

It is true that, “*The church God blesses gets outside of itself.*” God has fulfilled this promise in the life of Rose Drive Friends Church year after year.

How can I participate in the Faith Promise program at Rose Drive Friends?

1. Pray for what the Lord would have you do, and know that as He guides He also enables.
2. Commit yourself to make a faith promise; your faith will grow as you stay committed to that promise.
3. Look for the different ways God will use to supply your needs and your Faith Promise.
4. Be Faithful to give as God enables you.

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God's Plan For All People

Jesus said, “*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations*” (Matthew 28:19).

Peter wrote, “*The Lord ... is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance*” (II Peter 3:9).

The message is very clear. God has called us as Christians to do all that we can to make more faithful followers of Jesus Christ among people everywhere!

How can we help?

There are many ways to be involved. Some will be called to go into a cross cultural setting to make disciples. Some will make disciples here locally. Others can be involved by praying that God will open doors of opportunity (Colossians 4:2-3). Still others will send and support financially those who go (Romans 10:15). We can accomplish together, what we cannot do alone. The term “Faith Promise Giving” has been used around our church for a long time. Through this program at Rose Drive Friends, God has funneled many, many more dollars to missions over the years than we would ever have thought possible.

What is “Faith Promise Giving”?

Faith Promise is an amount between the Lord and us about what he wants to provide for us to give, beyond what we can see. Faith Promise happens when an individual asks the Lord how much He would have him/her give. This commitment is made in faith, because it is intended to be over and above the regular tithe. (A tithe is 10 percent of our income.) Faith Promise is an amount between the Lord and us about what He wants to provide for us to give, beyond what we can see. This helps us recognize when the Lord directs funds our way and that this is not an unusual windfall for us to spend, but in fact, it is the answer to the faith promise to be directed towards missions.

What is the Biblical basis of Faith Promise Giving?

II Corinthians 8:3 says that the Corinthians gave “to their power” and “beyond their power.” “To their power” relates to tithes and offerings, which come from known sources of income. “Beyond their power” relates in a

unique way to a faith promise, since looking beyond any known sources of income is to trust the Lord for His special enabling.

What is the relationship between Faith Promise and other offerings?

Tithes and offerings are taught in the Word of God and are needed in the work of the church. But these are not enough to get the Gospel to the world in this generation. Tithes and offerings look to, and depend on, a stated income. Faith Promise looks directly to God, asking, “How much can I trust God to give through me?” This offers God a channel through which He can pour limitless amounts into His work through his children. Regardless of salary, or in the complete absence of it, His children may be used as channels to supply large amounts of money for the Lord’s work.

Are Faith Promises, “Pledges”?

No. A pledge is horizontal, made to the church or to some other worthy cause. Faith Promise is vertical, made being between the believer and the Lord. Our church will never attempt to collect a Faith Promise commitment. In fact, many commitment cards are turned in anonymously.

Are Faith Promise commitments usually paid?

Yes. The history of our Faith Promise plan of giving is that many individuals, and our church, often invest more in the Lord’s work by the end of the year than the total commitments made. Since God is included in this unique partnership, it is His privilege to pour out a super-abundance of blessings.

What is the advantage of Faith Promise Giving?

The advantage is that in this plan, God can get 100% of what He desires and directs into His work, while in the tithing plan God must supply \$10,000 to channel \$1,000 into his Kingdom. The other advantage is that we get a chance first hand to see something happen in our life and in our budget that only God can do. It builds our faith. We benefit because we grow spiritually.

Does Faith Promise giving really make us channels of blessing?

Yes – in a unique sense. If God so directs and desires, He can actually pour even millions of dollars directly into His work when He knows that His children will be unobstructed channels. He cares for His children’s needs through their regular salaries or incomes, but the Faith Promise looks to the Lord especially for what He may desire to do through His children above salary, bank account, or income from any known source.

What is the joy in the Faith Promise plan of giving?

The joy is in seeing God work, in seeing the needs of God’s work being supplied, and realizing that in a very intimate way we are in partnership with God.

The Person God Blesses

There is a principle that God honors and it can be stated in this way: “The person God blesses gets outside of himself or herself.” God says, “Give and it shall be given to you” (Luke 6:38).