

# Planner

In prayerful commitment to the Lord, I plan to give the following during the year 2005:

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Total Expected Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Giving Goal as a % of Income: \_\_\_\_\_ %

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## ALLOCATION

### Category 1

Ministry & Operations: \_\_\_\_\_ %, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Category 2

Global Missions: \_\_\_\_\_ %, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Category 3

Deacons' Benevolence Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ %, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Category 4

Special Offerings: \_\_\_\_\_ %, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Category 5

Ministries Outside of PSC: \_\_\_\_\_ %, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## TIME & TALENT

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week in \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

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**TOTAL hours per week.**

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# Frequently Asked Questions on Tithes & Offerings

- 1) Why does the Lord instruct us to make tithes and freewill offerings?
- 2) What should be our motivation for giving?
- 3) What concerns God most when it comes to giving?
- 4) How much should I give?
- 5) What is the history of the tithe? How is the tithe calculated?
- 6) Where should our gifts go?
- 7) What if my spouse and I do not agree on giving goals?
- 8) Should one give tithes and offerings while in debt?
- 9) Should one give tithes and offerings if family members need financial help?
- 10) What are some benefits of giving?
- 11) Where can I go for answers to these and other questions?

*Pick up your free copy of*

**For Where Your Treasure Is,  
There Your Heart Will Be Also:  
a guide to questions about  
financial stewardship.**

*The guide can be found in the racks in the church entrance or in the General Information section of our website, [www.parkstreet.org](http://www.parkstreet.org). The booklet was written by the Park Street Stewardship Committee, formed in 2001 to help teach, assist and encourage our congregation to become better financial stewards.*



A tool to help you plan your tithes and offerings for 2005

"Each man should give

what he has decided to

give, not reluctantly or

under compulsion, for God

loves a cheerful giver."

At Park Street Church all offerings

of time, talent and money

are considered to be acts of worship.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

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# Giving Categories

At Park Street Church (PSC), there are four categories to which you may allocate monetary gifts. Many Christians choose to give a portion of their tithes and offerings to ministries outside of the local church. Category five is included for you to include such giving in your planning. If no giving category is indicated on your envelope or check, your gift will go toward Ministry & Operations.

## Category 1 - Ministry & Operations

Gifts used for the church's ministries and programs, facilities maintenance and church administration (see budget graph at right).

## Category 2 - Global Missions

Gifts used for missions outreach programs in Boston — including students, internationals and urban outreach — and around the world (see budget graph at right).

## Category 3 - Deacons' Benevolence Fund

Gifts used for those in our congregation experiencing financial crisis or emergency need. For help from this fund, you can approach your small group leader, an elder or a minister.

## Category 4 - Special Offerings

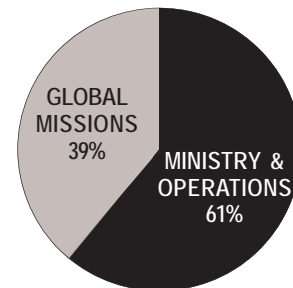
Taken for special needs, emergencies, disaster relief or short-term mission teams. Special offerings will be announced from the pulpit and in the *Under the Spire*. To contribute, please designate this on your envelope.

## Category 5 - Ministries Outside of PSC

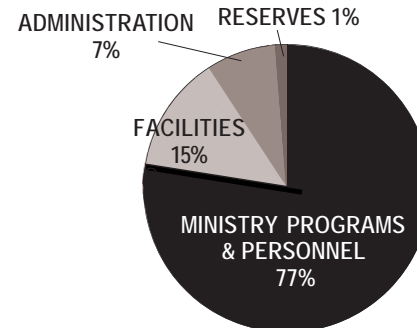
In planning your yearly tithes and offerings, please take into consideration commitments you have made to ministries outside of PSC, as the Bible does not require all tithes and offerings to go to the local church.

# Your Tithes & Offerings at Work

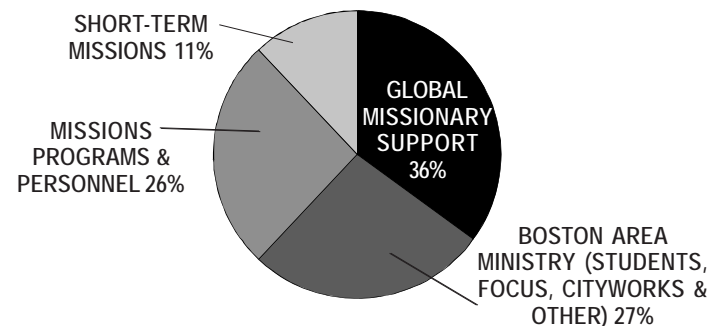
## 2005 Overall Budget Breakdown: \$3.95M



## 2005 Ministry & Operations Budget: \$2.4M



## 2005 Missions Budget: \$1.55M



# Ways to Give

## Cash and Checks

Contact the church Finance Office to receive a personalized set of offering envelopes. We mail out envelopes on a quarterly basis. All checks should be made payable to Park Street Church.

## Appreciated Securities and Property

PSC welcomes gifts of stock, mutual funds, bonds, real estate and other personal property. Gifts of appreciated securities and other personal property allow PSC to benefit from the full market value of your gift, while enabling you to take advantage of significant tax savings.

## Park Street Church can now receive stock gifts online!

Please visit [www.parkstreet.org/info/givingways.shtml](http://www.parkstreet.org/info/givingways.shtml) for the "Donate Stock" button.

## Gifts of Endowment

Gift to the endowment fund provide a source of permanent funding for the ministries of PSC. The principal of your gift remains whole, while providing permanent income for ministry. The endowment fund is professionally managed by Wellington Management Company.

## Gifts through Estate Planning

Estate planning allows you to provide for your children, grandchildren and other family members while leaving a legacy for Park Street's ongoing ministries. PSC welcomes gifts through life insurance, wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities, retirement accounts and life estates. To plan such a gift consult your personal financial planner or contact the church Finance Office for more information about this method of giving.

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