Note from Pastor Jim

When I consider Christian stewardship, my mind recalls James' words in James 1:22, "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves." Do what it says! Or, as the ESV puts it, "Be doers of the Word." James offers practical advice by urging Christians who listen to God's Word to demonstrate a sincere commitment to the Lord by reacting to what they hear with obedient action.

The original Greek gives the sense that we must "keep on becoming" doers of God's Word even as we grow older. Genuine faith calls for obedience that endures. Doers of the Word are the opposite of Sunday morning Christians who go to church, sit and listen to a message and then view it as merely an interesting spiritual discourse. As Jesus said, "But even more blessed are all who hear the Word of God and put it into practice."

James stresses the need to act on what we hear. He says we are fooling ourselves if we think we can be hearers only and not doers of the Word as well. People who sincerely love God follow what the Written Word, the Bible, teaches and the example of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. God desires those who hear His Word to become authentic followers of Jesus.

As we approach 2027, I encourage everyone to consider practical ways to "be doers" with our time, talents and treasure. I pray that each of us will continue to support the ministry of Desert Palms where the generosity of our people is seen daily, where hope is offered in tangible ways and where our faith is known by our love and by our doing. May God bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others,

Pastor Jim

What Is Per Capita?

Per capita is a set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Community Fund, part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.

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2027 Estimate of Future Giving



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Doers of the Word

Our DPPC 2027 Stewardship Campaign commences on October 18. In this stewardship season, we have selected from James 1:22 our theme to be "Doers of the Word." God calls us into a covenant relationship which is a sacred, binding partnership. We receive God's Word with humility and allow it to transform our lives. God's Spirit guides us toward a call to action to apply what we learn from scripture through obedience. Faith is expressed through love and our lives become filled with purpose and action focused upon kindness, forgiveness, and integrity. There is no room to be passive. Faith requires action. We are saved by Grace. We respond because of our Faith.

Your faith drives our financial health. The Holy Spirit guides each of us in the amount we give. Financial support is an expression of obedience. While we have a beautiful, well maintained and cared for campus, the church is not the building itself. It is each one of us who participate in worship, live streaming, fellowship groups, small groups, bible studies, mission support, women's groups, men's groups, and all the many activities and enrichment opportunities available to each of us. God is calling each of us to serve, offer prayers, love one another as a family of God and provide financial support to the extent possible.

This stewardship season, we are providing additional methods to complete both an Estimate of Future Giving card as well as for making your contributions. Our desertpalmschurch.org website provides information about our Stewardship Campaign as well as methods of giving. Faith is demonstrated by being "Doers of the Word."

The 2027 Budget will be developed from the results of your estimates of giving.

DESERT PALMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

As 0f 9/30/26	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 YTD
Contributions to Operations	$1,199,760.70	$1,216,824.00	$834,012.13
Committee Income	$1,161.89	$1,000.00	$685.00
Per Capita Income	$7,455.00	$7,000.00	$8,213.00
Faith/Extra Income	$28,754.77	$30,000.00	$10,000.00
Interest	$18,952.46	$11,515.59	$14,925.50
TOTAL INCOME	**$1,256,084.82**	**$1,266,339.59**	**$867,835.63**
Mission	$41,000.00	$41,000.00	$33,250.00
Administration and	$882,828.40	$959,409.18	$698,032.89
Outreach	$2,478.14	$6,750.00	$3,821.34
Financial	$43,634.11	$49,394.00	$24,328.44
Per Capita	$22,793.40	$22,360.41	$22,360.41
Property & Technology	$132,700.25	$143,806.00	$106,956.79
Spiritual Life & Growth	$18,475.61	$31,950.00	$24,807.25
Deacons	$5,694.81	$11,670.00	$2,328.23
Equipment Lease Interest	$0.00	$0.00	$1,080.71
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$1,149,604.72**	**$1,266,339.59**	**$916,966.06**
NET INCOME (Deficit)	**$106,480.10**	**$0.00**	**-$49,130.43**

"But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

James 1:22

Desert Palms Presbyterian Church

Doers of the Word

Envelope # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Estimate of Giving for the 2027 Budget $_____ (total for the year)

Will Give: weekly ____ monthly ____ quarterly ____ yearly ____

Per Capita $45.00 (per person) $90.00 (per couple) $_____ (payable Jan '27)

I wish to receive contribution envelopes for 2027 ____

