

THE JOY OF GIVING

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; 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 25:20-21

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

God created the world, called it good, and appointed us to be its stewards. Stewardship is about sharing in God's creative activity in the world with a glad, generous, and grateful heart. Everything we have comes from God: our talents, our time, our jobs, and, not least, our income. Through our generosity God uses the resources in our care to transform our community and our lives. Stewardship is a deeply spiritual matter, and it is a powerful way to respond to God's call for freedom.

When we make a pledge to donate over an entire year's time, we make a commitment to sustained giving that can grow into a freeing and life-giving spiritual practice.

2017 STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

to increase pledges by 3%

Examples:

- + If last year you pledged \$100 a month, consider giving \$103 a month.
- + If last year you pledged \$20 a week, consider giving \$21 a week.
- + If last year you did not pledge, consider a new pledge of \$1 a week.

HOW TO GIVE

Donations may be made, and pledges paid, in the following ways:

Cash: You may pay your pledge through placing cash in a designated envelope in the collection plate on Sunday.

Check: You may pay your pledge through placing a check in the collection plate on Sunday or through the mail.

Online Bill Pay: You may pay your pledge through online bill pay. To set up online bill pay use:

First Baptist Church
% Financial Treasurer
34 Oakland Street
Medford, MA 02155

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

We will end Stewardship season with a special banquet on Sunday, November 19th. All are invited to turn in their pledges by that date and to enjoy a fantastic feast!

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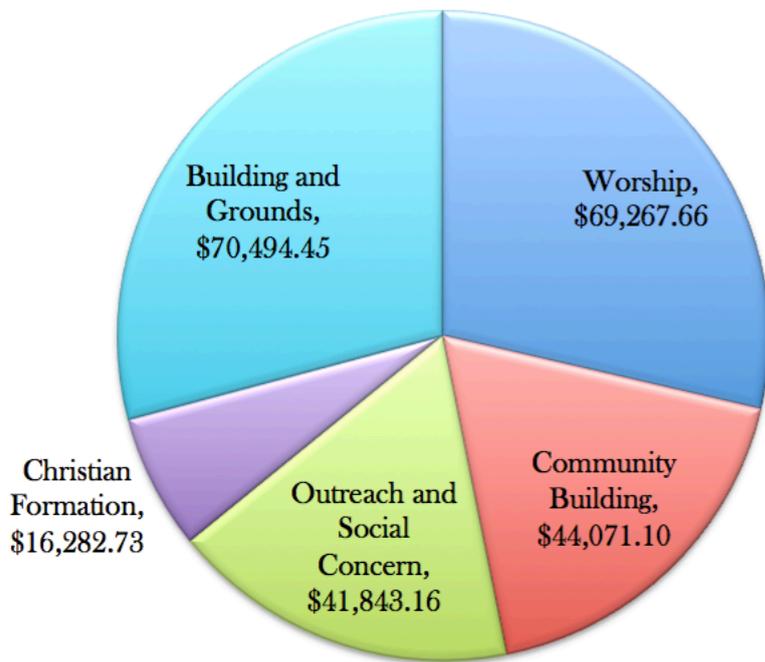
Stewardship 2017

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WHAT DO MY GIFTS DO?

First Baptist Church supports work for healing and positive social change in our community. Our regular time together in song, prayer, and worship gives us a reservoir of energy and love enabling us to be part of God's hands in the world, sharing, feeding, advocating, changing, building, and giving thanks.

Your regular financial contributions to us offer real support for healing and social change in our community. It supports the staff who lead us in worship, assist us in our pastoral needs, and empower us to do God's work in the world. Your pledges will help us to continue to grow.



Total: \$241,959

N.B. Actual amounts in Annual Report may differ.

WHY PLEDGE?

A pledge allows First Baptist Church to plan with some idea of how much money to expect each week, month and year. You are welcome to change your pledge amount if your circumstances change. A pledge in ANY amount expresses your commitment to First Baptist Church, and to being part of our future. Pray over how generous you can be, and consider sharing blessings and gratitude with others and the Holy Spirit.

HOW IS THE MONEY USED?

Worship: \$69,268

Sunday Service, Music program & choir, Funerals, and Baptisms, Lenten Services, Holy Week Services, other special services, 35% minister's time

Community Building: \$44,071

Home visitations, Hospital visitations, clergy care, group advising and prayer, and church administration, 35% minister's time

Outreach and Social Concern: \$41,843

Connection and advocacy in the Medford community, Involvement with TABCOM events, and denominational mission support, 20% minister's time

Christian Formation: \$16,283

Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, 1:1 counseling, spiritual advising, participation in Associational youth activities, other ministries, and 10% minister's time

Building & Grounds: \$70,494

This includes caring for and maintaining our buildings, maintaining our grounds, and addressing property issues as they arise

HOW MUCH TO GIVE?

We pledge as a statement of commitment to our church community—we are members of this community, and take responsibility for its future. Pledges can be by week, month, quarter or annual period. Your pledge amount is confidential. And you may change the pledge amount if your circumstances change. First Baptist Church will issue a statement of payments if you wish to deduct contributions from your taxable income. For your consideration the following is a Proportional Giving guide for gifts.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	15%	10%	5%	1%
\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$42	\$21	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$48	\$24	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$58	\$29	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$77	\$38	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$96	\$48	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$115	\$58	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$135	\$67	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$154	\$77	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$173	\$87	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$192	\$96	\$19
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$231	\$115	\$23
\$140,000	\$2,692	\$404	\$269	\$135	\$27

Total:

\$241,959