

JUST SO YOU KNOW!

GOD BLESSED US FINANCIALLY IN 2009

- \$3.2 million in total gifts
- Debt reduced by \$1,200,000 to \$8,485,000
- Over 1000 families gave to the church with average annual gift of \$3,393
- Operating expenses were 9% less than budget for the year

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010

- Operating budget of \$1,750,000
 - \$145,000 per month to operate the church
 - Interest on debt of \$31,000 per month
 - Missions budget of \$165,000 for the year
- We have received 74 pledge cards for Building Fund for a total of \$275,000. (Building Fund pledge cards available in The Atrium at Visitor Table or call office. Please drop in offering boxes or mail into office).

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FINANCIALLY

- That each of us continues to grow in generosity to Christ, His church, and His kingdom.
- Pay off at least \$1 million of our debt in 2010, reducing our interest costs by \$42,500 (12%).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- More than 200 people are currently participating in our Year of the Family Electives (February/March).
- Expect ability to give directly from your bank each week/month—see website for details (available by March 15).
- More than \$16,000 and countless supplies were contributed to Haiti relief efforts.
- Many SSCC people were involved in helping pack 50,000 meals to send to Haiti.
- Look for more marriage and family electives throughout the year.

TRUSTING GOD AND LEARNING TO GIVE – IT IS ALL ABOUT WORSHIP!

- Proverbs 3:5,6 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”
- Have you ever considered giving as an act of worship? Our financial gifts to the Lord are a way in which we acknowledge God as our Provider and Sustainer. It is a part of our genuine worship.
- Malachi 3:7 – “Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me and I will return to you...Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...Test me in this... and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing you cannot contain it.”
- Did God actually say for us to test HIM??? Yes. The only place in scripture that God invites us to test Him is in the area of giving. When we fail to take God up on this, we are missing out on God’s activity in the area of our finances. We are missing out on an opportunity to trust Him.

ST. SIMONS COMMUNITY CHURCH

General Giving

Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2009

No. of Families	Annual Giving Range	Total Given
2	\$100,000–200,000	\$262,500
3	\$50,000–100,000	\$178,008
7	\$25,000–50,000	\$194,847
11	\$15,000–25,000	\$232,722
29	\$10,000–15,000	\$332,149
75	\$5,000–10,000	\$532,856
248	\$1,000–5,000	\$576,259
141	\$500–1,000	\$99,424
539	\$5-\$500	\$86,461
1055		\$2,495,226