

Full Surrender to Jesus

Mark 14:1-11

Intro:

- Wasn't last week great? To see the kids up here singing their hearts out! Senior Send off! And the kids running on stage?! ☺
- I wonder can you remember how I ended my sermon last week? Story – the boy & his basket ... [I've been thinking of it all week]
 - o A picture of full surrender to Jesus – not refusing / not partial / but full surrender of his whole life
- I've been deeply challenged this week as I have sat in that story: Am I willing to fully surrender ... ????
 - o My time [Average Gen Z – 7hrs per day on phone, 49 ½ hrs per week / John Piper quote on the time we give to social media]
 - o My talents [every one of you in Christ has been given a spiritual gift, many believers resistant to use their gifts. Eg. Footy game]
 - o My treasure [5 % of Christians in USA tithe / Commanded in OT, Central & Consecrated; Not Commanded in NT but called for, Central to Church & Consecrated hearts / more \$\$ spent on lawsuits for embezzlement in churches than giving to churches / if every Christian gave 10% in the USA church faith organizations would have \$139 billion each year!]
 - o Will I refuse to surrender these things to Jesus? Will I partially surrender these things to Jesus? Or will I full surrender these things to Jesus?
- As Mark writes to the Christians in Rome [terrible time to be a Christian / tyrannical leader on throne / tested in faith] he records a beautiful story of a woman & an alabaster jar & through this story calls them– with your time, talents, treasure & your whole life – step into the basket & fully surrender to Jesus
- Turn with me to Mark 14:1-11
- We'll see a group who refused to surrender / 1 man who partially surrendered / but 1 women who chose to fully surrender to Jesus

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(1) Your Heart can Become so Hardened that You Refuse to Surrender to Jesus [14:1-2]

- Passover Week (2 days away = this is Wednesday)
- Priests & teachers of law scheming
- Plotting [SEEKING] but scared of the people
- Pride had gripped their hearts / Pride was ruling their hearts ... so they refused to surrender to Jesus
- Watch your heart – it is possible for you to be very religious, engaged in lots of religious activity & your heart to be hard
- E.g. Friend from NI– threw himself into church & seminary, top of the class (4.0), sat in car – I've decided I don't want to follow Jesus anymore –became angry towards God, got a girl pregnant, aggressively refusing to surrender

(2) Your Heart can Become so Distracted & Divided that You Partially Surrender to Jesus [14:10]

- You ever seen someone who is one thing on the outside, and another on the inside – e.g., “Irish waiter” in Dallas Irish pub! ☺
- One of the chosen disciples - Judas, one of the twelve!!
- One who had spent 3 years close to Jesus – heard him, watched him, hoped in him, believed in him
- One who in the core of their existence – the control center – in his heart he becomes:
 - o Disappointed in Jesus – Judas was a zealot – a political movement trying to overthrow the Romans
 - o Distracted by his own idols – also the money man – John tells us he would steal \$\$ rather than giving to the poor
 - o Divided in his heart – for years living double life – one foot in the basket, one foot out – on outside a disciple, on inside disloyal
 - o Desperately SEEKING THESE THINGS (v9)
- E.g. Passion of the Christ movie – Judas slips out at night – meets chief priests – throws 30 silver coins – falls to knees
- Watch your heart – it is possible for you to be a follower, near to Jesus – heart becomes disappointed, distracted & divided

(3) Your Heart can Become so Captivated by Jesus that You Fully Surrender Your Time, Talents & Treasure to Him as Your King [14:3-9]

- Points back to an event which happened the week before (John = 6 days before) / stunning contrast / Mary @ Simon the leper's house
- Person (unnamed; Mary) pushes her way through the crowd [she's captivated – subtle note here – rel. leaders & judas SEEKING ...]
- Pure & Priceless Perfume – nard was from India, worth a year's wages – 300 denarii (said last week \$59,000 here in USA!)
- Pours it Over Jesus & Proclaims in this act - He is her king who will die for her
- Praised by Jesus – what she has done is beautiful! [She has considered me so precious she anointed me]

[HP] Fully Surrender Your Time, Talents & Treasure to Jesus as King:

- o Time: E.g. David Wilkerson – that's someone who is captivated by Christ & wants to surrender his time to him as king!
- o Talents: E.g. Cinco & V on Thanksgiving Day – that's a couple captivated by Christ, wanting to surrender their talents to him!
- o Treasure: Website (fellowshipdallas/finance) / Wonderful Things God doing through Fellowship (Care ministries – steps, divorce care, grief share / Children's & youth ministries – reaching next gen / Churches round world – Nicaragua – 100's pastors trained & reaching 1000's people in villages) Where we are at – need \$310, 860 by end of fiscal year – thank you! E.g. Lady in FBC 50% ☺

FOLLOW

JESUS THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

PART 3: FOLLOW THE FAITHFULNESS OF JESUS



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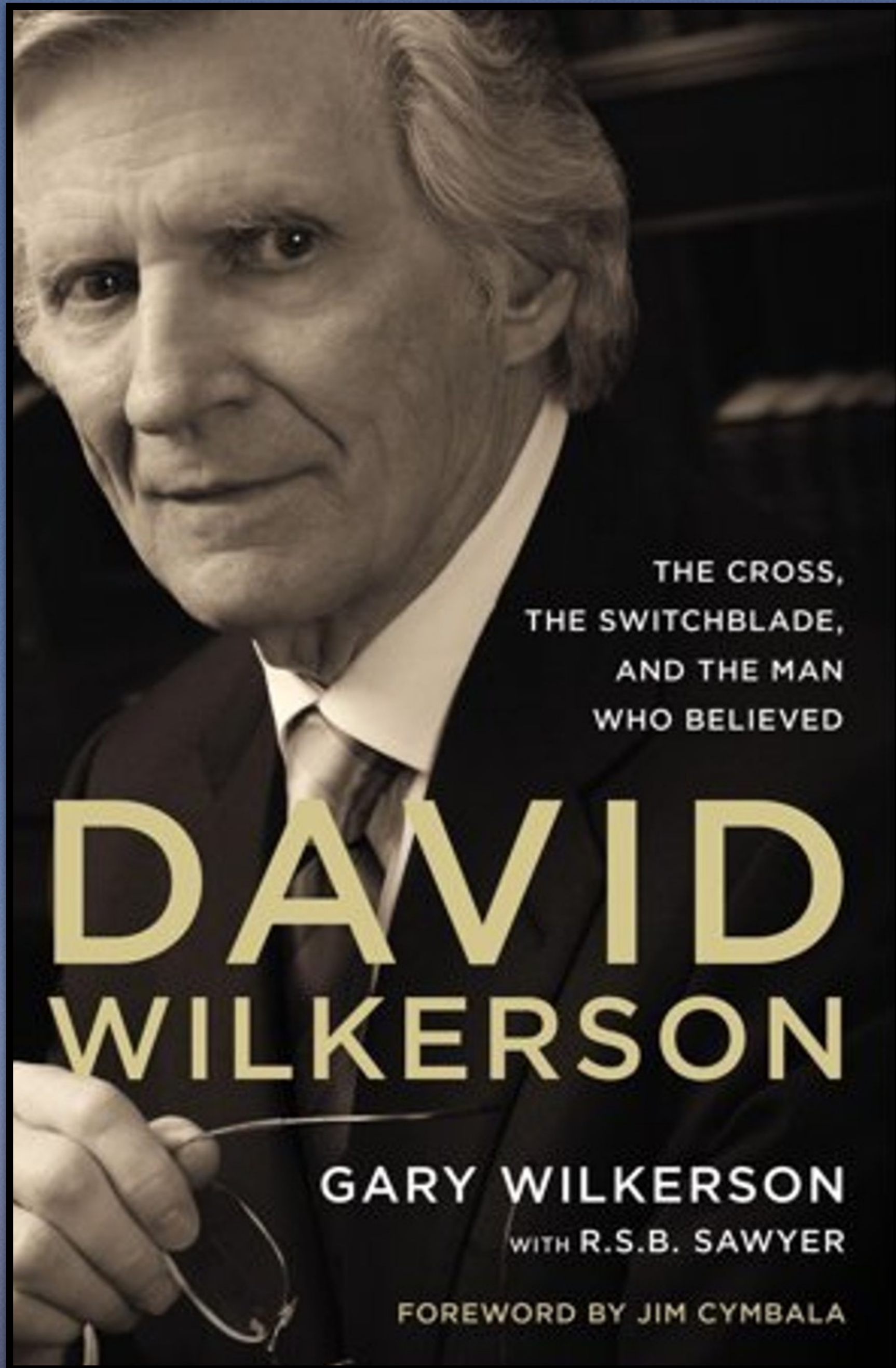
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FULLY SURRENDER YOUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURE TO JESUS AS
KING!



THE CROSS,
THE SWITCHBLADE,
AND THE MAN
WHO BELIEVED

DAVID WILKERSON

GARY WILKERSON
WITH R.S.B. SAWYER

FOREWORD BY JIM CYMBALA



Your Generosity Makes an Impact

God calls us to be generous. But generosity is about so much more than just finances. Whether that's sharing of our blessings through giving financially, sharing of our time and talents through serving, or sharing of ourselves and our stories through community, being generous should be a free response to what God has done for us, not out of guilt or obligation. (2 Corinthians 9:7) We want to be a church that is marked by generosity to impact our church, city, and world with the love of Jesus. Learn more below about how your generosity makes an impact!



Living a Life of Purpose

Helping people discover and live out their purpose

The DFW Metroplex is a growing and prosperous community of busy, ambitious individuals and endless opportunities for business and entertainment. Yet, many individuals—both young and old—confess to feeling worn out from the pace, lonely for connection, and struggling to make sense of what they are striving for. That's why Fellowship Dallas is so passionate about purpose. Your



Global Ministry Partners

India, Germany, Nicaragua, and More

Fellowship supports 16 different missionary partners, working here in the US and around the world. Your generosity built and supports an entire school and its staff in rural India, provides theological and pastoral training for church leaders in Nicaragua, and helps support church ministry in South Sudan. Fellowship provides its ministry partners with Bible resources, education for adults and children, and



Caring for One Another

Church is a community

We want Fellowship to be a place where people feel welcome, just as they are, and find a community to belong to. Together, we want support one another and celebrate how God is at work in each step of our walk with Him. Your generosity helps provide financial support, counseling services, and encouragement to those going through difficult life circumstances. You also help provide recovery ministry through our Steps program, grief care and support through our Prayer Partners and Card Ministry, and help Fellowship connect people and volunteers with organizations in our DFW community like OurCalling, Exodus Ministries, Bonton Farms, and more!

[Learn More About Fellowship's Local Outreach](#) ↗



Discipling the Next Generation

Kids, Teens, and Young Adults

We're passionate about discipleship and we believe our kids, teens, and young adults are an integral part of our church community. Your generosity has a cross-generational impact. In our Family Ministry, we not only provide dynamic kids and students programming and life groups on Sunday mornings, but we help parents and families have intention conversations about Jesus throughout the week by providing resources and trainings to equip parents. We also have a vibrant community of young adults, passionate about learning what it means to live on purpose and make an impact in their world. Your generosity makes this authentic community possible.

[Learn More About Fellowship Family Ministry](#) ↗



Transparency In Our Current Financials

At Fellowship, one of our value sets is truth and grace, and we want to carry that value into how we share about our finances, the ways your giving is at work, and how we talk about giving together. In addition to working on an annual report, we want to provide greater transparency and frequency in our financial reporting to our church family throughout the ministry year. We also want to challenge each other to learn and grow in our individual journeys of generosity and be vulnerable with one another about the concerns and struggles we may have in this area of discipleship.

Our ministry and fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. **We began our 2023/24 fiscal year on July 1, 2023, with a General Fund giving budget of \$3,016,000.** As a reminder, our General Fund pays for the day-to-day operating costs of our ministries and support operations.

Year-to-Date Giving Information

As of Monday, May 13.

\$2,328,140 = **Received to Date**

\$2,639,000 = **Budgeted to Date**

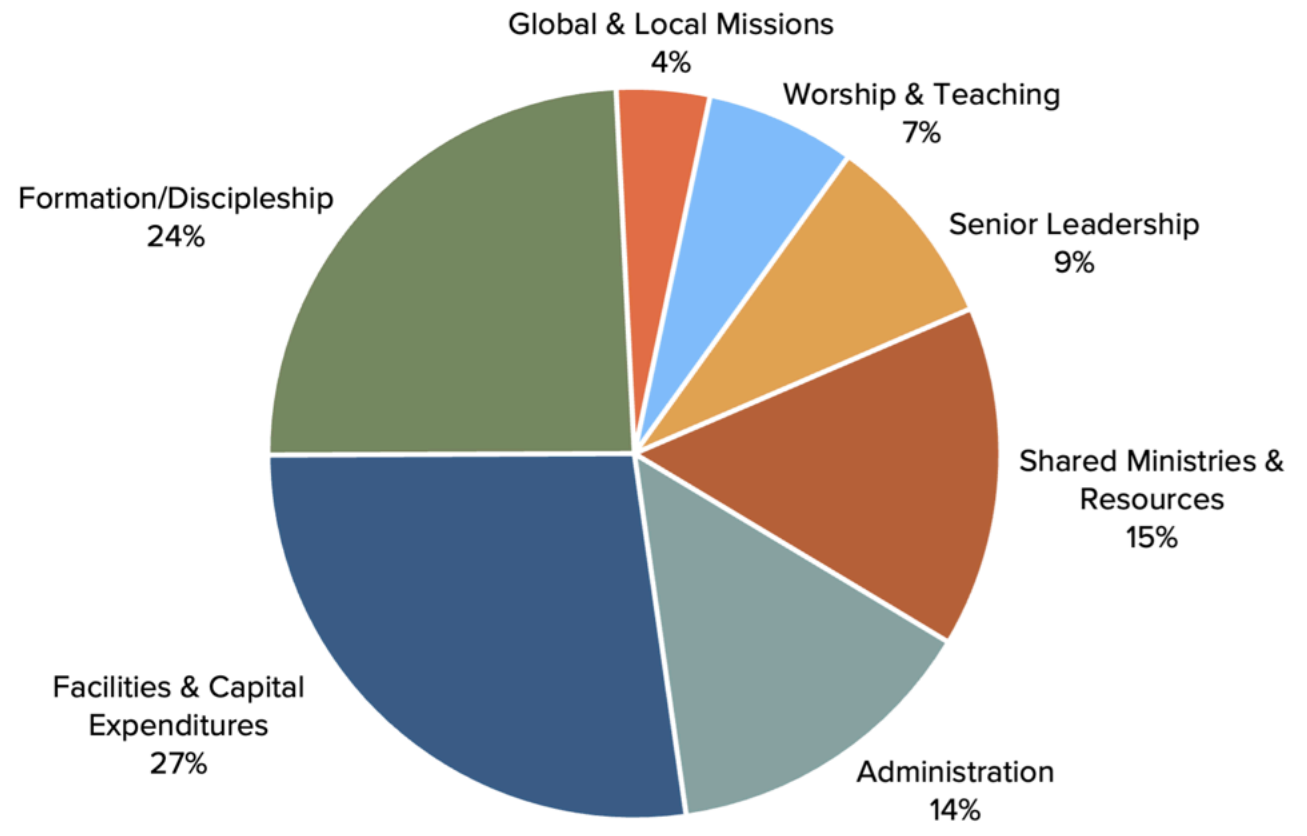
\$ 310,860 = **Additional Giving Needed**

We praise God for His incredible provision so far this year and we thank you, our generous givers, for your continued support!

Below you'll see how Fellowship's 2023/2024 budget is distributed across our different areas of ministry and operations, where our giving is currently this year compared to last ministry year, and our attendance over the past 22 months.



Projected 2023/2024 Expenses



Facilities & Capital Expenditures - 27%

- Repairs & Maintenance
- Utilities
- Insurance

Formation/Discipleship - 24%

- Staff
- Next-Gen Programs
- Programs & Events

Shared Ministries & Resources - 15%

- Staff
- Communications
- Systems & Technology

Administration - 14%

- Staff
- Equipment & Supplies
- Fees

Senior Leadership - 9%

- Staff
- Leader Events
- Development

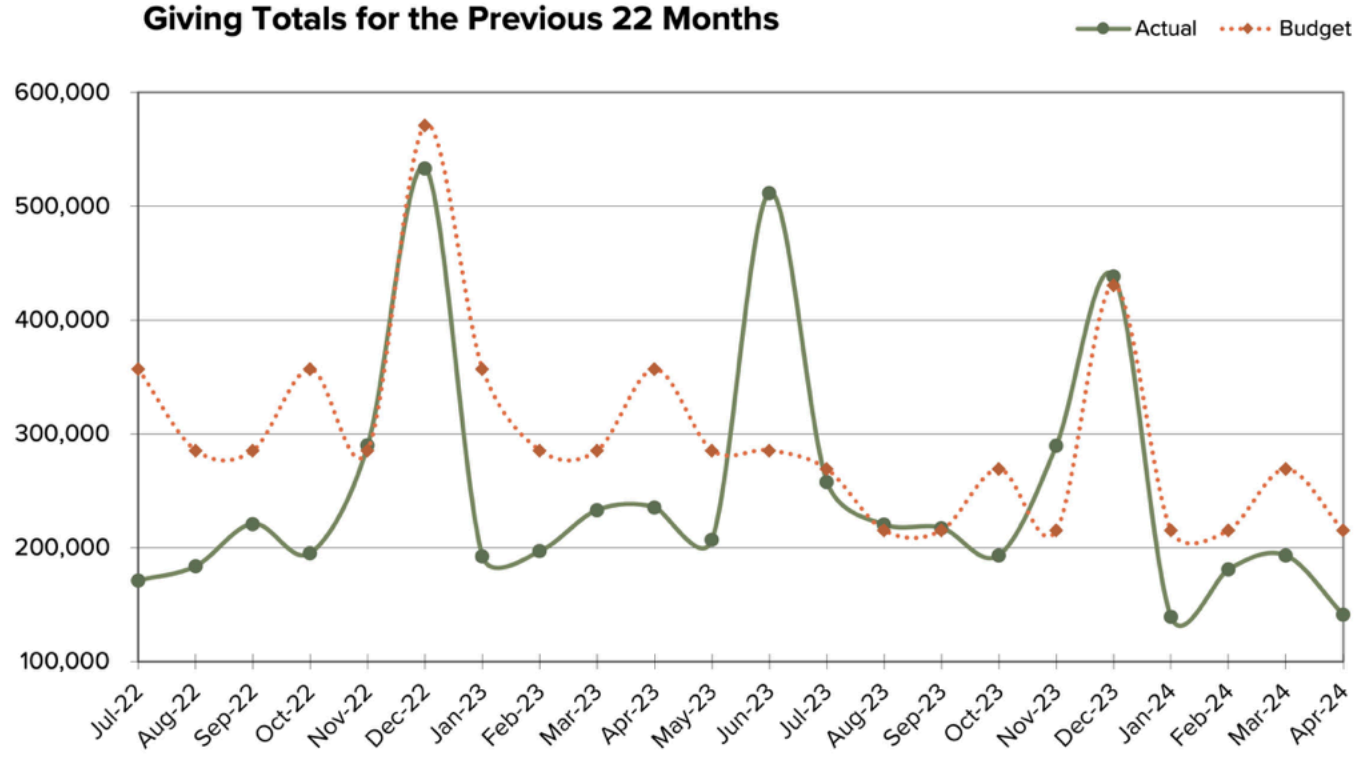
Worship & Teaching - 7%

- Staff
- Paid Teachers & Musicians

Global & Local Missions - 4%

- Global partners
- Local programs

Giving Totals for the Previous 22 Months



Attendance Totals for the Previous 22 Months

