



Faith & Finances Newsletter

“No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.” Deut 16:16-17

Helpful information for those providing financial support for God’s work at 1st EFC.

BY THE NUMBERS COMPARISON LAST YEAR TO THIS YEAR:

	<u>Jan-Mar Last Yr</u>	<u>Jan-Mar this Yr</u>	<u>% Difference</u>
Average Sunday Attendance	288	363	Up 26%
Average Weekly Offerings	\$8200*	\$9400*	Up 15%

*Rounded off to nearest \$100

SPIRITUAL FINANCIAL CHECK-UP

In evaluating your finances, generosity and your relationship with the Lord, here are some helpful questions to ask yourself?

- Do you acknowledge God’s provision and ownership of all you have or ever will have?
- Have you made a financial decision to honor God with 10% or more of your income?
- In reviewing your giving statement, have you faithfully given what you intended to give?
- Do you pray about financial purchases and ask the Lord for His direction and provisions?
- Have you ever participated in a financial Bible study so you can learn God’s principles for operating your finances according to His word?
- Do you have a will or estate plan that is current (within the last 3 years)?
- Have you honored God by including your church and Christian charitable interests in your will or estate plan?
- Are you actively using some of your financial resources to help mission work, relief work or people in need?
- Has the pursuit of financial gain or on-going financial problems distracted you from faithfully spending time in God’s word and being an active part of your church family?

CROWN 12-WEEK FINANCIAL BIBLE

STUDIES: On a regular basis, our church offers 12-week small group financial Bible studies. If you would like to know more information about these studies or would like to be part of a future 12 week Bible study group, please contact Tim Howard at 634-5413 or timhoward@adelphia.net.

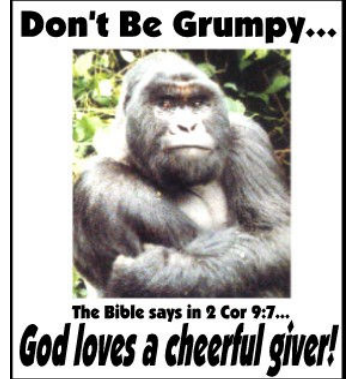
GIVING ENVELOPE: Your quarterly giving statement is enclosed in this mailing. We invite you to use the “Christian Giving Chart” on the back of this newsletter to determine if your giving equals what you have intended to give. If there is a shortfall between what you intended to give and what you actually gave so far, we would invite you to prayerfully consider making a “catch up” gift. Your faithful gifts are vital to the on-going ministries of your church.

(This space was reserved for a financial cartoon from:
<http://store.yahoo.com/buildingchurchleaders/financial.html>)

CHRISTIAN GIVING CHART

As a Christian, it is important to your spiritual and financial well-being to make a specific decision to honor the Lord from the income He has provided for you through your employment & other revenue sources. The Bible says:

- *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." 1 Cor. 16:2*
- *"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns..." Proverbs 3:9*
- *"A tenth of everything...belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." Lev 27:30*



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check the level of INCOME God is providing for you...			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check the box that best represents the giving decision you have made (or want to make) in order to honor God's work in your local church:		
ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	10% =	5% =	2 1/2% =
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5000+	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400+	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100+	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 per week <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 per month	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 per week <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 per month	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 per week <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 per month
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Note: All calculations are "approximate" or "rounded" figures. For accurate amounts, please calculate your actual income times the percentage you want to give and then divide by 52 (weekly), 26 (bi-weekly), 24 (twice a month) or 12 (monthly).