

FaithWay Baptist Church and Your Faith-Promise Offering

The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is the method of missionary giving by individuals and families at FaithWay Baptist Church. A faith-promise is made to contribute a certain weekly amount to our missionary fund. This is over and above the usual tithe, building fund, and other offerings.

It is based upon faith and is given first, just as the tithe, trusting God for needs. It follows the basic biblical principle of sowing and reaping. Sowing always being first (2 Corinthians 9:6).

Consider the following principles and statements:

1. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is not a clever gimmick of men. The principle of faith-giving, and even promising to give, is set forth in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. (Cf. Especially the reference to the Corinthians' promise a year earlier: 8:10 and 9:2).
2. While the giving in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 was benevolent, there were missionary implications (10:15-16). The Macedonian believers supported Paul in his missionary work. (Philippians 4:15, 16).
3. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING commitment is for one year (thus the necessity of having a yearly faith-promise conference and commitment).
4. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is over and above your tithes and regular contributions to FaithWay Baptist Church.
5. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is not designated to any particular missionary. Our church votes on distribution of funds.
6. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is **not a pledge**. A pledge is a legal, binding agreement, such as is signed with any credit purchase.
7. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is between the giver and the Lord. You are never asked for it. The cards are usually disposed of after the conference.
8. You should give your FAITH-PROMISE OFFERINGS just as you give your tithe – right off the top. It is the scriptural offering God has promised to bless. *“Give and it shall be given unto you...”* (Luke 6:38). *“There is he that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.”* (Proverbs 11:24).
9. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING does not depend on our ability to give, but on our faith in God to provide the means to give. In 2 Corinthians 8:3, the Macedonian believers were willing to give, not only what they could afford, but what they couldn't. They had to trust the Lord for the supply of their needs.
10. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is motivated by our love for the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:8).
11. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING is good for you and good for our church. The word *“expedient”* in 2 Corinthians 8:10 means *“good, advisable, in the interest of oneself.”*
12. Making a promise or vow is actually encouraged in Psalm 76:11: *“Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.”* Note Paul's references to the Corinthians' commitment *“a year ago.”* (2 Corinthians 8:10 and 9:2).
13. God not only encourages us to give, but He will supply the gift (2 Corinthians 9:8-10).
14. The FAITH-PROMISE OFFERING includes every member of your family. Children and young people should be taught the biblical principles of tithes and offerings. *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”* (Matthew 6:21).