

# CPC Giving - A Mid-Year Update

Honoring God with our financial resources.

July 16, 2023

## A Quick Glance:

Giving Jan - June:

2022: \$762,245

2023: \$709,148

Jan – June 2023:

Expenses: \$739,234

Giving: \$709,148

## Biblical Patterns of Giving

- \*Old Testament (OT) saints tithed a tenth of their crops & livestock.
- \*OT saints who withheld the tithe were seen as “robbing” God (Malachi 3).
- \*Malachi teaches us that tithing prevented the loss of crops due to pests, etc.
- \*Jesus endorsed the tithe but focused on “justice, mercy and faithfulness” as necessary traits for Christ-followers (Matt. 23:23).
- \*The New Testament (NT) expands the practice of tithing into abundant and joyful generosity!
- \*Bible says “put aside” our gifts weekly based on “how we prosper” (I Cor. 16:2).
- \*The word “tithe” in NT Greek means *decade or tenth* part.
- \*NT generosity includes joyful giving to the church for the unemployed, widows, orphans, missionaries and pastors (Gal. 6:5, Phil. 4:14-19, II Cor 8-9).

## Center Point 2023 Giving

- \*Our church ministries call for \$136,375 in monthly giving!
- \*Church gifts support 13 staff members, missions, backpacks for 100+ kids each year via Refresh, summer camps for 70 students, 40-50 families in crises each year, the new Mercy Hill Church, a seminary intern, church planting in CA, a 9-acre 25K sf. campus, men’s and women’s ministries, Celebrate Recovery for 40+, and more!
- \*Giving through June is at 88% of fully supporting our ministries- a little short!
- \*Ministry expenses through June 2023 exceeded giving by 4% or \$30,000.

## 7 Blessings from Tithing

- \*It is an antidote to materialism, the love of self.
- \*It recognizes and honors the Lordship of Jesus in our daily lives.
- \*It teaches us biblical stewardship in the use of our resources.
- \*It values the community of faith rather than isolated individualism.
- \*It gives evidence of spiritual maturity as opposed to self-centered living.
- \*It reminds us of the dangers of excessive debt and leads to freedom.
- \*It enables the church to share the Gospel in the darkness of our world.

*Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV)*

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