



God's Abundance: More Than We Imagine

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:19-20

"It's like riding a bicycle. You never forget; you never forget how great it feels."

I've had a lot of fun riding bikes with my granddaughter Lily during the summer and since school has started. I will miss our after school trips to the park once cooler weather comes along. Lily likes to go as fast as she can; I need to kick into a 'higher gear' to keep up at times. The greatest fun comes when we just 'go for it' as Lily likes to tell me.

For many years, I would describe my approach to supporting the ministry as 'just pedaling along' or even 'coasting'. We were regular and faithful with our giving. Yet I gave little thought to reviewing or changing my level of giving in response to changes in our income or opportunities for new ministries. I was shown another approach and want to share it with you. As a member of the Generosity Team, I want to invite you to find that 'higher gear' as you decide your level of financial support for Good Soil's mission and ministry in 2024.

There is so much we as a congregation are looking forward to in 2024, especially as we continue to plan ministry events and initiatives around Good Soil's four priorities:

- 1) Building authentic and supportive community,
- 2) Offering faith formation opportunities,
- 3) Strengthening relationships with ministry partners and neighbors,
- 4) Cultivating a culture of welcome and invitation, especially for those for whom the church has not always been a welcoming place.

Our offerings together will help make that meaningful ministry possible.

The chart on the back page is meant to assist you in finding a level that works for you. It can help you review what you have been doing and estimate how you could grow to a new level. **Sunday, October 22nd is Intent Sunday** and we invite you to bring your 2024 intent for giving with you to worship that day. Intent Cards will be mailed this upcoming week and will also be available online via google form.

I believe that growing in your financial commitment this year will mean more to you than just supporting our work together. Reaching a new level of giving can bring a sense of momentum in spiritual growth and purposeful discipleship. Be confident that God's blessings are meant to be shared and your giving will send you into down paths of joyful service. That's as special as *"riding a bike, and you never forget how great it feels."*

Pr. Dave Connor for the GSLM Generosity Team

2024: More Than We Imagine Step-Up Chart

This chart represents a glimpse of Good Soil's giving in 2023 and an invitation for 2024 giving.

Identify the range of how much you currently give per week in 2023 (middle column). Then follow the arrow for your invitation to step up to this level of giving range per week in 2024:

<u>Number of Givers for Year 2023</u>	<u>Current Level Of Giving For Per Week Year 2023</u>	→	<u>Step Level Increase Per Week For Year 2024</u>
6	\$0 to \$3.99	→	\$5.00 to \$8.00
4	\$4.00 to \$8.99	→	\$10.00 to \$13.00
5	\$9.00 to \$12.99	→	\$14.00 to \$18.00
2	\$13.00 to \$18.99	→	\$20.00 to \$24.00
2	\$19.00 to \$24.99	→	\$26.00 to \$30.00
3	\$25.00 to \$29.99	→	\$31.00 to \$34.00
3	\$30.00 to \$39.99	→	\$35.00 to \$43.00
6*	\$40.00 to \$49.99	→	\$44.00 to \$53.00
4	\$50.00 to \$59.99	→	\$54.00 to \$63.00
5	\$60.00 to \$69.99	→	\$64.00 to \$73.00
1	\$70.00 to \$79.99	→	\$74.00 to \$83.00
1	\$80.00 to \$99.99	→	\$84.00 to \$103.00
1	\$100.00 to \$129.99	→	\$104.00 to \$134.00
4	\$130.00 to \$169.99	→	\$135.00 to \$174.00
3	\$170.00 to \$209.99	→	\$175.00 to \$214.00
1	\$210.00 to \$249.99	→	\$215.00 to \$254.00
1	\$250.00 to \$299.99	→	\$255.00 to \$304.00
1	\$300.00 to \$349.99	→	\$305 or Greater
Total	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> 53		

* Median Offering: \$45 per week