

St. Barnabas United Church – Florida  
Stewardship letter- 2019

“LIGHT AND LOVE”

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Stewardship (The water parable).



## MESSAGE FROM REV. HEIDI PETERSEN

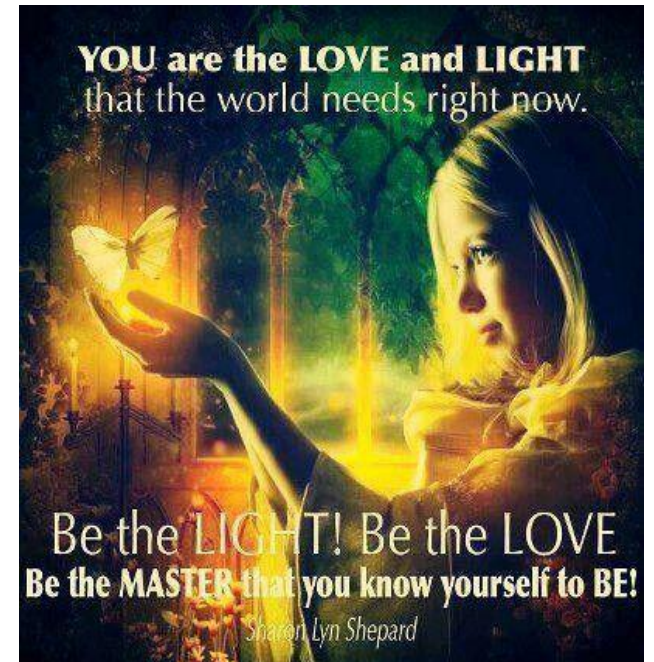
Sincere gratitude to the St. Barnabas church family for your generous giving to God and for your partnership in MISSION.

“... just as you excel in everything... see that you excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7)



**“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds  
and praise your Father in Heaven. (Matthew 5:16)**

“Lord, shine in me and so be in me that all with whom I come in contact with  
may know Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but  
only Jesus.” (John Henry Newman).



## **THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD**

“When you earnestly send out the thought of love and light, you surround yourself with light, as you give you receive. The light which you send forth from your heart not only dispels the material and erroneous thoughts of others, it also creates a protective shield around you. This is what is meant by the words; “put on the whole armour of God” (The Quiet Mind).

**“Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty for God loves the one who gives gladly.**

**And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause.”**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9: 7-8).**



## **Our Church and its respective ministries :**

### **Is a communal place where we:-**

- Worship, pray and serve.
- Provide pastoral care.
- Reach out to those in need.
- Serve the church and all its parishioners.
- Minister and spiritually develop the minds of our young children and teenagers.
- Raise funds for the maintenance and organisational functions of the church.
- Manage the finances diligently and meticulously to ensure the smooth organisation of the church.
- Have in depth discussions around scripture which fosters community- building and addressing the personal needs of our congregation members.
- Work hard to maintain the premises of the church.
- Ensure that all services are organised ahead of time so that Worship services can proceed smoothly and be relevant to the planned themes and occasions.
- All of the above is deeply rooted in our expression of mission.

## MISSIONAL CHURCH STATEMENT

A Missional Church is a **sent** Church, which understands its primary work as **witnessing** to Christ and **servicing** God in the **world**. A Missional Church is **shaped** by God **for** the community into which God has placed it. It is **focused** on those who don't yet know Jesus and on working **with** God in bringing **fullness of life** (involving justice, healing, wholeness and reconciliation) to **all the people** of the world.



## **OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH**

As a congregation, seeing how God has blessed our church through serving us, it becomes our responsibility to continually give of our talents, time and money to maintain and further develop our congregation spiritually.

### **God's greater plan for us.**

God has sacrificed his Son to die on the cross to save our sins. He constantly forgives us when we sin. He constantly protects us, guides us, loves us unconditionally and heals us from our broken relationships with him.

**“God takes pleasure in those who honour him, in those who trusts  
in his constant love.” (Psalm 147:11)**





## **Biblical principles from the Bible that we need to live by:**

God has entrusted to us everything we have. It becomes our responsibility to fulfil the plans he has for us as a congregation.

- 1) He is the source of everything:** In living our daily lives we need to acknowledge that all our resources; jobs, money, health, our possessions all belong to God.

**“ It is God who directs the lives of his creatures, everyone’s life is in his power”.(Job 12:10)**

- 2) Giving:** To show gratitude for all he has given us we should become generous in our “giving”, of our talents, time and money.

**“Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands- all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you.”(Luke 6:38).**

**3) Keep records- Budget:** Keep records and follow a budget. By creating a budget, you plan how to manage your finances, but you need to be honest with yourself, because this can keep you out of financial debt. It's a way of being more efficient with what you have.

**4) Be content with what you have.**

**“Truth, wisdom, learning and good sense- these are worth paying for, but too valuable for you to sell” (proverbs 23:23)**

**5) Work hard-**

**“A hard-working farmer has plenty to eat. People who waste time will always be poor.”( Proverbs 28:19)**

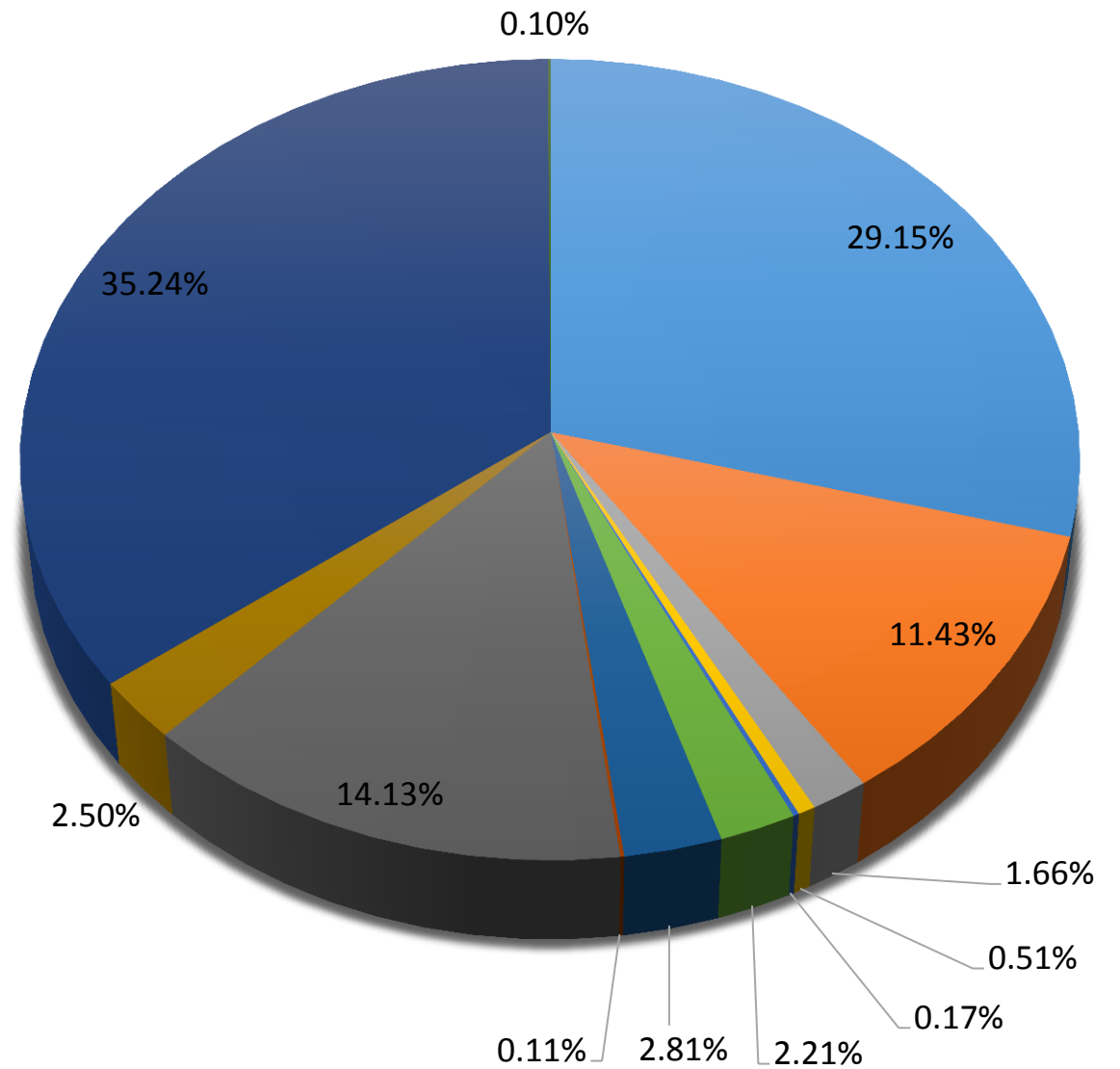
By living according to the above mentioned biblical principles we become true custodians of what God has planned for us, remembering that He has placed us on this earth to do his work. **(George Fooshee)**

## **OUR CHALLENGES:**

**For 2019 the church has budgeted R1 394 369 for the total revenue for the year. Our expenses are apportioned to the following areas:**

# ST. BARNABAS UNITED CHURCH FLORIDA EXPENSES- 2018

- Administration Costs
- Church Assessments
- Accounting Fees
- Accounting officer's Fees
- Depreciation
- Outreach Benevolent Fund
- Insurances- Other
- Council Committees
- Property costs
- Manse Costs
- Ministerial Costs
- St Barnabas Momentum Investment Savings



**“Command those who are rich in the things of this life not to be proud, but to place their hope, not in such an uncertain thing as riches, but in God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment.**

**Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share with others.**

**In this way they will store up for themselves a treasure which will be a solid foundation for the future. And then they will be able to win the life which is true life.” (1 Timothy 6:17-19)**

God calls us to surrender ourselves completely, reaching out to others and becoming a source of love, knowledge and healing. God empowers us to reach others and to become a source of love and compassion.

**Allow the light and love you receive from God to radiate through you to the people God places in your path daily.**

**Your generosity and commitment enables us to continue the work that God has planned for us.**



**ST BARNABAS' UNITED CHURCH, FLORIDA**

**PLEDGE CARD**

I/WE HEREBY PLEDGE/TITHE/CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF GOD

Through St.Barnabas' United Church, Florida, the sum of

R.....per week/per month/per annum.

By means of: Offertory Envelopes/Stop Order/Open Plate/Electronic Banking.

(Please circle your **preferred** choice).

**Banking Details: Standard Bank of SA Ltd.**

**Account Name: St. Barnabas' United Church, Florida**

**Account Number: 021198306**

**Branch Florida: Branch Code: 015641**

I understand that there is no obligation placed on me to either commit to any amount, to record my name, or even to hand in this pledge card.

This is a private matter between me and GOD alone.

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