

Dear Church Family,

We entered 2009 in great shape and growing. This allowed us to build a little financial buffer. For many reasons we are no longer experiencing that forward momentum we once enjoyed. Giving is down as is attendance. You can blame it on the economy, swine flu, the times, Satan, or any body you want, but I have a question, are you doing all you can to move Harbor forward? It is really very simple to start: Time, Talent and Treasure.

Time: I know the world is a busy place and there are a thousand things competing for your time, But right now all we are asking for is 2 hours a week and a little time every day to study God's word and pray. Are you in your place in the body of Christ on Sunday? Is weekly Bible study and Worship a priority for you? Attendance affects our morale, and is one of the statistics that we use to gauge how well we are doing. I want to admonish you to be in your place every Sunday unless the Lord prompts you to do otherwise. You will be amazed at how a full house and the teaching you receive changes your life.

Talent: It takes commitment and a little more than 2 hours a week to excise a talent, but God has gifted us for His glory. Are you giving God glory with the gifts he has given you? Every skill, every talent, every experience, and even every pain can and will be utilized by the Father for the good of His kingdom. Many of the things that make a ministry possible take no ability, only availability. You can make a huge impact. Whatever you can do, do it for the Lord.

Treasure: I know it is tough out there; we are all feeling the sting of a difficult economy, some more than others. God only asks us to be faithful with what we have. Are you being faithful in your giving? If not this is the best time to start, as the impact will be greater than ever. At the moment we can take care of all of our responsibilities, if the current trend continues we will not be able to do so past the end of this year or sooner. I will continue to let the Church pay me last and whenever it can afford it. I will be honest with you it is hard on Gena and I when we do have to wait for a payday, but God has always been faithful to us and we have no reason not to trust Him. Again, your faithfulness has a huge impact and means something everyday in the Kingdom, trust the Lord and He will bless you in ways you never imagined.

We are blessed in that God has made a way for us all these years. He will continue to do so. Like all the Churches throughout history, often He just needs to remind us that we are serving Him and He is the rewarder of all who serve in His Kingdom.

The winds are changing. God is at work and gifts and resources all His work, we have but to join Him in it.

Serving Him Together,

Bro. George