

**DOLLARS & SENSE**  
**Part One: Gospel Movement**  
**Pastor Rick Henderson**                      **August 13-14, 2022**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:11a,14-21** *Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, **we try to persuade others.** For **Christ's love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that **those who live should no longer live for themselves** but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, **if anyone** is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting people's sins against them.** And **he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. **We implore you on Christ's behalf:** Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **in him** we might become the righteousness of God.*

If you are **IN** Christ, you are **INCLUDED** in the greatest movement in human history.

**GOSPEL MOVEMENT**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:15** *And he died for all, that **those who live should no longer live for themselves** but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

When it comes to **GIVING**, Jesus we live for you, not ourselves.

**REALITY CHECK:** The subject of giving collides with what we **FEEL** and what we **BELIEVE** about church.

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:13-14** *Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? **In the same way**, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.*

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**COLOSSIANS 1:18** *And he is the head of the body, the **church**; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*

**ROMANS 12:4-5** *For just as each of us has one **body** with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one **body**, and each member belongs to all the others.*

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:27** *Now you are the **body** of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

A local church is not a **PLACE**; it's **PEOPLE**.

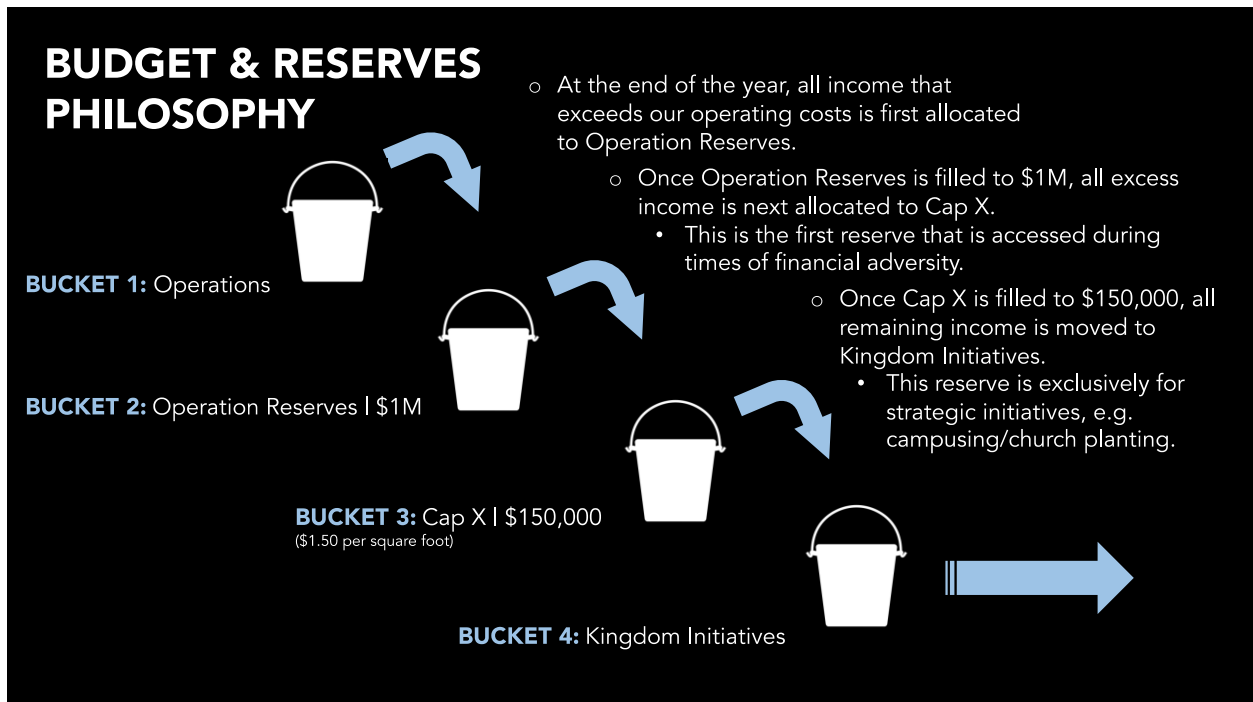
The local church (**congregation**) is the primary **VEHICLE** of the gospel movement.

- It's not projects and programs. Those are good things, and we need them.
- It's not parachurch ministries and nonprofits. Those are good things, and we need them.
- It's not pastors and missionaries. Those are good things, and we need them.

**FAQs:** What are we funding?

- Weekend worship services with a growing attendance
- Kids and Student Ministry
- Midweek programming, Bible studies and classes
- Celebrate Recovery and a variety of Support Groups
- Growing Small Group ministry
- Ongoing facility care and maintenance
- Generosity efforts in the local community that serve urgent needs
- Local community outreach (ARC 1:8, Mega Camp, Ridgefest etc.)
- Local ministry partners
- International missionaries
- International ministry partners (Compassion Evangelical Hospital)
- And far more that we don't have time to talk about
- The gospel movement

**FAQs:** What happens when we receive more/less than was budgeted?



**FAQs:** Is our giving more or less than was budgeted?

**FAQs:** How much should I give?

**FAQs:** To whom should I give?

*I can certainly understand wanting to give to what you might see as a bigger and more exciting ministry. But I can assure you: every ministry and every church has mundane expenditures, even ours. It's still best to give locally. The only relevant question is: is your church following Christ in his mission? If so, then be the church where you are, and own it! And if not, perhaps it's time for you to be part of the solution in your church, instead of funneling your resources elsewhere. –J.D. Greear*

**BOTTOM LINE:** We are happy to give financially because of what God **HAS DONE** for us and **IS DOING** through us.