
First Baptist Dyersburg • Sermon Notes

Honor the Lord with your Wealth

Sunday, September 13, 2026 • Mike Hickman, Senior Pastor

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.

⁶ Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.

⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.
Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

⁸ Then you will have healing for your body
and strength for your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the best part of everything you produce.

¹⁰ Then he will fill your barns with grain,
and your vats will overflow with good wine. (Proverbs 3:5-10, NLT)

⁶ Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say,

"They share freely and give generously to the poor.
Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹² So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

¹³ As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. ¹⁴ And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.

¹⁵ Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words! (2 Corinthians 9:6-15, NLT)

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT OUR FINANCES:

1. God _____ it all.
2. I am a _____, not the owner.
3. I am _____ to God for my management of all the resources He entrusts to me.

¹⁰“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹²And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

¹³“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, heard all this and scoffed at him. ¹⁵Then he said to them, “You like to appear righteous in public, but God knows your hearts. What this world honors is detestable in the sight of God. (Luke 16:10-15, NLT)

WHAT IS TITHING?

1. A tithe is giving _____ of my income.
2. A tithe is the _____ tenth of my income, not the leftovers.
3. An offering is anything I give _____ the tithe.

How are your Tithes and Offerings used here at FBC?

Our Finance Committee, working with our staff and ministry leaders to anticipate the financial resources we will need to fund our ministry opportunities for the fiscal year ahead, expect that our budget receipts will be \$2,363,947. How will that be used in the year ahead?

MISSIONS - \$365,489 (16% of our Budget)

- **Cooperative Program - \$203,089**
 - ❖ **(10% of our budgeted receipts)**
 - **Dyer Baptist Association - \$30,000**
 - **38 Churches**
 - **Baptist Collegiate Ministry at DSCC**
 - **Tennessee Baptist Convention**
 - **3,000+ Churches**
 - **2 Universities: Union and Carson Newman**
 - **Golden Offering for Tn Missions - \$8,000 is our goal this year**
 - **Southern Baptist Convention**
 - **50,000+ Churches**
 - **International Mission Board**
 - **3,500 Missionaries**
 - **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – \$27,000 is our goal this year**
 - **North American Mission Board**
 - **3,299 Missionaries**
 - **3,941 Chaplains**
 - **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – \$12,000 is our goal this year**
 - **Six Theological Seminaries**
 - **Southern, Louisville, KY**
 - **Midwestern, Kansas City, MO**
 - **Southwestern, Fort Worth, TX**
 - **Southeastern, Wake Forest, NC**
 - **Gateway, San Diego, CA**
 - **New Orleans, New Orleans, LA**

- Mission Trips - \$10,000
- Church Plant Support - \$7,200
- School Benevolence - \$10,000 (\$5,000 to Dyersburg City Schools and \$5,000 to Dyer County Schools)
- Union University Chapel - \$20,000 (\$60,000 over 3yrs)

EDUCATION - \$189,050 (8% of our Budget)

- Literature and supplies; children's, student, adult, men's, women's, prayer, music and technology ministries; miscellaneous events

PRESCHOOL - \$310,670

- 89 students; 15 teachers and a director

PERSONNEL - \$875,954 (46% of our Budget)

STAFF CONVENTION - \$17,000 (1% of our Budget)

- For SBC Annual Meeting and TBC Annual Meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE - \$86,840 (4% of our Budget)

- General Office supplies; new equipment and computers; internet service fees; office equipment maintenance, etc.

GENERAL PROMOTIONS – \$49,400 (2% of our Budget)

- Wednesday night meals; special events; Baptist and Reflector; technology updates; safety, etc.

BUILDING, EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION - \$469,544 (23% of our Budget)

- Insurance; utilities; maintenance and repairs; capital improvements; roof and HVAC reserves; transportation costs; janitorial services and supplies

Glorifying God in all we do;

Growing passionate followers of Jesus Christ; and

Going into our community and world to share hope.