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Paul the apostle wrote the words above to the people of his generation who lived in abundance. These are not conditions of salvation; they are expressions of faith and gratitude.

As you read this special edition of *The Church Bell*, I hope you will be inspired by this congregation's expressions of faith and gratitude through the good we do in the community and world. The people of our congregation are doing good and are rich in good works!

Over the past few weeks, sixty-two of our members responded to a survey related to our worship and generosity theme, The Good We Do. Their generosity of spirit is inspiring! Look inside to see to see the love, passion, and hours they invest in service in our church, community, and beyond. We know that the good we do is not limited to the ways in which we serve, lead, and volunteer individually. We do tremendous good together through ministries like our DayBreak dementia respite, Rise & Shine breakfasts and devotions for Maryville Junior High students, and the daily *Grace for All* podcast that spreads the good news of Jesus far beyond our community.

Jesus told his disciples, "You give them something to eat." And we do, through Welcome Table, Celebrate Recovery, the Community Food Connection, a blessing box, and food backpacks and snacks for students of Montvale Elementary, Sam Houston Elementary, and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate schools.

Together, we do tremendous good as we provide financial support and resources to nearly twenty community organizations and help ministries! Your generosity becomes abundant good done in Jesus' name in our community.

So, let's hear Paul's encouragement to be generous and ready to share. As you read this special edition of the Bell and as you consider your 2026 commitment card, please pray for God's direction in using the resources entrusted to your care.

Together, let's continue to "do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share."

Rev. Jonathan Jonas Senior Pastor







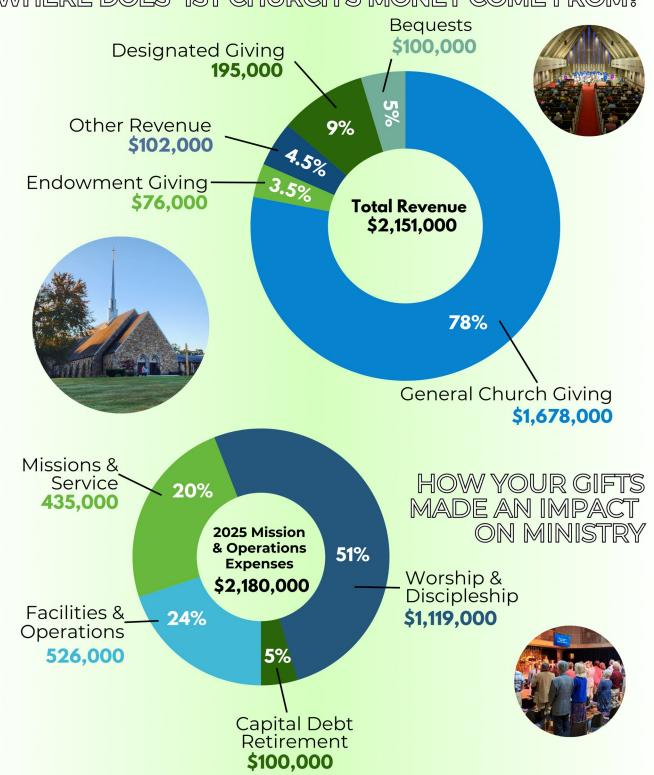






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WHERE DOES 1ST CHURCH'S MONEY COME FROM?



Use the enclosed card or go online to **1stchurch.org/generosity** to make a pledge for 2026. If possible, please return your cards before Sunday, November 9th.

Average hours of service per person

Hours of service

each week



Hours per week in service to the congregation.

Hours per week in service to our community.

Hours per week in service beyond our community.



 Day Programs DayBreak · Barrier Free Worship

Volunteer hours

Participant/Caregiver hours

Kids

Received shelter at the **Family Promise Center at** 1st UMC @ Sycamore Tree





Flood buckets for UMCOR Food buckets for Zimbabwe



Worship streaming and other content

838

Hours Watched **TRUE NORTH VBS**

Kids, students, & helpers encountered Jesus at Vacation Bible School.



Rise & Shine

Maryville Junior High students starting their Tuesdays with breakfast and a devotion.

RESURRECTION

Students and adults experienced life changing worship at RESURRECTION.



Episodes

Podcast written, edited, and produced by your church family.

Total

Listens

People involved in podcast production

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