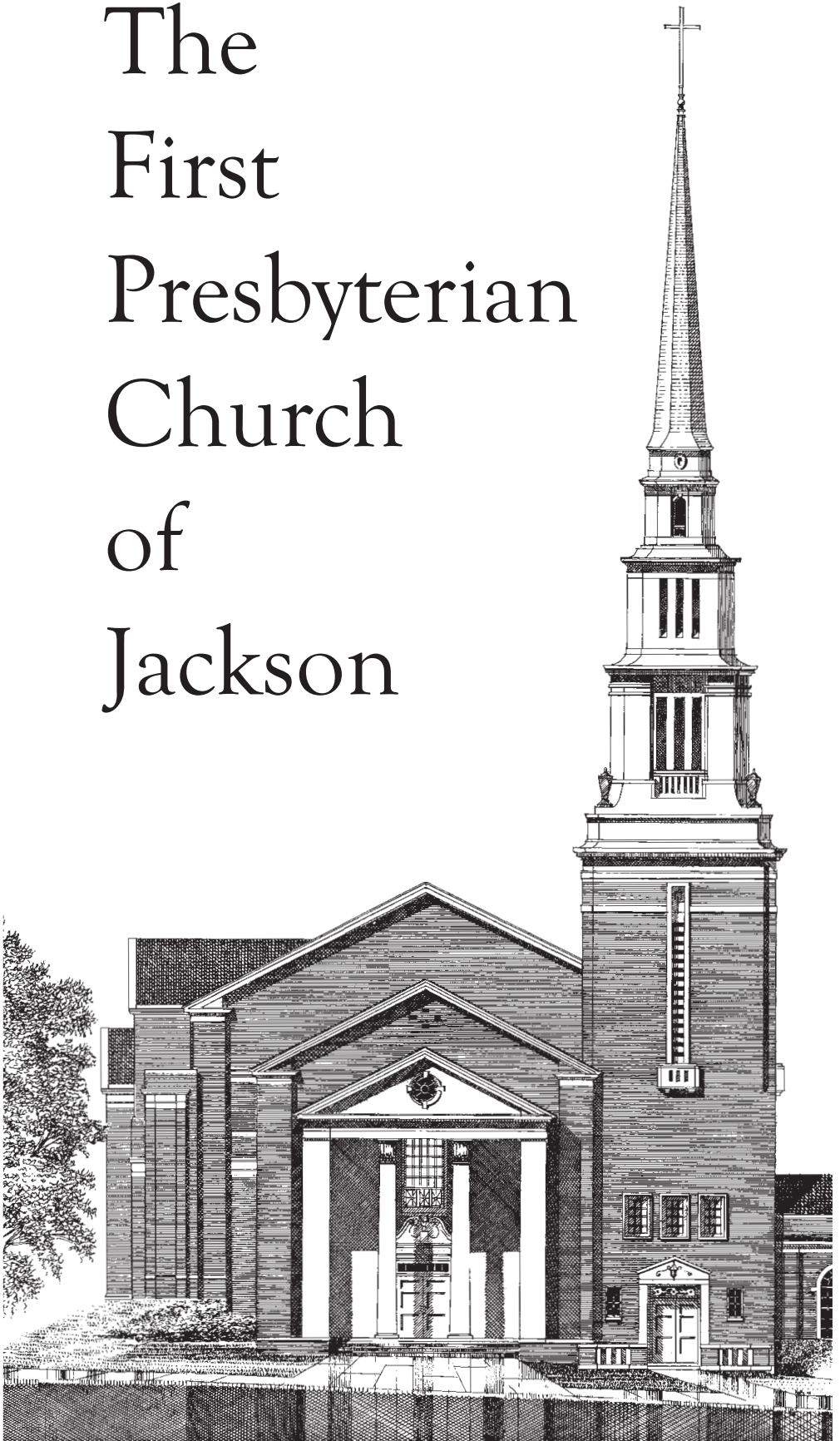


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-seventh Day of October, Two Thousand Thirteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Senior Minister — The Reverend Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. David L. Felker
Minister of Young Adults

At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.

The Greetings and Announcements (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Fantasia”Johann Pachelbel
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — 8:30 a.m. “May The Mind Of Christ My Savior” Barham-Gould
The Boys Choir

11:00 a.m. “Let All The World In Every Corner Sing” V. Williams

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 92** — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Psalm 46)

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

The Public Profession of Faith

- The Biblical Basis
- The Introduction of New Members
- The Questions of Membership
- The Prayer
- The Declaration
- The Blessing

*‡ **The Hymn No. 256** — “There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

The Stewardship Challenge — Mr. Neil Witherow

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Follow Jesus”John Purifoy
With Kathryn Edwards, Pianist

“Talk about a child who follows Jesus, here's one.

Ever since I heard the gospel story, I've been walking up the path to glory.

Talk about a child who follows Jesus, here's one.

Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one.

Ever since I heard the gospel story, I've been walking up the path to glory.

Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one.

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus,

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all the world, give me Jesus.

Talk about a child who follows Jesus. Here's one.”

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Hebrews 13:8-14 (Pew Bible pages 1009-1010)

The Sermon — *Better* “Let Us Go to Jesus”Dr. Duncan

‡ **The Hymn of Response No. 677** — “Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!”

‡ **The Benediction**

The Response — “The Lord Bless You And Keep You” Peter Lutkin

The Postlude — “Chromatic Fugue”Johann Pachelbel

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain
Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting Minister — The Reverend William F. Joseph III
Minister of Congregational Care

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)

The Prelude — “Prelude in F#”J.S. Bach
Connie S. Wadsworth, Harpsichord

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Psalm of Praise No. 316** — “The Mighty God, the Lord”

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn** — “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Bill Moore

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — The Four and Five Year Old Choirs

The Young Children’s Devotional

For children currently in 4-year-old – 3rd grade Sunday School

The Song No. 378 — “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”
(Stanzas 2, 3, and 5)

The Children’s Catechism No. 136

Q. “Who should receive the Lord’s Supper?”

A. “Only those who are truly sorry for their sins and who trust Christ to save them.”

The Scripture — Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:5; Psalm 95:2;
Jeremiah 17:9; John 14:15; I Corinthians 11:27-29;
II Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:6;
II Peter 3:9

The Meditation Wiley Lowry, Minister of Pastoral Care

The Prayer(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn No. 318** — “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” (Stanzas 1-4)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible pages 830-831)

The Sermon — *Glory In His Face* “The Coming Judge”Mr. Strain

‡ **The Benediction and Response** — “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”
(Stanza 5)

“Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly, O come quickly: alleluia! come, Lord, come.”

The Postlude — “Postlude in G” Carl Simone

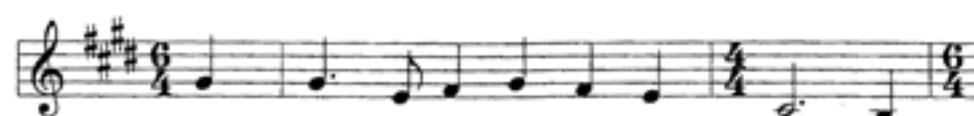
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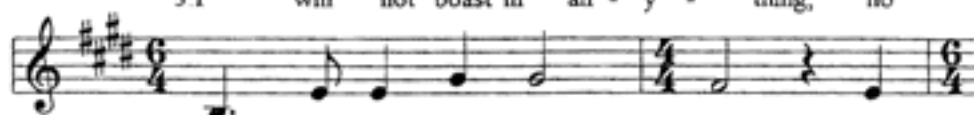
**To All Our
Visitors**

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

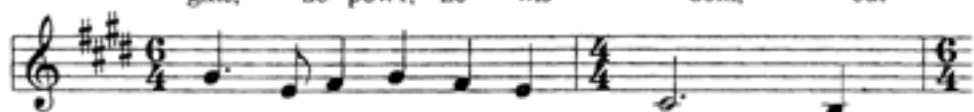
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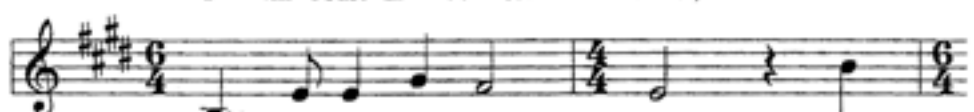
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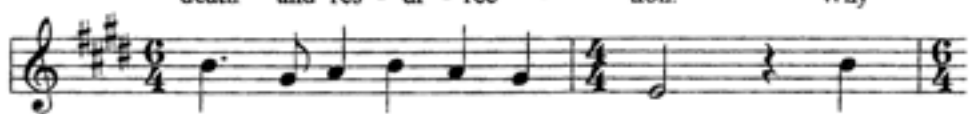
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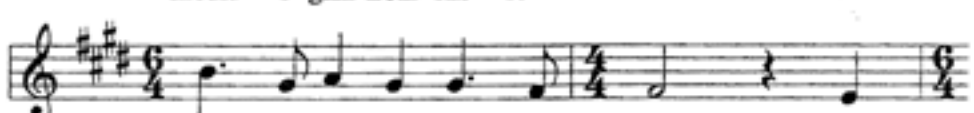
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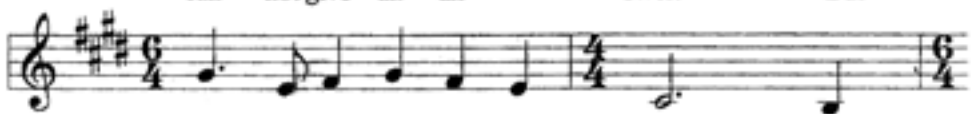
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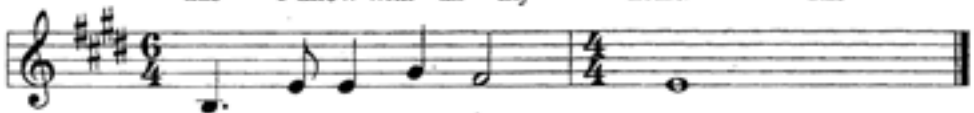
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A Guide to the Morning Service

The Welcome

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We also hope that this guide will help you understand the various components of our service, and thus make you more comfortable and familiar with it. By the way, we try to present most of our announcements prior to the service in order to avoid interrupting the flow of our worship of God with distractions that take our minds away from our central purpose: giving to the Lord the glory due His name.

The Introduction of New Members

During the morning services, a group of new members will openly confess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel. They were received into the membership by the Session in the afternoon of October 6. This Sunday they are presented to the congregation. Listen closely to the five questions of membership. They beautifully summarize key points of Christian faith and discipleship. And be sure to welcome these brothers and sisters, heartily. Matthew Henry once said: "When we take God for our God, we take His people for our people." Taking our church membership vows seriously is one way we can show that we understand this truth.

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

FPDS 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The School Board of First Presbyterian Day School has established a priority for members of the First Presbyterian Church for such vacancies as now remain for the fall session commencing August 2014. This priority ends at 3:00 p.m. on October 31, and pertains only to new students applying for placement in the Day School. Accordingly, all interested persons of this congregation should immediately contact the school at 601-355-1731.

MEN OF THE COVENANT LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 7

Men, join us Thursday, November 7, for our Men of the Covenant Luncheon featuring Phillip Holmes, co-founder of the Reformed African-American Network. Reservations are not required and the cost of the lunch is \$6.00. If you have questions, contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or shannonc@fpcjackson.org.

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that First Presbyterian Church now provides online giving. Just click "Give Online" at the top right-hand corner of the www.fpcjackson.org website. This is a convenient and safe way to make one-time or recurring donations with step-by-step instructions. You can even use the FPC Jackson mobile app to give donations.

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FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 27, 2013

Sunday	<p>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133</p> <p>Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations</p> <p>College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the College House</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only)</p> <p>Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary</p> <p>Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Ellisons (4204 North Honeysuckle Lane)</p>
Monday	<p>Circle Bible Teachers Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in WH204</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p> <p>Boy Scout Court of Honor — 7:00 p.m. in MH</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202</p> <p>Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Fall Discipleship Luncheon Series — 11:30 a.m. in MH</p> <p>NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 A&B</p> <p>Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in SC/PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS — 9:00 a.m. in PH</p> <p>Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m.</p> <p>Christian Education Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH</p> <p>Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH</p> <p>Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in the YH</p> <p>Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion/Gym</p> <p>The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS</p> <p>Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in the Scout Room/Gym</p> <p>Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. in various locations</p> <p>Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in SC/WH</p> <p>Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in LH</p>
Thursday	<p>Wisdom of God Bible Study — 9:00 a.m. in PH/SC</p> <p>The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
Friday	<p>Sew and Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p> <p>Friday Forum — 6:00 p.m. in MH</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

CH - College House

LH - Lowe Hall

M - Main Floor

MCR - Ministers'

Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall

MS - Music Suite

PH - Patterson Hall

YH - Youth House

SC - Study Center

WH - Westminster Hall

HC - Hutton Chapel

LRC - Learning Resource Center

SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

"Finally, brethren, pray for us..." **Coby & Pamela McGinty**- Working in student ministry with Mission to the World at University of Cape Town in South Africa. Mailing address: 21 Tecoma Way, Pinelands, WC 7405 South Africa. Email: coby@mcginty.com
Andrew & Shelley Flatguard- Serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Rhodes College in Memphis TN. Mailing address: 431 N Evergreen, Memphis, TN 38112. Email: andrewflatgard@gmail.com

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook by their daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth Cook.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Gene R. Graham — October 18, 2013
Mr. Samuel H. Stockett — October 21, 2013

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 6, we welcomed the following members into our fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. William Zachary (Paigelee) Chancellor, Mr. Brandon Thomas Cozzolino, Mr. and Mrs. John Christopher (Marguerite) Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. (Jessica) Levy, Mr. Peter Josiah Sinclair, Mr. Jack Kyle Spradling, Miss Anne E. Wegener, and Mr. Timothy J. Werre. Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan W. (Heather) Hunt joined as associate members.

MISSION MISSISSIPPI

You are invited to attend Mission Mississippi Statewide Celebration and 20th Anniversary Service which will be held at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium here in Jackson on this afternoon, October 27, at 5:00 p.m. We will gather as a part of the culmination of the 82 day twentieth anniversary celebration of Mission Mississippi, and thank the Lord for the unity that He has granted to the body of Christ across racial lines here in Mississippi over these last twenty years (Psalm 133).

STEWARDSHIP 2014

Firstfruits

**Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce.
Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)**

On November 3, 2013, each member of First Presbyterian Church will be asked to make a stewardship commitment for the year 2014. As we prayerfully consider our tithes and contributions to be used for His kingdom, let us commit to give back to Him at the time He first provides it to us.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 3

FRIDAY FORUM

November 1, 6:00–9:00 p.m. in Miller Hall

Join us Friday, November 1, for "Friday Forum," an extended teaching time to enrich and equip young adults at FPC in God's Word. Our Senior Minister, Ligon Duncan, and RUF minister at Jackson State, Elbert McGowan, will teach on Christianity and Race. The cost is \$6 to cover a Newk's meal. (Please arrive at 5:45 p.m. so we can begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.) Nursery is provided, but please RSVP for your children up to age 5. To sign up for meal and/or nursery, email Shannon Craft at shannonc@fpcjackson.org. Call David Felker at 601-850-8650 with questions.

BAPTISM

The next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2013. Space is available for the 8:30 a.m. worship service. To make your reservation, please contact Shannon Craft at 601-326-9243 or email her at shannonc@fpcjackson.org

Ten Principles for Christian Giving (Part 2)

by Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

6 The Bible teaches that Christian giving should be done in light of the incarnation.
Many Christians argue about whether the tithe (10% of our income) is still the standard for our giving to the Church (disputants usually want to show that less than 10% is fine). Paul scuttles the whole debate in one verse. He says: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich: (2 Corinthians 8-9). Christ's self-giving is now the standard for our giving! We begin from the base of the tithe and aim for emulation of his self-sacrifice. Our giving is to be inspired and instructed by Christ's inexpressible gift. In light of such a challenge, who could possibly satisfy himself with asking "how little a percentage is acceptable for me to give?" *Do you try to get by with giving as little as possible to the Lord, or do you give in view of the Lord's costly sacrifice?*

7 The Bible teaches that Christian giving should be done in accordance with our means.
Paul is quite clear on this: "For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:12). Put another way, Paul is saying that you should give in proportion to what God has given you. He said it this way in 1 Corinthians 16:2—"each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper." This means at least two things: (1) since we are all supposed to give proportionately, those who have more money are expected to give more [we who are particularly blessed materially must remember this], and (2) the Lord never asks us to give what we do not have, or contribute beyond our means. *Are you really giving in proportion to the material blessing that the Lord has given you?*

8 The Bible teaches that the liberality of God's blessings to us is connected to the liberality of our Christian giving.
Though it may seem strange, both Jesus and Paul emphasize that there is a relation between our giving to the Lord and the Lord's giving to us. As Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:6 "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." About this matter J.A. Beet once said: "They who in giving think, not how little they can give, as they would if self-enrichment were the aim, but of benefits to be conferred, will receive back on the same principle. As they do to others, so God will act to them." Jesus reminds us of this in Matthew 6:4, where he teaches that our reward in giving comes from our heavenly Father. As someone once said: "The desire to be generous and the means to be generous both come from God." *Do you realize that the Lord has given you much, so that you can give much?*

9 The Bible teaches that Christian giving must be willing giving, free giving.
We learn this in 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion." But doesn't this contradict what we learned under the first principle, that Christian giving is not optional? The answer is, of course, no. True Christian giving is both mandatory and voluntary. It is required by God, but always willingly given by the believer. *Is your giving to the Church something you do wholeheartedly, or indifferently, or grudgingly?*

10 The Bible teaches that Christian giving ought to be cheerful giving.
As Paul says "God loves a cheerful giver." This is a truly amazing assertion. Paul assures us here that the Lord takes a special delight in those who are joyful, energetic, merry givers. *Is there joy in your heart as you give? Can you truly be characterized as a "cheerful giver?"*