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**Fiscal Year-to-Date 7.16.23:**  
Budget: \$680,000.00  
General Giving: \$604,842.87  
Difference: \$75,175.13

## **NEED TO KNOW**

### **FPU**

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. But it's time for your struggle to end - starting today. Join the Financial Peace University class that starts on Sept 17 and is 9 weeks long! KidCare available upon registration. Sign up online!

### **FALL KICK OFF**

Get ready - for the big, all church Fall Kick Off & After Party! It's on Sun, Sept 10. Come for the amazing services in adults, kids, & youth and stay for the food and fun!

### **SMALL GROUPS**

Fall is the perfect time to check out a small group! In a group, you will be able to care and pray for each other as well as learn and grow together. Stop by the commons or check it out online under the adults tab.



## **SEPTEMBER 3 // WEEK 1 // PASTOR MARK BAKER**

**Helping Everyone to experience Grace By Leading and Loving our Cities**

### **How can I become a healthy part of the body of Christ?**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. - Romans 12:1

### **Give yourself to God**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. - Romans 12:2

### **Change how you think**

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. - Romans 12:3

### **Take a humble pill**

4 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, 5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. - Romans 12:1

### **We need each other**

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. - Romans 12:6-8

### **Use your gifts**

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. 11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. 12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. 13 When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. - Romans 12:9-13

### **Don't just talk about it**

### **Reference Acts Early Church sharing**

12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. - Romans 12:12