

Biblical Reasons for Giving

Creation – Faith – Blessings – Asking
Needs – Mission and Ministry

Faith: Our Desire to Give

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

- 2 Corinthians 8:9

Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.

- Matthew 25:21

Someone once defined stewardship as “Everything I do after I say I believe.” After we confess our faith in the power of the Risen Christ, stewardship is our response in all aspects of our lives. It’s our way of saying thank you for the gift of faith; it’s our response to God’s love and grace that we have received.

With joy and thanksgiving, we can respond with the gifts entrusted to us – gifts of:

Time – Many now see time as our most precious commodity. Our calendars, schedules and smart phones give some indication of our priorities. Working and volunteering, sleeping and eating, studying and recreating all require the use of time. Time spent in worship and service with our church community is an important use of the hours granted to us.

Abilities – Using our abilities and spiritual gifts throughout the week to serve God is another aspect of stewardship. Ministry takes place in daily life – at home, school, in our communities, as well as at church. Sharing our abilities for the sake and service of others is another way we say, “I believe!”

Financial Resources – Our checkbooks, cash receipts, and credit card statements are another way we express our values and priorities. As with the use of time and abilities, we have the opportunity to use money wisely and for the sake of the Gospel. The offerings that you intend to share in this appeal are an expression of your faith and a means for sharing.