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**Financial Freedom God's Way** 

During August, the sermon series was on forgiveness; then in September we moved to worry; in October we take on tithing. Through this entire period, my hope is that we make a determined effort to see our life as an open book and allow Scripture to guide us.

For some time, I have been an admirer of Dave Ramsey and his teachings about attaining financial freedom by using Godly principles as our guide. It is important to know why you want to become financially free. His teachings stress finally breaking free of debt through determination and sacrifice. His most quoted statement is this: "Live like no one else, so that one day you can live like no one else." Dave stresses that you and your family have to be motivated to change the way you live to overcome the obstacle of debt.

**But with this article, I would like to share Dave Ramsey's principles on tithing**, because again, I like Dave's plain and simple wisdom and Godly guidance on tithing. As the old saying goes: *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* Three big principles of any solid financial plan are to save, spend and give. Most people forget about the giving part, though, because they think mostly about saving and spending.

**But giving—specifically tithing—is just as important.** It softens the heart of the giver and frees their soul from dependence on money. You'll never walk away from giving feeling bad! Giving comes in many forms, with your tithe being the most important, because it's a biblical mandate.

What is a tithe? Let's start with the basics. Simply put, the tithe is the first 10% of your income that should be given to your local church. It's strictly measured in money, so you can't replace it with giving your time or your talents.

**What does the Bible say about tithing?** According to Leviticus 27:30 (TLB), "A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy." And 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV) says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

What's the difference between tithing and offerings? A tithe is an amount (a percentage of your income) and an offering is anything given beyond that, but not in place of the tithe.

After you've tithed, you can give in other ways: Giving a cash offering to your church above and beyond the tithe, giving money to a charity you support, giving to a friend or neighbor in need, or giving of your time or talents. Not only does giving of your money or other resources generate good in the lives of others, it also generates contentment in your heart.

**Why should I tithe?** The tithe was not put into place for God's benefit—He already has everything He needs. He doesn't *need* our money! (And "our" money is already His anyway.) Tithing is an act of obedience and should be given *freely* with pure motives. In other words, we give without expecting anything back in return. And it teaches us to be good stewards of what God has given us.

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**Tithing was created for** *our* **benefit.** It teaches us how to keep God first in our lives and how to live unselfishly. Unselfish people make better spouses, friends, relatives, employees and employers. And they usually have better finances. God is trying to teach us how to prosper over time.

Finally, please remember, whether you're giving a tithe, offering, or some other special contribution, it should come from your heart. It's an important part of any financial plan, and it's really the most fun you can have with your money! For God loves a cheerful giver! wers

Blessings and financial peace to you,

Pastor Greg





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Debbie Kinney
Daniel Hayes
Richard Dixon
Will Yoder
Stella Hettenbach
Derek Tapp
Megan Yoder
Paul Gene Swope
Cherissa Williams
Kayden Smith
Marla Gross
Debby Talbert
Judy Moll
Jonathon Abner



The Unity Class is selling Nuts and other goodies. Pecans are a must this time of year for all of the holiday baking The order form is in the hallway or

you can speak to a Unity Class Member to place your order before October 21st!



Prayer Requests: Mary Moore. Mills, Nancy Glackman, Jennifer Harwood, Mary Lou Ellis, Josette Higgins, Jim Smith. Gary Sprinkle, Stella Vennard Hettenbach, Terri

Schuetter, Austin Smith (firefighter), Amy Dubber, Joy Roettger, David and Sara Dixon, Marie Pickett, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters, The homeless population, God's Kids.

*Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the* 

Messenger?



Eddie & Judy Moll



Pick up your Operation Christmas Child shoe box and begin filling it with items that the children will appreciate and enjoy! Shoeboxes will be turned in the last part of November.

This year there are plastic shoeboxes available for a\$1.00 donation. This is a great mission project of our church to help needy children throughout the world. Please help!





**Rescue Mission's 96th Annual** Gobbler Gathering! MCC and God's Kids will be ollecting Cranberry Sauce for the Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering during October.

We indicated we will donate 100 cans of cranberry Sauce (Standard 14 oz cans) ! Please donate cans of cranberry sauce this month!



**Fall Festival** 



Fall Festival October 7-12 Please call Martha if you are unable to work the shift for which you volunteered. .



The all Church Work Day is scheduled for October 19th. If you have an hour or two to help spruce our building and grounds up for the coming winter, please come ready to help. Work starts

at 8:00 am but you can come and go as you are able. Lunch is provided!



An Anonymous donor purchased a new coffee bar for fellowship time. Several men of the church installed it. Thank you for this beautiful addition!!



Mark your calendar! The UMW is planning a spaghetti dinner November 10th immediately following worship service.

The Mountain **Mission truck** will be here November 4th to pick up donated items. Check the **Bulletin Board** for the most needed items.



Teresa and Yuna shared a birthday and celebrated in God's Kids chapel time on September 24th! Happy birthday to you both!

### NEWS FROM HAITI

Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, the two children that MCC sponsor, received their care boxes. Can you imagine how happy they both are to have these



supplies? The box includes staples for their homes that they often to not have access.







The children gather for Children's oment as Pasto Greg talks to them about worry. He



demonstrated to the children that worries can weigh you down much as the added books can weigh a backpack down. Kayden decided he needed some help with his burden and Eli quickly came to the rescue to help Kayden carry his burden.



The United Methodist Men enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, Brats and great fellowship at the home of Kent Burress on September 23rd. Everyone enjoyed looking at the tractors on the cool fall evening. Thanks, Kent for hosting this event!



# September 2019 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Food Pantry	Missions Haiti/ UMCOR	Memorial Contributions	Lunch on the Lawn Donation	Total Checking Deposit
September 1	78	\$565.00	\$1,160.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$40.00			\$1,890.00
September 8	73	\$830.00	\$2,224.00	\$100.00		\$25.00		\$30.00	3,209.00
September 15	95	\$125.00	\$905.00	\$100.00					\$1,130.00
September 22	88	\$90.00	\$1,567.00	\$100.00		\$160.00			\$1,917.00
September 29	76	\$490.00	\$1,067.00	\$100.00		\$267.00	\$200.00		\$2,124.00



# **GOD'S KIDS** reporting . . . .



Happy Birthday to our October birthday children: Callie (3), Colton (13), Daxton (14), Olivia (16), Josephine (19), Kayden (27), and Kylar (29).

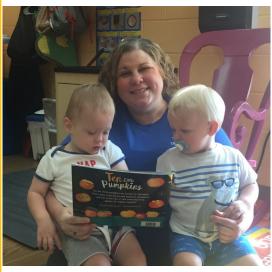






We love field trips. At the end of September we went to the Pumpkin Patch! We will be headed to the Fire Station in October.

## God's Kids Welcomes Ms. Jeriann Page!!



Hello! I have been teaching dance for 25 years and thoroughly enjoy watching the children learn new dance techniques as they progress each year.

I have also taught Pre-K and aftercare for 10 years at different facilities. This is my first year at God's Kids and I already love it. I started at God's Kids in May of 2019.

I am very excited for this school year to begin. With each class I feel like I learn as much from the children as I teach them.

*I* plan to make this a fun learning experience for the children and I am looking forward to a wonderful session.

You can find me Monday through Friday in the Seahorse classroom. We have so much fun and would love for you to stop in and introduce yourself sometime



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 29 Communion Sunday	September 30 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	October 1 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	October 2	October 3 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	October 4	October 5
6 Fall Festival 2:00pm-4:00 pmGS- Fellowship Hall	7 <b>Fall Festival</b> 6:30 Staff Parish Meeting 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	8 <b>Fall Festival</b> 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	9 Fall Festival	10 <b>Fall Festival</b> 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	11 Fall Festival God's Kids Closed	12 Fall Festival
13	14 Columbus Day 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved <b>God's Kids</b> <b>Closed</b>	15 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa <b>God's Kids Closed</b>	16 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	17 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	18 Wedding Rehearsal- sanctuary reserved all day	19 9:00am- 5:00pm Wedding- Sanctuary Reserved All Church Workday
<b>20</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved 2:00-4:00	21 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00 pm Gym Reserved	22 110:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 1:00 pm UMW Meeting Conference Room	23 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	25	26 Fish Fry 4:00- 8:00 Gym Reserved 12:00-5:00 Birthday Party
27	28 6:30 Fellowship Hall Reserved	29 5:010:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	30	31 Halloween 6:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	November 1	November 2 Fellowship Hall Reserved 7:00 AM-1:00 PM