

BUILDING OUR MINISTRIES

We are blessed here at Cross of Christ to have multiple generations in our congregation, and each of these generations has the opportunity to learn from one another and grow in Christ with one another. This is vital to the church as we know that faith is passed from generation to generation.

We have a very strong youth program, and we want to take a bold step forward by engaging our youth with other generations by providing programs, faith formation opportunities, and support to adults in our congregation.

In the next year, we want to:

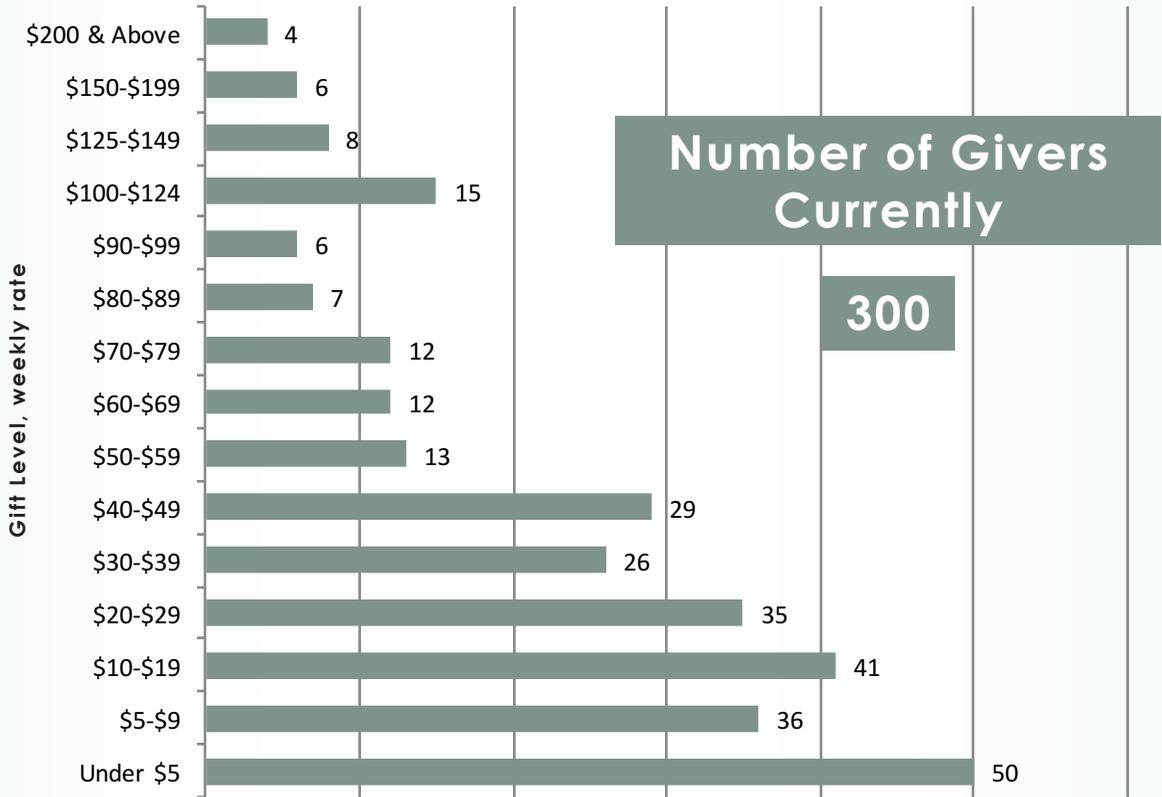
- Grow our Caring Ministry to provide outreach and lay caregivers to members of our congregation who are struggling through a difficult time in life. This support allows us to follow Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)
- Provide additional Faith Formation opportunities for adults through retreats, parenting groups, financial planning, more small group opportunities, and Bible study opportunities.
- Build stronger programs at a younger age through Children's Church and other age-appropriate programming that will lay the foundation for a Christ-inspired future.
- Drive engagement of all congregation members by holding multiple multi-generation events throughout the year and enhancing our Sunday worship experience through investment in our music programs.



In Building Our Ministries – creating new ministries and expanding existing ministries – we play an active role in Building God's Kingdom for all generations. All of us at Cross of Christ have a role in stewarding the growth of our ministries. We can do this by increasing the number of statements of intent, making targeted investment of new dollars, and increasing the hours of existing staff.

Our 2018 goal for Building God's Kingdom is to increase the number of statements of intent – from 207 in 2016 to 240 in 2017 – with the hope of increasing pledged giving by \$71,000. Pray for a generous response, and for our increased commitment as a community, and please prayerfully consider increasing your gift for the coming year or making a commitment if you have not done so before. With your help, we can be stewards of the relationships that God has provided us here at Cross of Christ and continue to grow and nurture our ministries.

NUMBER OF GIVERS CURRENTLY - PLEDGED AND UN-PLEDGED



Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish ministry which is blessed by the Lord. Here is a chart which gives a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, ask yourself these questions:

How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?

How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?

Did I complete a statement of intent last year, reflecting my intent to recognize my thankfulness?

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Stewardship Appeal 2018

Goal: \$71,000 increase in offerings

\$21,000 Building our Ministries

\$38,800 Building our Congregation

\$11,200 Building our Home