



FINANCIAL **UPDATE**

MINISTRY FUND

Letter from Ron

(on behalf of the Lead Team)



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Talking about money often feels awkward and perilous. It can seem like any conversation about the finances of the church boils down to one idea: The church needs more money and it is up to us to give that money.

There are most certainly fiscal realities we must face as a church family. Our ability to achieve the goal: that 'All Would Know Jesus' is provided by the funds many of us regularly give in support of the ministry of RockPointe.

At this point however, I want to focus our attention on something other than the budget and increasing giving. I want to focus our conversation on faithfulness, obedience, and spiritual maturity.

God asks each of his children to be obedient to him as he calls us to live generously. A faithful person is a giving person. Our continued spiritual growth toward maturity is arrested when we do not submit to this call upon our lives. The discipline of regular giving to the ministries and situations God has put on your heart is both a sign of, and a catalyst for, your spiritual growth.

While what you see in this booklet provides details of RockPointe's financial status, it also provides us an opportunity to listen to God's call to faithfully steward the resources he has entrusted to us. As much as I long to see the RockPointe budget flourish, I long far more for each one of us to experience the joy of obedience to God and the spiritual growth that comes as a result.

So, at this point I want to extend a heartfelt 'Thank You!' and 'Well Done!' to those who regularly give in obedience to God's call to do so. I also want to extend an invitation to all, to press in to God and ask him what he is asking of you in the area of giving and living generously.

Facts & Figures

01 Giving Projection

When we look at the pattern of giving to our Ministry Fund over the last three years, and our current financial position, we are projecting a shortfall in our budgeted giving of \$389,000 by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2024).

02 Giving & Expenses Projection

We are also projecting a \$278,000 reduction in expenditures. When we account for these projected savings in our Ministry Fund, the deficit could be in the \$100,000 area.

03 How are we reducing expenditures?

We are projecting savings in multiple areas. This includes ministry areas where the funds may not be utilized or needed in order to achieve our goals, through some personnel cost savings and facility cost reduction.

Each ministry area has been encouraged to simplify where possible and exercise restraint with expenditures, while still being encouraged to utilize budgeted funds when needed. It has been a balancing act that our staff has done very well this year.



What will it take?



Listening to God

A posture of listening to God and responding in obedience is paramount. Certainly there is need, and dollar figures associated with that need. But, above all is our desire to simply listen to God and respond. He leads the way.

Faith

This may seem obvious, however faith is trust in God in the midst of the unknown and the uncertain. As we have experienced change over the years, and in the face of financial need, faith in God's goodness, provision and care is critical.

Generosity

Meeting the needs of the Ministry Fund relies on all of us following God obediently by responding to His call for generosity. This obedience has been a hallmark of RockPointe for many years and is something to be celebrated!

Activation

RockPointe has been, and continues to be, a generous family. We have been blessed by the faithfulness of a strong core. Yet, we also know that there are many who have not stepped in to give, or only give periodically.

If all those who do not currently give, or give periodically began to faithfully contribute, the deficit would quickly disappear and the future of ministry through RockPointe would be stabilized.

What can I do?

01 Pray & Fast

Our heart posture is critical. It is our faith in God and our dedication to Him that matters above all. Maybe you are, or aren't, in a position to give. Regardless, we can all pray and fast. Pray as a family that the God who is our Provider, would provide for the ongoing ministry needs of RockPointe.

02 Ask God

Bring this need before God, and simply ask Him if there is anything He would have you do. Of course as church leadership we need to talk bluntly about our financial wellbeing and to ask for your partnership in ensuring that finances are healthy and well stewarded. May our response be to ask the question, "Lord, what are you saying to me in this?"

03 Give

If God is leading you to give and participate alongside the RockPointe family, the following pages outline different ways you can give or set up a tithe.



Giving & Tithing

TAKE A STEP



01 Initial Giver

Someone who chooses to give for the first time in response to God's Word. This deepens their faith as they step out to trust both God, and their church leaders.

Consistent Giver 02

Someone who is committed to giving on a regular basis. They experience joy through generosity.



03 Proportional Giver or Beyond

Someone who embraces Kingdom priorities by giving a percentage (a tithe) of the first fruits of their income. This person may give above and beyond in response to God's call.



Proverbs 3:9-10

Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

How to Give / Tithe



01 RockPointe Services

You can participate in giving at our services by placing cash or cheques in an envelope and placing it in the offering plate or offering box.

02 Online Banking, E-Transfer or PAG

You can give through your personal banking website, setting up a “one-time” or “recurring” payment.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) allows specific amounts to be automatically withdrawn from your account on a recurring basis.



03 Planning Center

You can give through the RockPointe Website (Planning Center). Click on “Give” and you will be able to give through credit card. *Please note there is a 3% fee for this method.*



Want to know more?

Scan this QR code for more details



Faith Goals

Of course, ensuring we increase giving and erase a projected deficit is important; however, there are key things at stake that God has called us to. God has called us to Proclaim the Good News, Care for Those with Needs, Welcome New Canadians, Transform our Neighbourhoods and Equip the Faithful.

He has called us to do all these things in order that all may know Jesus. The accomplishment of each of these God given mandates depends on a healthy budget. A healthy budget depends on a church family that follows God obediently as He calls us to live lives of generosity.

Ministry Fund Surplus



Our goal is a surplus in the Ministry Fund (budgeted a \$20,000 surplus), giving us flexibility as we budget & plan. This ensures we can support RockPointe's ministries, staff structure and facility needs well for the upcoming year.

100 New Givers



Our goal is to see all RockPointer's listen to God's voice and respond to His call to generous living. The fruit of this will be more of the RockPointe family growing spiritually as they step into giving and tithing.

We would love to see 100 RockPointer's who do not currently give, step into giving and tithing for the first time by the end of our fiscal year (June 30 2024).

This would go a long way toward equipping and resourcing all of RockPointe and to achieve all of what God has called us to. We do all that we do, so all may know Jesus.

Thank You

Thank you for praying with us, for listening to God and for stepping forward in obedience.

Thank you to the many faithful who give and tithe - know that we honour you, and thank you for your love, trust and generosity.

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Notes



Ask God, “what are saying to me?”



Prayer on my heart...



Response or Commitment
