# Faith Promise

What is the Lord laying on your heart to pledge for missions in 2026?









# hello, we're glad YOU are here!



#### MONTHLY GIVING TOTALS GENERAL FUND Sept 2025 Year to Date FAITH PROMISE Sept 2025 Year to Date 84,044 583,668 Giving 13,771 146,454 Giving 76,062 618,343 Disbursements 14,953 132,246 Expenses (34,675) Difference (1,182)14,208 7,982 Difference 73,544 661,898 2025 Budget 15,107 135,968 2025 Budget (1,336)10,486 10,500 (78,230) Ahead+/(Behind-) Ahead+/(Behind-) 882,530 2025 Faith Promise Budget 181,291 2025 General Fund Budget

You can give to the ministry of Granada Heights Friends Church through these simple ways:



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### A PLACE TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Young Adults 18-25 Upper Room

Tuesdays (7:30pm)

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

(9:00-10:00am)

The Gathering Adults of all ages Grace Hall Sojourners 50+ C-21/22 Joint Heirs 60+ C-24 Poiema Friends 70+ Joy Hall Phileo 80+ Lindley Hall

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#### SERMON NOTES • NOVEMBER 2 2025 • MIKE SANBORN



Give the Seed What it Needs

#### Mark 4:1-20 CEB

1 Jesus began to teach beside the lake again. Such a large crowd gathered that he climbed into a boat there on the lake. He sat in the boat while the whole crowd was nearby on the shore. 2 He said many things to them in parables. While teaching them, he said, 3 "Listen to this! A farmer went out to scatter seed. 4 As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path; and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. 6 When the sun came up, it scorched the plants; and they dried up because they had no roots. 7 Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked the seeds, and they produced nothing. 8 Other seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of one hundred to one." 9 He said, "Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!" 10 When they were alone, the people around Jesus, along with the Twelve, asked him about the parables. 11 He said to them, "The secret of God's kingdom has been given to you, but to those who are outside everything comes in parables. 12 This is so that they can look and see but have no insight, and they can hear but not understand. Otherwise, they might turn their lives around and be forgiven.

13 "Don't you understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? 14 The farmer scatters the word. 15 This is the meaning of the seed that fell on the path: When the word is scattered and people hear it, right away Satan comes and steals the word that was planted in them. 16 Here's the meaning of the seed that fell on rocky ground: When people hear the word, they immediately receive it joyfully.

17 Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. 18 Others are like the seed scattered among the thorny plants. These are the ones who have heard the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the false appeal of wealth, and the desire for more things break in and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. 20 The seed scattered on good soil are those who hear the word and embrace it. They bear fruit, in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case sixty to one, and in another case one hundred to one."

#### Question:

Why does God's Word NOT always have a positive effect on people?

- 1. You have to want it.
- 2. You have to want it not just once, but all throughout your life.
- 3. You have to want it more than everything else trying to kill it.

#### Reflection questions:

- Are there any areas in my life that are like the hardened path, not letting any word from God inside?
- Are there any areas of my life that keep the seed in shallow soil, not able to form any deep roots?
- What are the thorny plants in my life that choke my spiritual growth?

Worries of this life:

False appeal of wealth:

Desire for more things:

### OUR MISSION:

To find rest for our souls in surrender to the gentle and humble heart of Jesus

### OUR VISION:

To be a united, growing family that embodies the presence of Jesus to everyone we encounter

# GLOBAL FOCUS

### Faith Promise Update

Thank you so much for how you've already pledged to give to Faith Promise next year! You've pledged \$85,021 for missions for 2026 so far!

For context, here's how much we've pledged to Faith Promise for each of the past five years:

Faith Promise Pledge Totals

- 2025 \$181,291
- 2024 \$186,470
- 2023 \$171,088
- 2022 \$193,535
- 2021 \$200,318

That means that, on average, we pledge \$186,540 to Faith Promise every year. In just two Sundays, we've raised 46% of that amount which is incredible!

Also, if you want to pledge, there's still plenty of time. We do ask, though, that you turn in your pledges by November 13 so that the missions committee can have an accurate number for when we make the missions budget for next year. Finally, if you're not familiar with Faith Promise, it's what we use to financially support our missionaries every month, help them with special projects, and help support short term trips from our church.

I'm excited to see what God continues to do in all of this as we follow Him!