



Faith & Finances Newsletter

"Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deut 8:18

Information about the finances & financial ministry of 1st EFC – September 2004

GIVING SUMMARY: YTD Budget*: \$363,000 YTD Giving*: \$343,000 YTD Shortage*: -\$20,000

*Rounded to nearest \$1000

HOW ARE YOUR OFFERINGS USED AT CHURCH?

- Missions – 18% goes for 25 missionaries and Christian organizations
- Church Staff – 53% goes for pastoral and support staff salaries and benefits
- Ministries – 21% goes for children, youth, women, worship, pastoral, admin, congregational care, etc.
- Facilities/Equipment – 8% goes for the care of buildings, grounds & equipment

CATCH UP GIVING?: Your giving statement is enclosed in this mailing. We invite you to use the "Generosity Check Up 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 September "catch up" gift. Your faithful gifts are vital to the on-going ministries of your church.

WEEKND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & GIVING: We experienced some record attendance months this summer. June's attendance (353 average) was up 46% in the past 5 years and we also had record attendance in July (346 average). Our average church offerings are up 52% in the past 5 years.

RELOCATION FUND: We are grateful for the relocation pledges and special gifts that continue to come in. The relocation team will be meeting this month to assess our future steps. We continue to monitor any potential properties that are available or might become available within 3-4 miles of our current facilities. Your prayers for God's leading, timing and provision are greatly appreciated.

CROWN 10-WEEK FINANCIAL BIBLE STUDIES: On a regular basis, our church offers 10-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 10-week Bible study group, please contact Tim Howard at 634-5413 or timhoward@adelphia.net.

CREATIVE GIVING: God blesses us in many different ways. During the past few years, through the generosity and connections of people in our church, we have received donated vehicles, a furnished home, office copier, computer equipment, appliances, office furnishings, stocks, an estate gift, furniture, printing, and many other items. If you would ever like to consider making a gift of stock, real estate, vehicle, gifts-in-kind, estate gifts, equipment, supplies, or professional services, please contact the church office at 634-3144.

