

## **20** | BUDGETING FOR A **21** | HEALTHY FUTURE

At Sherwood, our financial goals and stewarding policies help better enable us to live on mission. Being a financially sound ministry opens the door to more opportunities to equip and mobilize the saints for the sake of the gospel. This 2021 budget gives a snapshot of possibilities. Behind every dollar is the stories of both the giver and receiver. Stories of faithfulness, worship, and sacrifice that in turn sparks hope for the hopeless and a refuge for the weary.

We are given the privilege to join God on mission and worship Him through our time, talents, and treasures. Our generosity and willingness to invest in the Kingdom speaks to our trust and love for God and His love for others. Our stewarding policies have a direct impact upon our community and the globe.

## What Is a Tithe?

A tithe is 10% of your income given specifically to your local church. (Fun fact: The word *tithe* literally means *tenth* in Hebrew.) Because the custom of tithing is biblical, many Christians and Jews practice it as part of their faith. And while it's important to give your time and your talents by doing things like serving at a local food bank or knitting a blanket for a homebound neighbor, the word *tithing* refers to giving money.

According to Leviticus 27:30 (NKJV), “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s. It is holy to the Lord.” And Proverbs 3:9 (NIV) says, “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.” The gardening metaphors may have thrown you off, but these verses are essentially saying to give a portion, specifically a tenth, of whatever you make (aka your income) back to God. And *firstfruits* is just a biblical way of saying that you should give *first*—before you do anything else with your money.

## Why Tithe?

The Bible tells us that tithing is a way to show that we trust God with our lives and our finances. But the tithe wasn't put in place for God's benefit—He already owns everything. He doesn't need our money. Instead, tithing is meant for our benefit because sacrificing a portion of our income helps us look outside our selfishness and makes us more aware of the needs of others.

Tithing is an act of faith that helps us keep our priorities straight. It reminds us that we don't own anything in this life. God is in control, and we're only managers of what He's given us.

Ever notice how unselfish people tend to make better spouses, friends, relatives, employees and employers? Yeah, they usually have better finances too! That's the beauty of tithing. We don't give to get, but God often blesses us with more if we're good managers of what we already have. Tithing recognizes that God is our provider and that we will prosper with more than just money if we rely on Him.

# Your gift helps reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

During a time of such uncertainty and worldwide confusion there is no greater time to mobilize our resources for the glory the God. Every gift matters.

**WAYS TO GIVE**

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ROME, GA 30161

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## 2021 Proposed Budget

Sherwood Budget		2020	2021	Change
<b>MISSIONS</b>				
500	Cooperative Prog	27,726	32,861	5,135
501	Floyd Co.	8,915	9,309	394
502	Local Outreach/Missions	400	9,000	8,600
519	Advertisement		6,000	6,000
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
551	Bank Service	100	300	200
553	Church Insurance	6,300	6,300	0
556	Accounting	2,600	2,200	(400)
558	Office Expense	10,000	7,000	(3,000)
559	Contract Labor	18,000	18,000	0
560	Church Taxes	11,150	10,000	(1,150)
561	Security System	300	300	0
<b>FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE</b>				
575	Repairs & Grounds	11,500	11,500	0
577	Bus Maintenance	500	500	0
579	Utilities	25,000	25,000	0
580	Janitorial/Cleaning Supplies	2,500	2,800	300
<b>PASTORS &amp; STAFF</b>				
600	Salaries and Wages	146,000	255,973	109,973
610	Employee Health	4,360	4,500	140
611	Employee Life	3,732	3,800	68
612	Ministers Retirement	1,120	1,200	80
627	Staff Conference/Enrichment		2,400	2,400
630	Staff Hospitality		2,000	2,000
<b>MINISTRY GROUPS</b>				
650	Study Group Material	6,000	6,000	0
655	Music	1,200	6,000	4,800
660	College	1,500	1,500	0
670	Student	8,000	8,000	0
680	Kids	6,000	4,300	(1,700)
681	Kids Jr		1,000	1,000
690	Senior Adult Ministry	1,000	1,500	500
693	Hospitality Team		1,000	1,000
695	Church Decore	300	700	400
<b>FUTURE HARVEST</b>				
800	Future Harvest / Building Fund	26,338	26,338	0
	TOTAL	330,541	467,281	136,740

Donation to Staff Salary

-65,000

**2021 Proposed Budget**

**\$402,281**

**Monthly Budget Needs**

**\$33,523.42**