! It's on Sun, Sept 10. Come for the amazing services in adults, kids, & youth and stay for the food and fun!

### **SMALL GROUPS**

Fall is the perfect time to check out a small group! In a group, you will be able to care and pray for each other as well as learn and grow together. Stop by the commons or check it out online under the adults tab.



**AUGUST 27 // WEEK 4 // PASTOR JOE BOYD**

### **Putting God first**

#### **What is tithing?**

**Tithing is returning the first 10% of our income to God's church.**

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD... - Leviticus 27:30

**Tithing is returning my first and best so He can bless the rest.**

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. - Proverbs 3:9-10

#### **Why tithe?**

**Tithing provides for God's work through the church.**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house... - Malachi 3:10

**Tithing teaches me to put God first.**

The purpose of tithe is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. - Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me." - Malachi 3:8-9

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things." - Matthew 23:23 NLT

**Tithing builds my faith in God.**

"...Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." - Malachi 3:10

**Jesus gave first to save our lives.**

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8