

I think the best thing about our church is:

The area in which we need the most improvement:

My Greatest Dream for Our Church:

Any further thoughts or comments not covered:

Name (optional) _____

Phone (optional) _____



My Opportunity for Giving



Listening to You Needs Assessment

As we launch into our New Beginnings "My Opportunity for Giving" campaign, nothing is more important than to first hear from you, the congregant. For this is your church. Please tell us how we are doing, what we can do better, what needs we should address. You can sign this survey or not, depending on if you want the Opportunity for Giving Team to contact you further if they have any questions. Thank you.

Worship

Our worship is meaningful and spiritually enriching to me.

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Sermons are relevant and useful to me.

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments/Suggestions to make our worship life better.

Religious Education

How would you rate our religious education?

- | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ◆ For pre-schoolers? | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair |
| ◆ For grade school children? | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair |
| ◆ For high schoolers? | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair |
| ◆ For young adults? | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair |
| ◆ For adults? | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair |

Comments/Suggestions on improving our religious education _____

_____ of these groups.

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Spiritual Life

Outside of worship, our church does enough to enrich people's spiritual lives

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Our spiritual lives are a high priority in this church.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments/Suggestions to enrich spiritual life in the church

Hospitality

I feel welcome when I come to church

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

What was your first impression of the hospitality here?

Very Welcoming Welcoming Unwelcoming Very Unwelcoming

I think visitors are warmly welcomed and acknowledged at our church.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments/Suggestions to make our church more welcoming to both congregants and visitors.

Fellowship

I have enjoyed the fellowship at our church.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

My best experience of fellowship at this church was _____

Comments/Suggestions to improve fellowship here.



Outreach/Service

Our church does a good job of reaching out to meet needs outside our walls.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments/Suggestions on needs unmet in our community I think we should be addressing.

Facilities

Our facilities are adequate and well maintained.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments/Suggestions on adding to or renovating any of our facilities.

Our church provides sufficient and easy-to-understand information on finances.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

We are adequately funded to meet our needs and community needs.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments/Suggestions to increase giving in our church.



Stewardship of Time
Self-Evaluation & Commitment

Name: _____

Date: _____

Choose those activities that best suit you.
Time ... for God

	NOW:	PROMISED:
Attend weekend worship	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Spend time in prayer	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Read the Bible	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Attend Bible study or other mid-week church-related gathering	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Other:	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:

Time ... for my Inner Self

	NOW:	PROMISED:
Spend silent, reflective time alone	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Meditative exercise	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Read inspirational book	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Other:	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:

Time ... for Others

	NOW:	PROMISED:
Help someone in need	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Pray with someone in need	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Be alert to needs I see/try to meet needs. How?	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Help to protect/preserve your community's environment	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Work to help the homeless, hungry, lonely	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Work to lessen prejudice, racism, discrimination	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Pray for peace in world, country, at home	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Other:	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:

Time ... for Family & Friends

	NOW:	PROMISED:
Spend extra time with spouse	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Spend extra time with children or friends in need	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Create great family activities	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Pray together with family/friends	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Tell family and/or friends about my faith journey	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Tell children about my family history	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Spend extra time with family/friends	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Work to help family/friends	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:
Other:	Min: Hour:	Min: Hour:

I understand this commitment is between me and God. It is for my personal use.
I distribute my personal time between God, others, and my inner self. An appropriate "time" would be four hours per week.

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Take Another Look at My Stewardship of Time In: _____
(Draw a line through when you have followed up on your promise)

One Week:	One Month:	Three Months:	Six Months:	Nine Months:
Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT
Self-Evaluation & Commitment

Name: _____

Date: _____

What do I think are my best talents, skills or interests?

1)

2)

3)

People say I do what kind of things best:

1)

2)

3)

What do I like to do best?

What kind of service to others have I always wanted to perform, but never found the time, or thought I never had the chance?

If I were to dream about a way to use my talents to help others, what would it be?

What are some needs in my church or community that I know could use the kind of help I have?

What is the one specific need I personally encountered in the past week?

What special group or type of person do I especially feel drawn to help?

My Talent pledge: Prayerfully reflecting on who I am as a person, and how God has so generously and uniquely blessed me, I will use my talents to help others.

given to me, and looking out to the needs of my church and my community.

My Talent of _____ In this way _____

I will use my talents to help others _____

(put dates now and strike through when I have followed up on your promise)

One Week:	One Month:	Three Months:	Six Months:	Nine Months:
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:

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Beginning to Live “A Stewardship Way of Life”

Challenge yourself to “Incremental Stewardship©”, where you try to increase your giving to the church by at least a half a percentage point - or perhaps one or two percentage points. Or, tithing the full, biblical ten percent - for a single week. Or, for a month. Through your generosity, we will be able to make our dreams a reality, to serve our own adults and children as well, and to reach out in compassionate love to our community.

ANNUAL INCOME	MY WEEKLY GIFT TO THE CHURCH (Rounded to the nearest \$)										
	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5%	8%	10%
\$10,000	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$19.00
\$15,000	3.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	23.00	29.00
\$20,000	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	15.00	17.00	19.00	31.00	38.00
\$25,000	5.00	7.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	19.00	22.00	24.00	38.00	48.00
\$30,000	6.00	9.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	20.00	23.00	26.00	29.00	46.00	58.00
\$35,000	7.00	10.00	13.00	17.00	20.00	24.00	27.00	30.00	34.00	54.00	67.00
\$40,000	8.00	12.00	15.00	19.00	23.00	27.00	31.00	35.00	38.00	62.00	77.00
\$50,000	10.00	14.00	19.00	24.00	29.00	34.00	38.00	43.00	48.00	77.00	96.00
\$60,000	12.00	17.00	23.00	29.00	35.00	40.00	46.00	52.00	58.00	92.00	115.00
\$70,000	13.00	20.00	27.00	34.00	40.00	47.00	54.00	61.00	67.00	108.00	135.00
\$80,000	15.00	23.00	31.00	38.00	46.00	54.00	62.00	69.00	77.00	123.00	156.00
\$90,000	17.00	26.00	35.00	43.00	52.00	61.00	69.00	78.00	87.00	138.00	173.00
\$100,000	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	58.00	67.00	77.00	87.00	96.00	154.00	192.00
\$120,000	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	69.00	81.00	92.00	104.00	115.00	185.00	231.00

There are a number of paths to a Stewardship Way of Life:

- 1) Incremental Stewardship of Treasure, where we pledge a percentage point or two more than we are now giving, as we work toward biblical tithing, testing how this new generosity impacts our life.
- 2) Tithing for a week - where we tithe ten percent for the next next week and see how this new generosity impacts our life.
- 3) Tithing for a month - where we tithe ten percent for the next four Sundays and see how this new generosity impacts our life.
- 4) Biblical Stewardship - believing in the Scriptural promises and making the leap of faith: tithing ten percent.

Please fill out the attached cards. Remember, no one - other than you - will know the amount of your pledge. This is between you and God and, if your circumstances change, you can adjust your giving up or down accordingly.

MY WEEKLY INCOME IS \$ _____ OF WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE _____% OR \$ _____ TO MY CHURCH WEEKLY.

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“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”
- Matthew 10:8

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures excludes them.”

- C. S. Lewis (1898-1963, English author (“Screwtape Letters” and Narnia books))