



## A Note from Johnny...

A couple of weeks ago our church voted on the **Ministry Budget for 2017-2018**. It is a good budget to carry out the Gospel of Christ throughout Dothan and the world. **The budget starts** at the individual level of discipleship and evangelism, and elevates to reaching and teaching a world about the Lord Jesus.

The budget is good, but one of the **keys to a good budget is great participation** from church membership. The more people participate in giving, the more the Gospel can be shared throughout the world.

### **A question we need to ask ourselves when it comes to giving is, "Why give?"**

We give because we want to obey the Scriptures. We give because it is the right thing to do.

There are many reasons to give. Have you ever considered giving because you care? You care about others knowing Christ. You care about having a place to gather to worship and to grow in Christ. **Give because you care.**

**Many years ago, Alaska experienced a terrible earthquake. The governor's wife reported that many letters of request came to the governor's mansion. She answered most of them, and usually they were demands that she do something for some relative or some friend. One letter she received from the Midwest was from a ten year old boy who enclosed two nickels. The note said: "If you need any more, please let me know."**

This little boy illustrated quite well the fact that you give because you care.

The attitude of this little boy gets right to the heart of Christian stewardship. It is because of a caring love we are willing to share what we have.

Not only does this deal with stewardship of the offering, but in sharing the Gospel and caring for those who are in need. Why do we give? **Because we care.**

### **Do you care? Then you will share!**

Remember Sunday night at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, the Columbia Baptist Association Mission Fair. The fair begins at 4 p.m.

Please go represent First Baptist, and learn what is happening with Gospel throughout our world.

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