

WOODMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“SERVING”

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and healing of Jesus to
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Talking about our SPIRITUAL GIFTS!
What did you learn from YOUR inventory?

Making "Kingdom Impact"

- "Church" – GK *ekklesia* - means "called out" - "called out" to do and be what?
- The BODY of Christ. (Romans 12:1-8; 1 Cor 12:12-27!, "One body, many members")
- The presence of bodies of Christ-followers (churches) means that those things that Jesus did when he was on earth are ongoing in the lives of groups of believers all over the world.

Woodmont is a PLACE where YOU will...

1

SEEK God in the company of others, and then...

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SHARE God's love and invite others to life-giving relationships, and be empowered to...

3

SERVE others in love, bringing the life, hope, and healing of Jesus to people's pain, brokenness, and suffering.

James 1:22-24; 27 NRSV

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

2:26 ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Luke 4:16-19 NRSV

¹⁶“When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.””

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Matthew 25:34-40 NRSV

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

Matthew 25:34-40 NRSV

³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

VIDEO: "The Missional Church"

<https://youtu.be/2Nagms4IV8Y>



As we SERVE...

- We are living out of a Christ-formed VISION.
- We are living out of a HEART for others.
- We are RESPONDING to the needs of our community.
- We are ministering with EXPECTANCY that the Holy Spirit is moving and working THROUGH US!
- We are living out of our "spiritual GIFTS."
- We are STRENGTHENED by how GOD has healed us! (Our timeline, again!)

Stewardship and Tithing

- Online giving is now the [number one way people tithe and donate](#) to churches.
- Smaller donations (less than \$250) [increased by over 17%](#) in 2020.
- 75–90% of church members [do not tithe](#).
- 77% of regular tithers [give between 11 and 20%](#) of their income.
- Adding an online giving option [increases overall church donations by 32%](#).
- 54% of donors [prefer to give online](#) with a card.

Stewardship and Tithing

- 7. 45% of Christian donors are [enrolled in monthly giving programs](#).
- More [Millennial and Gen Z donors](#) are giving than ever before.
- [26% of “Gen Z-ers” are dissatisfied](#) with traditional giving options.
- [64% of donors](#) say that establishing trust is essential before donating.
- [29% of all charitable donations](#) go to religious groups like churches.

Stewardship and Tithing

The bottom line on church giving

The simple truth is that people are more than willing to give to churches, and they're using new methods to make donations. The above church giving statistics make it clear that churches need to adopt modern giving options, embrace transparency, and use storytelling in order to stay

<https://www.subsplash.com/blog/church-giving-statistics>

Stewardship

Despite significant growth in real per capita income over the twentieth century, the average percentage share of income given by Christians to religion declined during this time period:

1963 = 1.2% 2000 = 0.9%.

9.4% of all American Christians give away 10% or more of their income to charity: 12% for Protestants, 4% for Catholics. 14% of non-Christian religious believers in America give away 10% or more of their income.

Wesley Willmer's Stages of Giving

- **The Imitator**: mimics the examples of others.
- **The Modeler**: gives sporadically when given an example to follow.
- **The Conformer**: gives because it is the thing to do.
- **The Blessed Individual**: gives in proportion to what God has given them.
- **The Generous Giver**: gives out of joy rather than obligation, for all they have is from God.
- **The Mature Steward**: gives as a faithful steward of God's possessions as everything belongs to and comes from God.

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Some Ministry Areas at Woodmont!



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ACTIVATING your SERVE!

- You may have a picture of how YOU can live out of your giftedness.
- WE want to help you connect to a MINISTRY where you are investing and contributing your UNIQUE gifts.
- We ALWAYS need faithful servants to help us with **existing ministries** in our church!
- OR, you may have a passion for something WE have never done or THOUGHT of! That's very exciting to us.
- The MAIN THING is that our body of Jesus followers at WCC are living out the loving, healing, transforming PRESENCE of Jesus! And we are continually updating and revising and tweaking how we do that based on who God has led to our church!