

BROOKWOOD MINISTRY PLAN 2012-2013

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When asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus replied, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’*” **Matthew 22:37–39 (NLT)**

We have taken this Jesus-spoken statement of what is most important as God’s mission for our church. We endeavor to encourage each other toward loving God and loving people. We display the reality of our faith by the way we love God and each other. Jesus confirmed this truth when He said, “*Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*” **John 13:35 (NLT)**

A Note from Our Senior Pastor

DURING THIS PAST YEAR, BROOKWOOD HAS DEMONSTRATED LOVE IN ACTION BY EQUIPPING AND ENCOURAGING GOD'S PEOPLE TO:

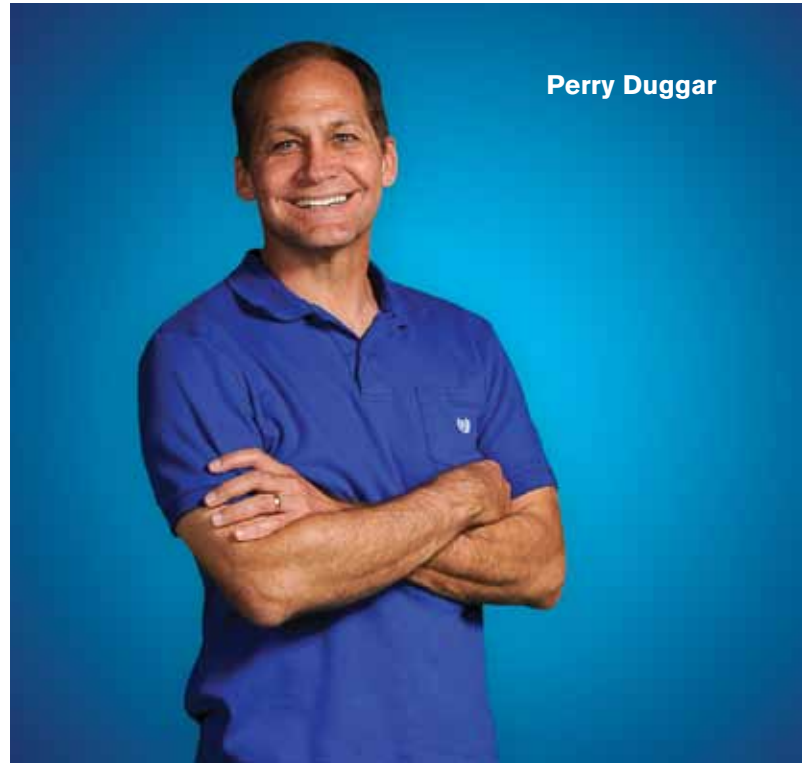
CARE FOR THE HURTING. Over 4,160 hours of counseling were provided at no charge, 610 people were served by meal ministries, 94 families received financial assistance, and 577 people volunteered in care ministries.

SAVE THE LOST. 138 people participated in 8 mission trips, and 498 new churches were planted over the past five years in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and India by mission partners in places where there has never been a church.

GATHER FOR WORSHIP. The worship choir grew to 141 members, and giving increased by \$848,530 over the previous year (including \$284,538 given specifically to missions causes).

CONNECT THROUGH COMMUNITY. 1,936 people participated in Small Groups, 915 attended BrookwoodU, and 1,543 attended adult ministry events.

REACH THE NEXT GENERATION. We saw 286 salvations among children and students, and 255 teenagers participated in Small Groups.



Perry Duggar

THIS HAS BEEN A PERIOD OF GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT WE ACHIEVED TOGETHER THROUGH GOD'S GUIDANCE AND ENABLEMENT. OUR MINISTRY PLAN NEXT YEAR IS EVEN MORE CHALLENGING! HERE'S THE PLANNED SPENDING FOR EACH AREA OF OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD:

THE 2012–2013 MINISTRY PLAN

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| CARE FOR THE HURTING (Care) | \$1,063,665 |
| SAVE THE LOST (Missions) | \$2,015,071 |
| GATHER FOR WORSHIP (Worship) | \$1,631,715 |
| CONNECT THROUGH COMMUNITY (Adults) | \$638,860 |
| REACH THE NEXT GENERATION (Families) | \$2,174,689 |
| TOTAL | \$7,524,000 |

THIS IS \$1.3 MILLION MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET! One million dollars is devoted to our SET FREE Project in Andhra Pradesh, India, to feed, clothe, house, and teach the Good News of Jesus Christ to over 500 children who have been released from slavery. The remaining \$300,000 was given in 2011–2012 to support the Indian ministry effort (dollars were not included in last year's budget). Can we increase our giving by more than \$1 million this year? Yes, we can—if we are unified in purpose and all of us participate in praying, serving, and giving to achieve it.

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU WILL GET A GLIMPSE OF WHAT OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP BELIEVES GOD HAS CALLED US TO ACCOMPLISH. IF GOD BROUGHT YOU TO BROOKWOOD CHURCH, HE HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR BEING HERE. WILL YOU JOIN US IN MEETING GOD'S CHALLENGE FOR OUR CHURCH?

"You are rich in everything—in faith, in speaking, in knowledge, in truly wanting to help, and in the love you learned from us. In the same way, be strong also in the grace of giving."
2 Corinthians 8:7 (NCV)

"...Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have."

2 Corinthians 8:11–12 (NLT)

In Christ,

Perry



LOVE IN ACTION CARE FOR THE HURTING

\$1,063,665 Care Ministry

Brookwood Church has more than 30 ministries of care that offer help, hope, and encouragement during times of life struggle, spiritual growth, financial hardship, and life-changing events. As a community of faith, we are instructed to:

- **Care for the sick, elderly, and poor.**
- **Educate people in making wise spiritual and financial decisions.**
- **Provide Biblical counsel to those who are hurting emotionally, mentally, and physically.**
- **Provide community to those who feel alone in their struggle.**
- **Lead others in following the example of Jesus Christ (Baptism and Lord's Supper).**
- **Provide opportunities for people to serve and care for others.**

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ."

2 Corinthians 1:3–5 (NLT)

STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

"When I walked in the door for counseling I was a very hurt woman. The counseling ministry has given me tools to help me. I now reach more toward my Bible and prayer when I struggle. I am also helping others and plan to take the Church Counseling Training Class so that I can help others." —Janette



YOUR FAITHFULNESS ENABLES BROOKWOOD TO...

- **Expand our volunteer base to provide care to more families and individuals.**
- **Raise awareness of the care ministries in our church and community.**
- **Facilitate a stronger relationship between ministries to maximize effectiveness.**
- **Enhance efforts to strengthen marriages (premarital counsel, marriage enrichment, marriage crisis intervention).**
- **Develop and implement a strategic plan to build lasting relationships with community organizations in the Golden Strip area.**
- **Increase focus on individuals and families affected by addictive lifestyles.**

LOVE IN ACTION SAVE THE LOST

\$2,015,071 Missions

Every believer is a missionary. Whether at home, work, school, or around the world, God has called you to be on a mission with Him. Will you go?

As a community of faith, we are instructed to:

- **Take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.**
- **Rescue forsaken children and others who are suffering.**
- **Provide clean water and teach people how to meet their basic needs.**

"You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere . . . to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

STORIES OF LIFE CHANGE

A STORY FROM A VILLAGE CHIEF IN SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA

After seeing the *JESUS* film in his native language, the Muslim chief said, "I cannot rest. I was afraid to tell my wife because she was the leader of the Muslim women. But when I told her, I found out she was having the same experience with Jesus. I called the missionary and said, 'Please come tell us again what to do to become a Christian. Also, please show the *JESUS* film again, not only in the Susu language but also in Temne for our neighbor villages.' "





A STORY FROM AN 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN INDIA

“When I was 11, one of my sisters got sick and my father borrowed money to pay her bills. When he could not repay, I was taken as payment and became a slave in a rock quarry. I never expected that I would see the world again; I thought I would be in the quarry until I died. But Pastor Praveen came and freed me from the quarry. He and the church people treated me as if I was their own daughter. In the future, I want to be like Pastor Praveen and save other children from a life in the quarries. I want to help people. I thank God for making my new life possible. When I explain what my life is like now, I can only say that my life is like a princess.”

YOUR FAITHFULNESS ENABLES BROOKWOOD TO...

- **Transform communities by planting multiplying churches where there have never been churches.**

IN INDIA...

- **Defend the weak and the fatherless by caring for 500 rescued slave children in India through the Brookwood SET FREE Project.**
- **Build a SET FREE Campus in India for \$1–\$1.5 million where rescued children will receive:**
 - **Christian nurture, love, and direction.**
 - **Nutritious food, clean shelter, and medical care.**
 - **Basic education and vocational training to equip each child to live a productive life of service to God and the community.**
- **Provide operating expenses in cooperation with other churches and ministries of \$300,000 a year.**

LOVE IN ACTION GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\$1,631,715 **Worship**

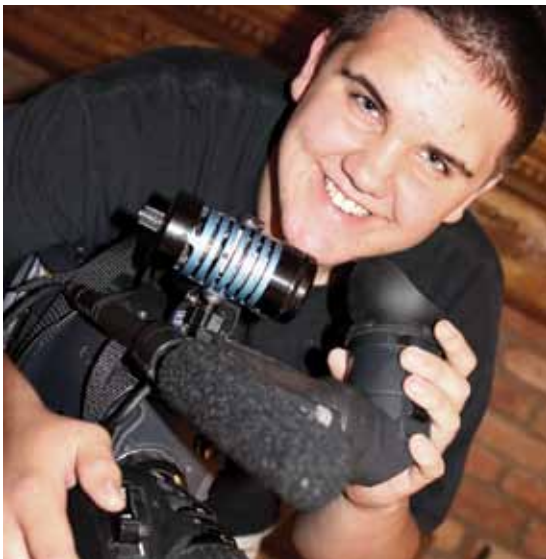
Brookwood has ministries tailored specifically to every member of your family, organized by age, life stage, and interest. Worship is our opportunity to celebrate together what God is doing in and through our lives. This is when we gather as one community to passionately express our love to our Lord and Savior. We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves. You are called to belong, not just believe.

When we worship together as a community of faith:

- **We focus our lives on God.**
- **We accept His guidance.**
- **We acknowledge His ownership of all we have.**
- **We lay our burdens at His feet.**
- **We hear His voice saying, "Come, follow Me."**

"On your feet now—applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence. Know this: God is God, and God, God. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep. Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him. For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever."

Psalms 100:1–5 (Msg)



STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

"Some people might think my ministry with the Brookwood Production Team isn't that important, but I know people's lives are being changed. I also know that my life is being changed because God is using me to make a difference. That's why I show up every Sunday: to help people connect to God through our time of worship." —Patrick



YOUR FAITHFULNESS ENABLES BROOKWOOD TO...

- **See people respond to God and His greatness through worship.**
- **Lead our congregation toward personal and corporate spiritual transformation.**
- **Redefine worship as a way of life, not something people attend.**
- **Continue to see our Worship Choir grow, not only numerically, but as lead worshippers in our Sunday morning worship experience.**
- **Celebrate life change with the Lord's Supper and Baptism.**

LOVE IN ACTION CONNECT THROUGH COMMUNITY

\$638,860 **Adult Discipleship**

You were never intended to do life alone. That's why community is so important at Brookwood. No matter where you are in life, you can be encouraged and strengthened by developing faith-based relationships with others who are or have been where you are. We are here for each other.

Authentic community provides:

- **Biblical teaching and opportunities to grow spiritually.**
- **Authentic relationships with people who understand and care about you.**
- **The equipping needed for ministry and missions.**
- **Interaction with people you might otherwise never know.**
- **A network of care.**

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Small Groups • BrookwoodU • Personalized Discipleship • BWomen • PrimeTime (50+)

The Grove (Single Moms) • Spanish • MOB (Men) • Young Couples

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV)

STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

"I joined the Terrys' Small Group about five years ago. We have done many studies that I've learned from. I enjoy the friendships, the fellowship, and the spiritual growth that comes from having a study in the middle of the week. We pray for one another and hold each other accountable. My wife and I grew a ton from *Love and Respect*. It has made us be able to understand each other better. Our marriage has become more manageable without all the craziness." —Kevin



YOUR FAITHFULNESS ENABLES BROOKWOOD TO...

- **Form new Small Groups and connect the unconnected.**
- **Build our love relationship with God through Bible study, prayer, and praise.**
- **Build our love relationships with others through fellowship, service, and outreach.**
- **Provide gatherings for people to connect with others, grow spiritually, hear faith stories of life change, and take a next step to connect with a place of service and/or Small Group.**

LOVE IN ACTION REACH THE NEXT GENERATION

\$2,174,689 Family Ministry

Never has it been more important for us to influence the next generation with the truth of God's Word. The family is under attack, our kids are asking questions about God, and the enemy knows that the future of the Church is affected by the health of the families in it. With a comprehensive ministry for preschoolers, children, and teens, Brookwood is positioned to make a difference in our community and the world.

As a community of faith, we are responsible for:

- **Strengthening families by training and equipping parents to take on the primary spiritual formation of their families.**
- **Equipping parents through parenting classes and encouraging involvement in Small Groups.**
- **Partnering with parents by providing resources.**
- **Partnering with families as they walk through different phases of life.**
- **Encouraging parental involvement in ministries from birth to teens.**
- **Developing a smooth transition from children's ministry to student ministry.**

"I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice.

And I know that same faith continues strong in you."

2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

"Crave has changed my life. I'm now on fire for God like never before! It has given me Christian friends, amazing mentors, and helped me understand the Bible." —Dana



YOUR FAITHFULNESS ENABLES BROOKWOOD TO...

- Lead children and students to Christ.
- Grow and develop volunteers in children's and student ministries.
- Encourage students to get involved in Small Groups and grow in God's Word.
- See young people come to know Jesus as a direct result of recreation programs.
- Provide safe, fun, and loving environments where parents can bring their kids to stay active, build relationships, and deepen their walk with God.

STORY OF LIFE CHANGE

"My son did not enjoy church or want to wake up on Sundays to go. We knew church was important and made him go. Since October, he can't wait to go to church on Sundays and is so excited about the things he is learning and gets to be a part of. He heard in his Small Group about serving and decided to ask everyone for clothes, canned food, toiletries, etc., to help the homeless at the Triune Mercy Center." —A Grateful Parent



HOW CAN YOU PUT LOVE IN ACTION?

It's easy to keep doing the same things in the same way without ever reaching for what's next. The most dangerous place to be in our faith is comfortable—that's where we stop pushing for what God wants to do through us next. Countless times in Scripture, Jesus challenged people to greater levels of commitment. In fact, in Matthew 16:24, Jesus said anyone who is a disciple of His will do three things: deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow Him. Every time Jesus offered that challenge, some stayed and some walked away.

The abundant life is found when we follow Christ into the unknown. Faith—real faith—is reckless. Brookwood Church seeks to empower people to recklessly leave behind what is comfortable and reach for what God is calling us to accomplish next.

Love is messy. But when we put love into action, it becomes a powerful force of change. You can become an agent of change by praying about what God is calling you to do next. God doesn't want to leave you where you are. He is calling you and your family to something greater.

CONSIDER TAKING THESE NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Become a member of Brookwood Church.** Membership is about identifying with Brookwood and agreeing to partner together to create Kingdom impact in our community and around the world.
- 2. Find a place to volunteer.** Service reminds us that people are the object of God's affection. When we help others in need, we become the hands and feet of Christ.
- 3. Share your faith with others.** Evangelism is one of the most important functions of the Christian life. It is every believer's privilege to invite others to trust in Jesus and find eternal salvation. Evangelism is God's prescription for multiplying His Church until Christ's return.
- 4. Participate in a Small Group.** Discipleship isn't a private endeavor. We were designed to do life together. We learn, grow, and support one another through Small Groups.
- 5. Give generously.** Money is an outward expression of an inward commitment. What we do with our money is a direct reflection of what we value. All that we have is God's to be invested in His Kingdom.

THE NEXT STEP

Love in Action is God's ministry plan for Brookwood Church, and it's our opportunity—as a church family—to take the next step in our commitment to making an eternal impact. God has a plan for this church, and you are part of that plan. Together, we can accomplish more than we could ever do on our own.

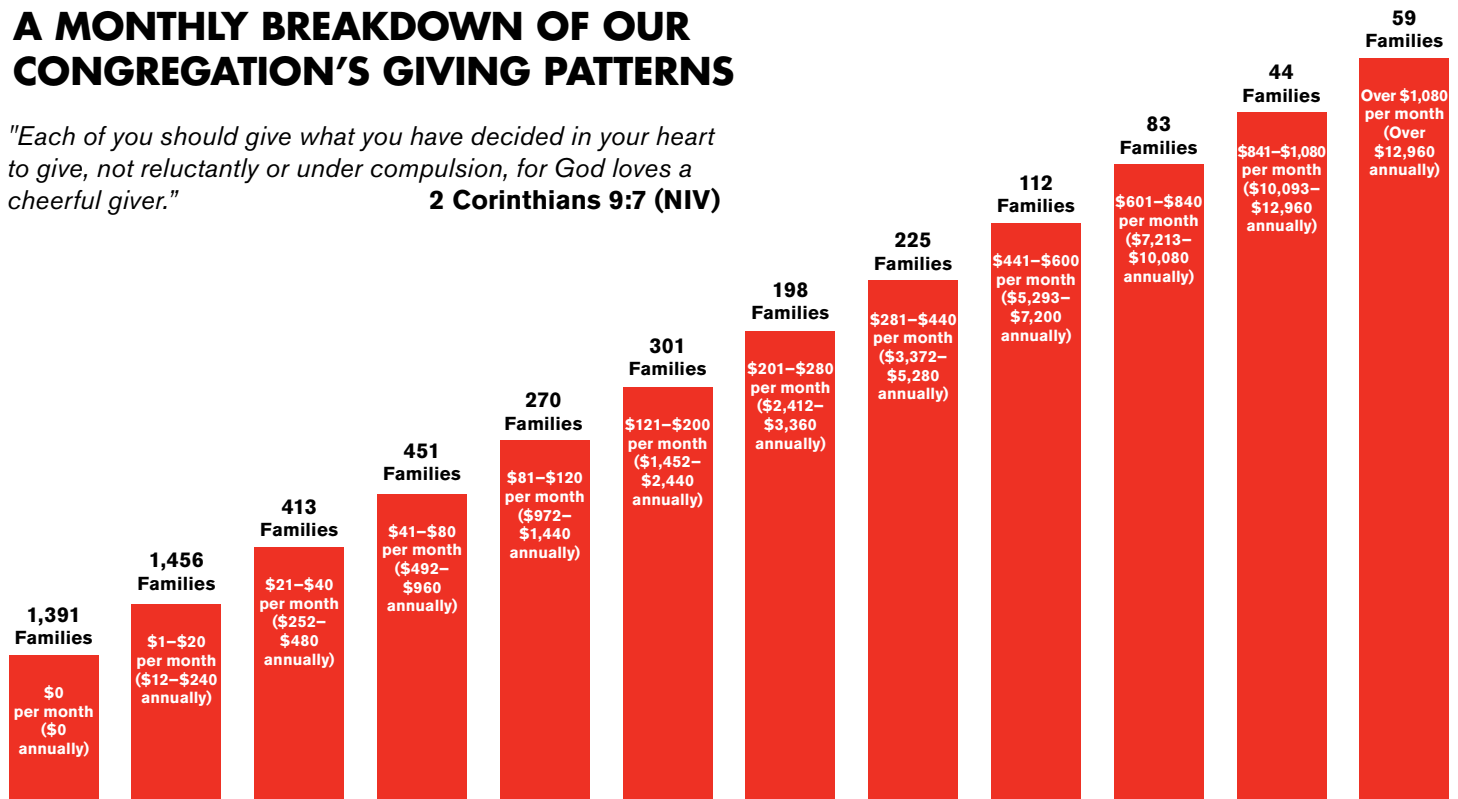
WE NEED YOU.

In order to accomplish everything we have outlined, we need everyone to consider taking the next step in their serving, giving, and commitment.

Here is what giving looks like in our church today. Where is your family's giving on this chart?

A MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

"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."
2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)



TAKE THE ONE PERCENT CHALLENGE

As we take this next step together, we are asking all Brookwood families to consider increasing giving by 1% over the next 12 months. If everyone does this, the impact will be exponential.

Will you and your family pray about taking the **One Percent Challenge**?

Here is what that might look like for your family:

THE ONE PERCENT CHALLENGE

Find your place on the chart (on the opposite page) for your annual income and current giving. Move to the right to determine how much you are willing to grow in your monthly giving.

PERSONAL PLAN FOR STEWARDSHIP GROWTH

MONTHLY GIVING

| Annual Income | 1% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 9% | 10% | 11% | 12% |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| \$10,000 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 33 | 42 | 50 | 58 | 67 | 75 | 83 | 92 | 100 |
| \$20,000 | 17 | 33 | 50 | 67 | 83 | 100 | 117 | 133 | 150 | 167 | 183 | 200 |
| \$30,000 | 25 | 50 | 75 | 100 | 125 | 150 | 175 | 200 | 225 | 250 | 275 | 300 |
| \$40,000 | 33 | 67 | 100 | 133 | 167 | 200 | 233 | 267 | 300 | 333 | 367 | 400 |
| \$50,000 | 42 | 83 | 125 | 167 | 208 | 250 | 292 | 333 | 375 | 417 | 458 | 500 |
| \$60,000 | 50 | 100 | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 | 350 | 400 | 450 | 500 | 550 | 600 |
| \$70,000 | 58 | 117 | 175 | 233 | 292 | 350 | 408 | 467 | 525 | 583 | 642 | 700 |
| \$80,000 | 67 | 133 | 200 | 267 | 333 | 400 | 467 | 533 | 600 | 667 | 733 | 800 |
| \$90,000 | 75 | 150 | 225 | 300 | 375 | 450 | 525 | 600 | 675 | 750 | 825 | 900 |
| \$100,000 | 83 | 167 | 250 | 333 | 417 | 500 | 583 | 667 | 750 | 833 | 917 | 1,000 |
| \$125,000 | 104 | 208 | 313 | 417 | 521 | 625 | 729 | 833 | 938 | 1,042 | 1,146 | 1,250 |
| \$150,000 | 125 | 250 | 375 | 500 | 625 | 750 | 875 | 1,000 | 1,125 | 1,250 | 1,375 | 1,500 |
| \$175,000 | 146 | 292 | 438 | 583 | 729 | 875 | 1,021 | 1,167 | 1,313 | 1,458 | 1,604 | 1,750 |
| \$200,000 | 167 | 333 | 500 | 667 | 833 | 1,000 | 1,167 | 1,333 | 1,500 | 1,667 | 1,833 | 2,000 |
| \$250,000 | 208 | 417 | 625 | 833 | 1,042 | 1,250 | 1,458 | 1,667 | 1,875 | 2,083 | 2,292 | 2,500 |

CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

You can't create more money, but you can look for ways to better manage the resources God has entrusted to you.

Consider what you could give if you gave up the following:

- **One six-pack of soft drinks, once a week: \$4 per week, \$16 per month, \$208 per year.**
- **One Starbucks coffee, two days a week: \$8 per week, \$32 per month, \$416 per year.**
- **Eating out for a family of four: \$30 per week, \$120 per month, \$1,560 per year.**
- **Playing golf: \$50 per week, \$200 per month, \$2,600 per year.**
- **Manicure/pedicure: \$25 per month, \$300 per year.**
- **Movie tickets for a family of four: \$40 per week, \$160 per month, \$2,080 per year.**

With a few minor adjustments, you can create some financial margin and be more generous to God!

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO GIVE?

- **Offering Envelopes**
- **Online Giving**
- **Mobile Giving**
- **Mail**
- **Kiosk**
- **Bill Pay**
- **Stock**
- **Planned Giving/Wills**
- **Drop Boxes**



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

HOW EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN TO BROOKWOOD IS DISTRIBUTED



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