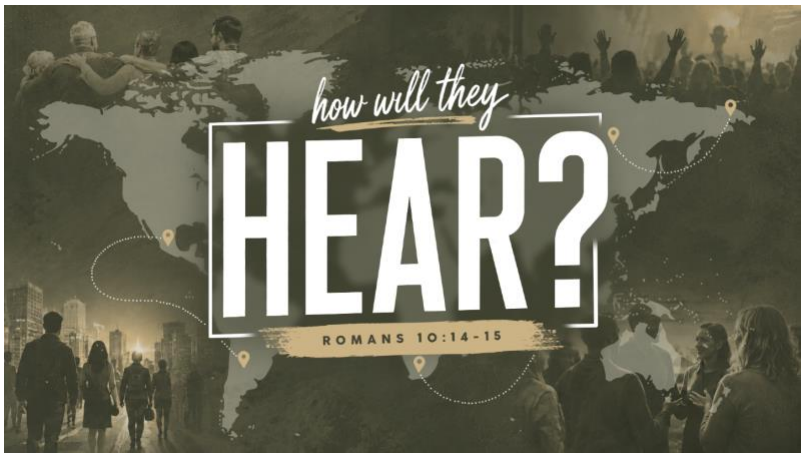

What is Faith Promise?

From Your Mission Leadership Team
You see by the faith promise card that we are asking you to pray and ask God, "How much am I to give to Southland missions ministry in 2027?"

Most people at first are excited about trusting God to supply the needs of a faith promise. Then, as they continue to give to world evangelism their giving becomes a part of their planned giving to missions.

We are asking those who make a faith promise based upon their planned giving for the year to put that amount on the faith promise card. In addition, we ask you to make a faith promise based on unanticipated sources and put that amount on the card. Please read *Faith Promise Explained* included below to better understand faith promise from unanticipated sources.

This year we are challenging every person at Southland Community Church to make a true faith promise commitment from unanticipated sources. Allow God to open your heart and stretch your faith as you prayerfully consider your involvement in our local and global mission ministry.

We are so excited about what God is going to do in our community and around the world through your faithful obedience in giving, going and praying for our mission ministry.

Join us in praying, "Lord, I have heard You calling. I will pray. I will give. I will go. I will be part of Your Great Commission UNTIL ALL HAVE HEARD!"

Southland Community Church
Mission Leadership Team

Faith Promise Explained

What Does It Mean?
Faith promise requires a commitment. I commit myself to an amount of money and by faith, based on God's promises, expect Him to enable me to do it. As I commit myself to this step of faith, it helps me begin to look for God's provision. It gives me new eyes to see my stewardship in a totally different way. Instead of sitting back waiting, I begin to actively look for ways in which God will provide for me to fulfill my faith promise.

A faith promise for missions becomes my expression of obedience to Christ's command. He uses my faithfulness based on His promises to build His church worldwide.

FAITH: Trusting God to enable me to give more than I thought I could give, and at the same time meet all my needs.

PROMISE: The basis for trusting God, because He promised to supply all my needs.

How Does It Work?
Because a Christian lives with one overall purpose in mind-- to glorify God -- I, as a Christian, should want to give more and more to advance His kingdom throughout the world. A faith promise for missions, then, becomes an expression of my obedience to Christ's command: To make disciples of all people.

By committing myself in a faith promise, I gain a totally different perspective on what I have and on my priority in life. I begin to see everything I have as belonging to God, and I look for ways He will enable me to give more and more for His cause. When I commit myself in the area of faith I am not relying on my limited resources--I now rely on God's unlimited resources.

Is Faith Promise Scriptural?
The principle of faith promise giving is found in
II Corinthians 8 and 9. Verse 3 of chapter 8 uses the expression "to their power" (as much as they were able) and "beyond their power" (beyond their ability). To their power (ability) relates to their tithes and offerings--or their known sources of income. Beyond their power relates in a special way to the principle of faith promise giving-- or beyond any known sources of income, looking to the Lord in faith for the way He will enable them to give.

We take into account what we foresee we can give to missions over the next year. Then we lift our hearts in faith and pray: Lord, over and above my ability, how much more shall I trust You to enable me to give? It is not what God necessarily gives me, but what He enables me to give.

How Is Faith Promise Supplied?
Does a faith promise always come in some dramatic, unexpected manner? Do I make a faith promise and then just sit back and wait to see what happens?

Once in a while God does surprise us with a dramatic miracle. But usually a faith promise does not come in a dramatic way. God's miracle may come as I cut back in some area that will enable me to have more to give, or as I look for some creative way to do something extra that will generate income to enable me to give.

Through your faith promise giving, Southland Community Church will support:

- 15 missionaries & their families
- 6 mission agencies
- Various mission projects
- Short-term mission trips