



November 14, 2025

Dear Church Family and Friends,

As we approach **Stewardship Sunday on November 23**, I invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a *faithful steward of His grace*. Peter reminds us, *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms"* (1 Peter 4:10).

Stewardship is not just about giving money. It's about growing in faith and service to others for God's glory. The Lord invites each of us to ask an important spiritual question: **"What portion of my time, talents, and treasures is God calling me to return to Him through my local church?"** This question helps us align our priorities with God's will and deepens our trust in His provision.

Through your generosity, our church continues to share God's love, strengthen our ministries, and serve our neighbors in Christ's name. Every prayer, every act of service, and every gift helps build up the body of Christ and extend His grace into the world. ***Thank you for being a faithful steward of God's grace!***

Enclosed is a **2026 Estimate of Giving Card**. Please take time this week to pray, reflect, and complete your commitment card. You may bring it to worship on **Stewardship Sunday, November 23**, or mail it to the **Church Office** if you prefer. During worship, we will consecrate all commitments to the Lord, giving thanks for His abundant grace.

Following the service, we'll gather for our **Faithful Stewards of God's Grace Celebration Luncheon**, a **free catered meal** (not a potluck) to celebrate God's blessings and the generosity of our church family.

Thank you for your faithful participation, prayers, and partnership in God's work. Together, let us continue to grow as *faithful stewards of God's grace*—serving with joy, giving with gratitude, and trusting in His unfailing love.

Respectfully,
Nancy Lindberg
Church Treasurer

(Stairstep of Giving – Over)

CONSIDER GROWING ONE STEP OR MORE

Consider the “Grow One Step” graph below. By completing an Estimate of Giving Card (see enclosed), you will join the growing number of families who support God’s work at West Side Baptist Church! ***We thank God for the 49 families who gave generously and regularly each week in 2025 – including 10 first-time givers.***



Starting from the lower left of the Stairstep of Giving above, you'll notice number 37. This represents the 37 worship attenders or active families out of 86 who have *not* contributed as “Givers of Record” to the financial support of God’s work in the past twelve months – roughly 43.0% of families who call West Side their “home”. ***Our goal this year is to have every person a giver of record, which means we have a record of their giving, whether it’s through a check, online donation, or giving envelope. If you would like to become a “giver of record,” please contact the Church Office to request giving envelopes, give online, or place your donation in an offering envelope with your name on it.***

As you move up the stairs, you will see that there are, on average:

- 7 families are recorded as giving \$0.01 to \$4.99 weekly
- 4 families are recorded as giving \$5.00 to \$9.99 weekly
- 4 families gave \$10.00 to \$20.00 weekly, which equals a meal at a restaurant.
- 1 family gave \$20.00 to \$29.99 weekly.
- 5 families gave \$30.00 to \$39.99 weekly, which equals a golf game.
- 5 families gave \$40.00 to \$49.99 weekly
- 9 families gave \$50.00 to \$74.99 each week, which equals admission costs for a couple to attend one movie, not including the popcorn, soda, and snacks.

The average member gives \$55.00 per week to God through the church.

- 5 families gave \$75.00 to \$99.99 each week.
- 1 family gave \$100.00 to \$149.00 per week.
- And finally, eight families are the top givers, sharing \$150.00 or more weekly - six of these families donate \$10,000.00 –\$ 30,000.00 each year to God through the church.

The Good News: 70% of church families give \$20.00 or more to God each week.
Is God calling you to give a portion of your time, talents, and treasures to Him through my local church?

Please make whatever sacrifices are necessary to be present in worship and at the Celebration Luncheon on Stewardship Sunday, November 23, 2025

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