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LOVE JESUS. LOVE LIKE JESUS.

To be good stewards of God's blessings, we have launched the "Living Generously" project. GENEROSITY IS IN OUR DNA! We are generous with our time, talents, and treasures because this is our identity as followers of Jesus Christ. We believe Scripture says giving is a spiritual thing - we give because God is a Giver and He has given to us. As church leadership, we commit to being responsible with and share how monies are being used. We also commit to providing regular updates to the church community on how we are doing with giving and finances throughout the year. To learn more about the "Living Generously" project, you can go to this link (<https://www.belairchurchmd.org/living-generously.html>), or scan the QR Code.



## 2024 3rd Quarter TITHES & OFFERINGS (T&O) Update

**THE GOOD NEWS:** Last year (2023), we MET OUR GOAL of increasing our Tithes and offerings, bringing in 5% more than we did the year before (2022). We have NO DEBT and a beautiful a 40+ acre campus, plus we have STRONG RESERVES. We are a HEALTHY church, and have seen increases in attendance and giving, post-COVID.

**THE UPDATE:** Through September, our T&O giving is just 0.1% less than what we have budgeted. \$311,022.81 was given through September, and \$311,593.01 was budgeted through September.

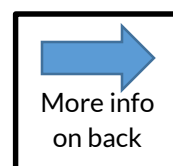
**THE CHALLENGE:** We need to continue to see an INCREASE in Tithes and Offerings this year. Right now, our budgeted expenses each year are higher than our budgeted income. (For the year 2024, budgeted expenses are \$115K greater than budgeted income.) Increased giving is a major way for us to close this gap. It's good that we had an increase in T&O last year. Over the next 2-3 years we will need to see continued increases in T&O to maintain the budget we have now for staffing, building upkeep, and in-house ministries.

**THE GOAL:** Can we have the best final quarter in T&O Giving? Our goal is to raise at least \$203K, which will represent our best 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 5 years. This would also represent another +5% increase in T&O giving.

**We are thankful for your giving! Tithing (giving) is a response and an act of worship to the God who has blessed us and is faithful! This update is to keep you aware of how we are doing financially. We believe God is blessing Bel Air Church, and we want to continue His Work of building His Kingdom. Will you prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our goal?**

(To see a video on tithing, go to this link: <https://www.belairchurchmd.org/living-generously.html>.)

**WILL YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHAT YOU ARE TITHING,  
AND HELP US REACH OUT 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER GOAL of \$203,000?**



**What does it mean to GIVE to Bel Air Church?** There are basically 3 different ways you can give. We call them the 3 “T”s. Some can give more of one “T” than another.

- Treasures – This means giving money to the church, or something that equates to money, like stock. In the next question, we give more detail about the ways you can give money, and how that money is used.
- Talents – Each of us has specific talents and gifts God has given us. This means giving of those talents by serving in the church or to others in our community. We have many different ways you can serve at Bel Air Church.
- Time – In our society, time is a valuable resource. This means giving of our time for things like helping with a church project, or mentoring a child or teen, or praying for needs within our community.

**How can I give monetarily to Bel Air Church?** Generally, giving falls into 1 of 3 categories:

- Tithes – In the Old and New Testament, the practice of “tithing” is laid out as a spiritual practice to help support the church. Monies in this category goes towards staffing, the upkeep of the building and in-house ministries. (To see a video on tithing, go to this link: <https://www.belairchurchmd.org/living-generously.html>.)
- Faith Promise – This is a specific category that is exclusively for Ministry to Others. The Bel Air Church has many partnerships, locally and globally, where we seek to help others. Every year, in June, we communicate the details of our “partnership plan” for that year, and ask people to pledge a certain amount (beyond Tithes) over the next 12 months to support that plan.
- Special Offerings or Opportunities – These are opportunities, beyond Tithes and Faith Promise, to give towards something specific, such as a love offering for one of the missionaries we support, a teen fundraiser mission trips and camp, or special opportunities to give during the Advent/Christmas season.

**How can I help the church?**

- Pray with us for a spirit of generosity to exist in our lives and in the church.
- Give specifically to BC Church to express your belief in our mission to “Love Jesus, Love Like Jesus”. Every ministry we do here is used by God to build His kingdom in our church community, our families, the local community around us, and the global community impacted by our church partnerships and by the International Church of the Nazarene.

**How can I give to Bel Air Church?**

For financial contributions, you can give online by using the link on our website under “giving”. You can also use our church app or Venmo account. You can scan the bar code located in the backs of the seats in our worship space. Boxes are available on Sunday morning in the sanctuary and at the Welcome Center. If you prefer, you can give by check made payable to ‘Bel Air Church’, mailed to Bel Air Church of the Nazarene, 2430 Conowingo Road, Bel Air, MD 21015.

To volunteer your time or talents, contact the church office to be directed to the person who can talk with you about what you have in mind and who can help determine the fit for the ministries presently taking place.