



**Getting There From Here!**

# Annual Report Sunday!



- **We do this to fulfill a moral obligation and model some of our core values...**
  - That we are a church *and* a family...
  - That we need to be forthright and transparent as families should be...
  - Members of the church family must be informed...
  - Stewards of the church family need to be accountable...
    - “It is necessary that stewards give an account!” **Luke 16.10 19.17**

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- To see and celebrate how God has supplied us individually...
  - “Don’t say in your heart, ‘my power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth. You shall remember it is the Lord who gives the power to get wealth to establish His covenant...” **Deuteronomy 8.17,18**

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- To see and celebrate how God has supplied us individually...
- To see how we have responded corporately...
  - “Must be found faithful!” **1Cor 4.2**
- To acknowledge together that “*the Lord has done this!*” **Isaiah 41.20 Psalm 127.1**

# God's Resourcing!



- **Several years ago we intentionally began changing our church culture...**
  - Churches have long suffered criticism as being “funds-raiser’s...”
  - Simple reason: people give to what they value and typically they don’t value God-stuff as much as they value their-stuff...
  - So, “churches/leaders” leaned on “special” offerings/financial campaigns!
  - And bad things have happened!

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- **We believe that God put the resources for church ministry within the church!**
  - **What God wants to do in a local church He provides for through the 'locals!'**
  - **Five Biblical, allowable, income streams: tithe and offerings, building funds, alms, missions, and, disaster relief!**

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    - *Most churches subsist on 20/80 principle*
    - 2019: 26% carried the bulk here...
    - *74% hold our future!*

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  - Saw we could do it all from the tithe and offerings, *if we were faithful!*
  - *The tithe is the way to personal prosperity and corporate bounty, if we can get there!*



# The “Tithe...”



- Began as an act of worship for God’s blessings/provision/protection! **G14.20**
- It became an OT law to keep people in covenant with God’s prosperity when they wouldn’t do it as worship! **Heb 7.5**
  - Results of “robbing God:” cursed with a curse. **Malachi 3.9** Sow seed; bring in little. Eat and drink; never enough. Earnings go into pockets w/holes. **Haggai 1.4-11** Crying out; but unheard. **Proverbs 21.13**

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- Is designated by God for the priest’s service in the temple, for their service to the temple and for their service to the people in the temple! **Numbers 18.20**



**Jesus linked the tithe to NT believers, saying, “You *pay* tithes of all but have omitted the weightier matters of judgment, mercy and faith. *Do the latter and don’t leave the former things undone!*” **Matthew 23.23****

# The “Tithe...”



- Is an element of devotion instituted by the *father of our faith*, Abraham! **Galatians 3.7**
- “Every thing devoted (cherem: doomed by dedication, cursed for human consumption) is holy (qodesh: consecrated, devoted) to the Lord. Nothing devoted to God (charam: set apart, banned by devotion) can be redeemed. All the tithe is the Lord’s; it is holy (qodesh: consecrated, devoted) to the Lord. The tenth is holy (qodesh: consecrated, devoted) to the Lord!” **Leviticus 27.28-30**



The tithe is the Lord's, it is  
holy, and wholly His... it  
is cursed for human  
consumption and it is  
assigned by God!



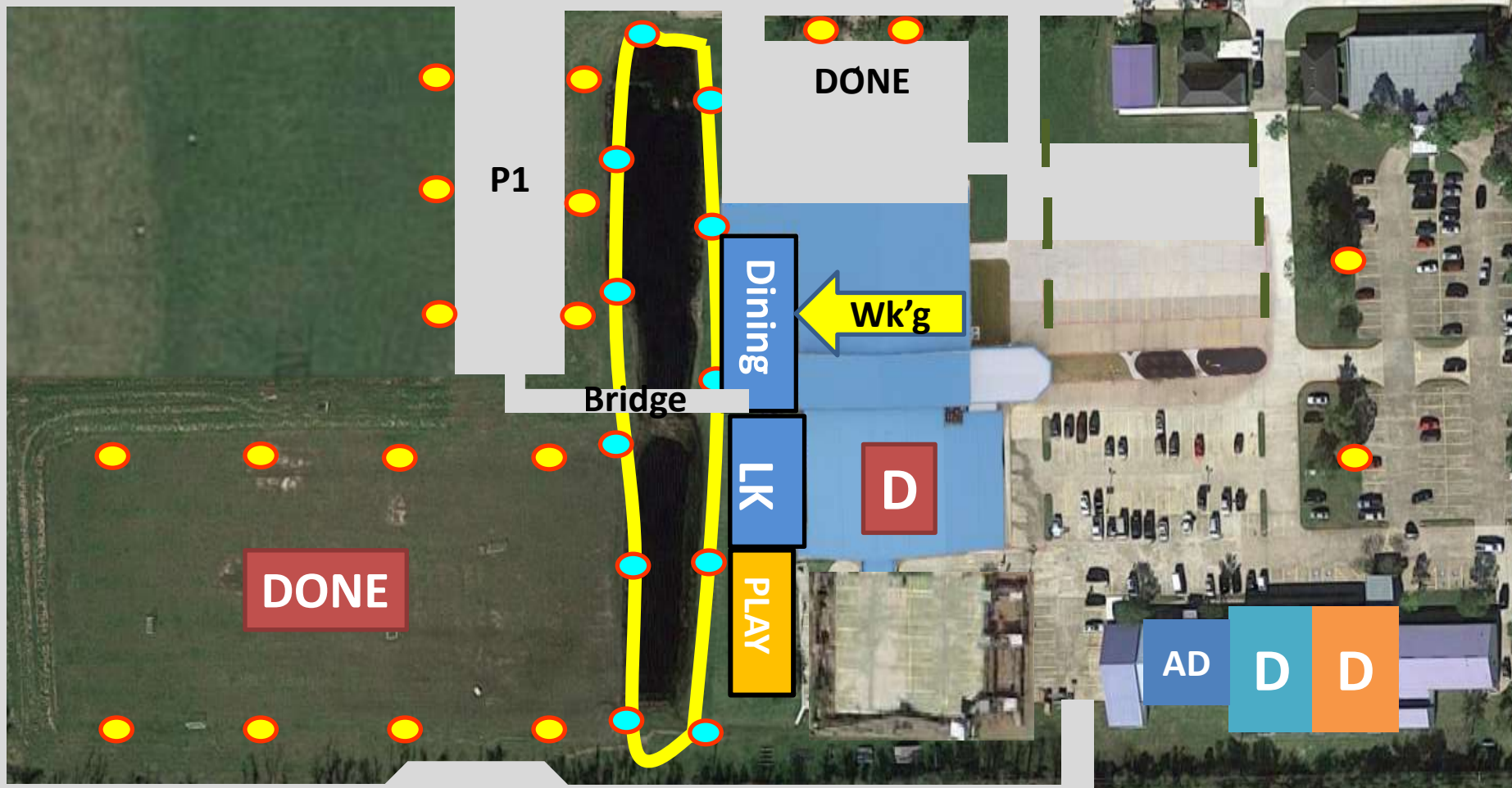
The tithe is the way He cares  
for His house, for the priests  
assigned to it, and to stock  
the storehouse for people  
in times of need!

# The House for 2020!



- **Finish new dining room! 175k**
- **Furnish new dining room! 40k**
- **New “children’s” playground! 20k**
- **New Children’s addition! (4500sf) 450k**
- **Parking/access [without bridge]! 70k**
- **Pond/sidewalk/light poles (11)! 40k**
- **Parking lot light poles (10)! 35k**





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**\$830,000**

# 'Staff' for 2020



- “Six days will you work...and on the seventh you will rest.” **Ex 20.8-11**
  - “But it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath!” – **Jesus, Matt 12.1-11**
- We don’t work for the money, we work for our portion! **Numbers 18.20,21**
  - “You will not have an inheritance in the land. I am your part and your inheritance among the people! I have given the temple servants all the tithe for their service and for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation!”



**Priceless!**

# The Storehouse for 2020



- **Local benevolence!**
- **Schools/ACS/Pregnancy Help Center!**
- **Life Church NB/Hope Chapel Owasso!**
- **Skip and BettinaMarie Smith in the pipeline!**
- **Missions: Tanzania: Mike & Stacy Collins; Kenya: Little Eden Orphanage; El Salvador: Jared & Kelly Mueller; Mexico: Richard & Gail Rogers, & Robert Morales!**
- **Campus Ministries of GCC!**
- **Foursquare Churches and FMP!**



**Purpose!**

# WHY?



- **Because we are people who understand our times and what we should do...**
- **Because we want to be a real resource center for people in a darkening world...**
- **Because we want people to know they are never alone, never w/out help never w/out the love of Jesus in their world!**
- **Because we want to be found faithful and helpful in loving all the world!**



“To whom much is given,  
much will be required, and to  
whom much is committed, of  
them is asked the more!”

**–Jesus, Luke 12.48**





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