

FUNDING THE LOCAL CHURCH WHAT I HAVE LEARNED



I. ESTABLISH A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR GIVING.

**A. TITHE, TITHES, OR TITHING IS MENTIONED
32 TIMES IN THE O.T. AND 8 TIMES IN THE
NEW.**

**B. THE PRINCIPLE OF FIRST FRUITS, GIVING
GOD YOUR FIRST AND YOUR BEST IS A CLEAR
BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE.**

**C. OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN BEYOND OUR
TITHES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
COMMUNITY.**

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II. DESIGN A THEOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR GIVING, A WAY OF THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT WHY WE GIVE.

A. WHY GIVE AT ALL?

B. HOW WILL THE CHURCH RESPOND TO THE CLEAR TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE?

C. WHAT WILL THE MONEY BE USED FOR?

TRANSFORMATION?



III.DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF GIVING (AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE)

A.GIVE FROM THE HEART

B.RECEIVE AND CELEBRATE THE OFFERING WITH JOY

C.GIVE TO BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND NOT BUILDINGS



HOW TO GET STARTED



I. LEADER TEACH AND MODEL WHAT YOU EXPECT

- 1. FIRST FRUITS, THITHING, YOU GIVE FIRST**
- 2. SACRIFICIAL, CONSISTENT FREE WILL GIVING**
- 3. NO GIMMICKS (NO RED HATS, PLATE DINNERS, ETC.)**
- 4. MONEY BOWS TO AND SERVES THE MINISTRY OF JESUS**
- 5. MONEY WILL NOT BUY YOU INFLUENCE OR A PLACE IN THE CHURCH OR IN HEAVEN**
- 6. STEWARDSHIP WITH INTEGRITY (AUDIT, SHOW THEM THE \$)**



II.INSPECT WHAT YOU EXPECT

1.HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE

2.TRUST GOD, DON'T RETURN TO EGYPT

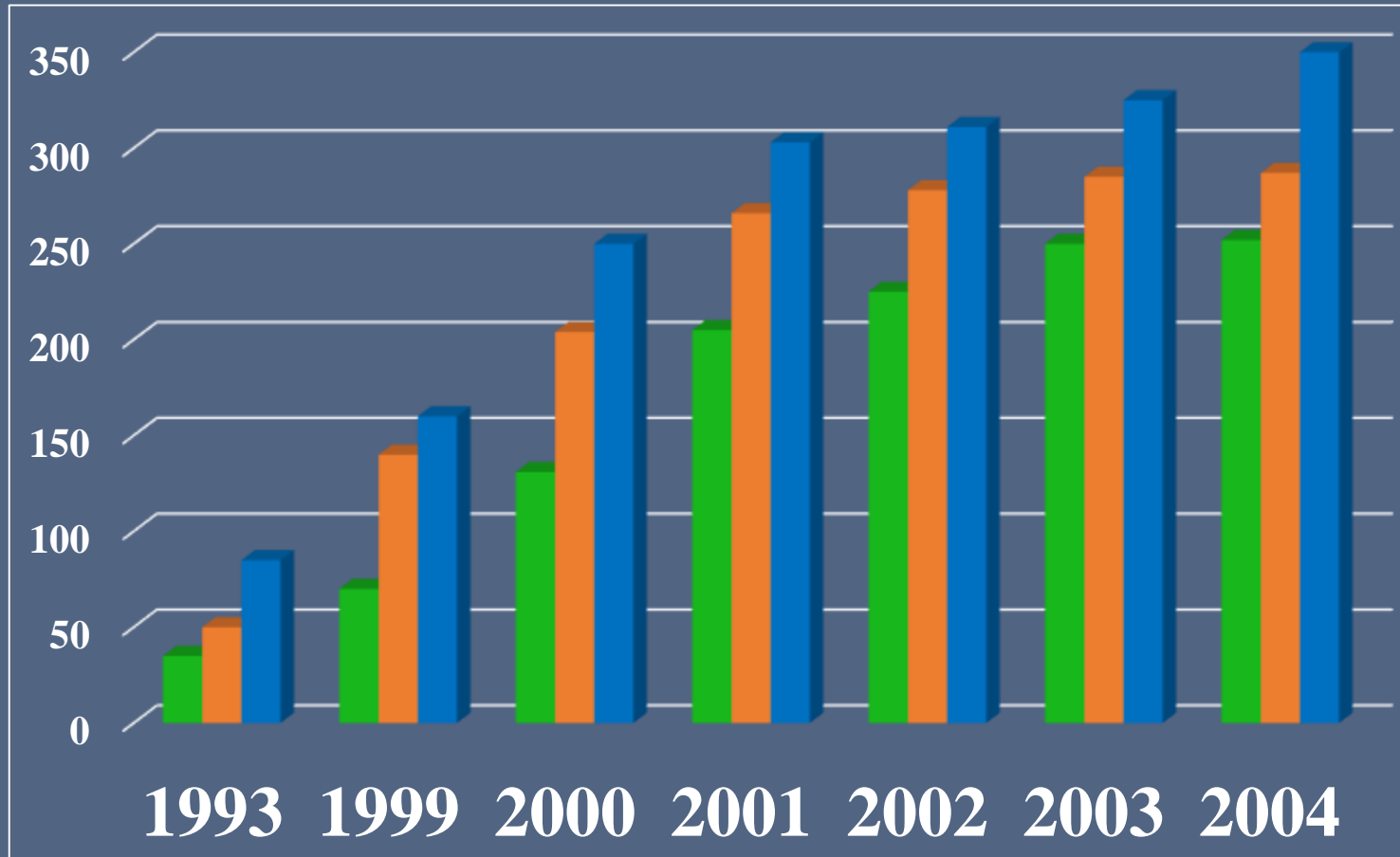
3.GET READY FOR A BLESSING

4.GOD IS NOT BROKE, SO STOP BEGGING!

**THE ST. PAUL EXPERIENCE
1993 - 2004**



Growth by the Numbers



- Income(K)
- Attendance
- Membership



SAME FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES
“THE HIGHER WAY CHURCH”
JONES MEMORIAL
JANUARY 2019



1. WHERE WE WERE IN OCTOBER 2008

- DEBT: 2.34 MILLION DOLLARS (BUILDING)**
- FIRST PAYMENT DUE JANUARY 2009: \$10,000.00 PER MONTH**
- BANK ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 2008: \$15,241.91**
- TOTAL OPERATING INCOME FOR 2008: \$517,872.96**

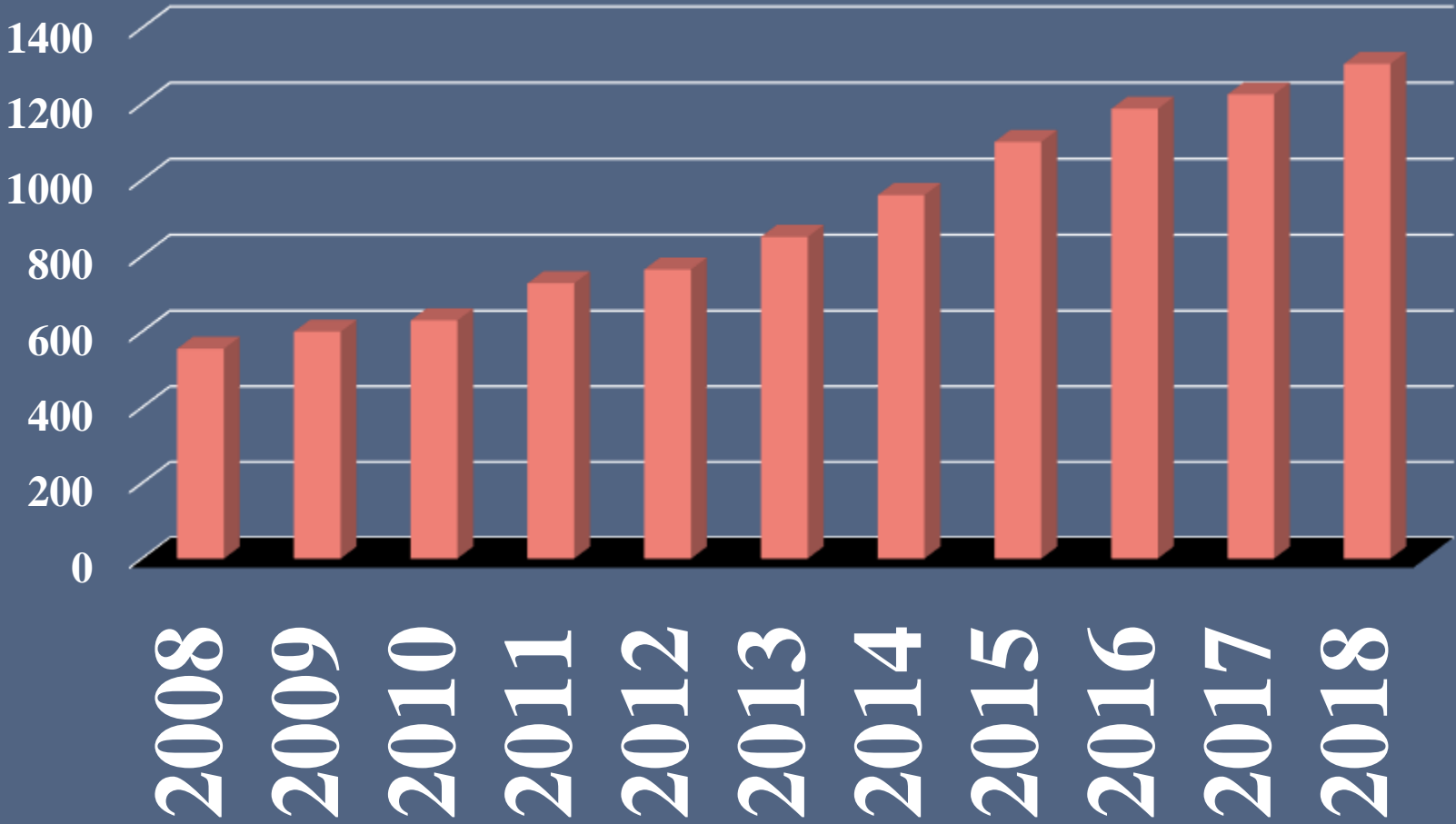


2. WHERE ARE WE TODAY

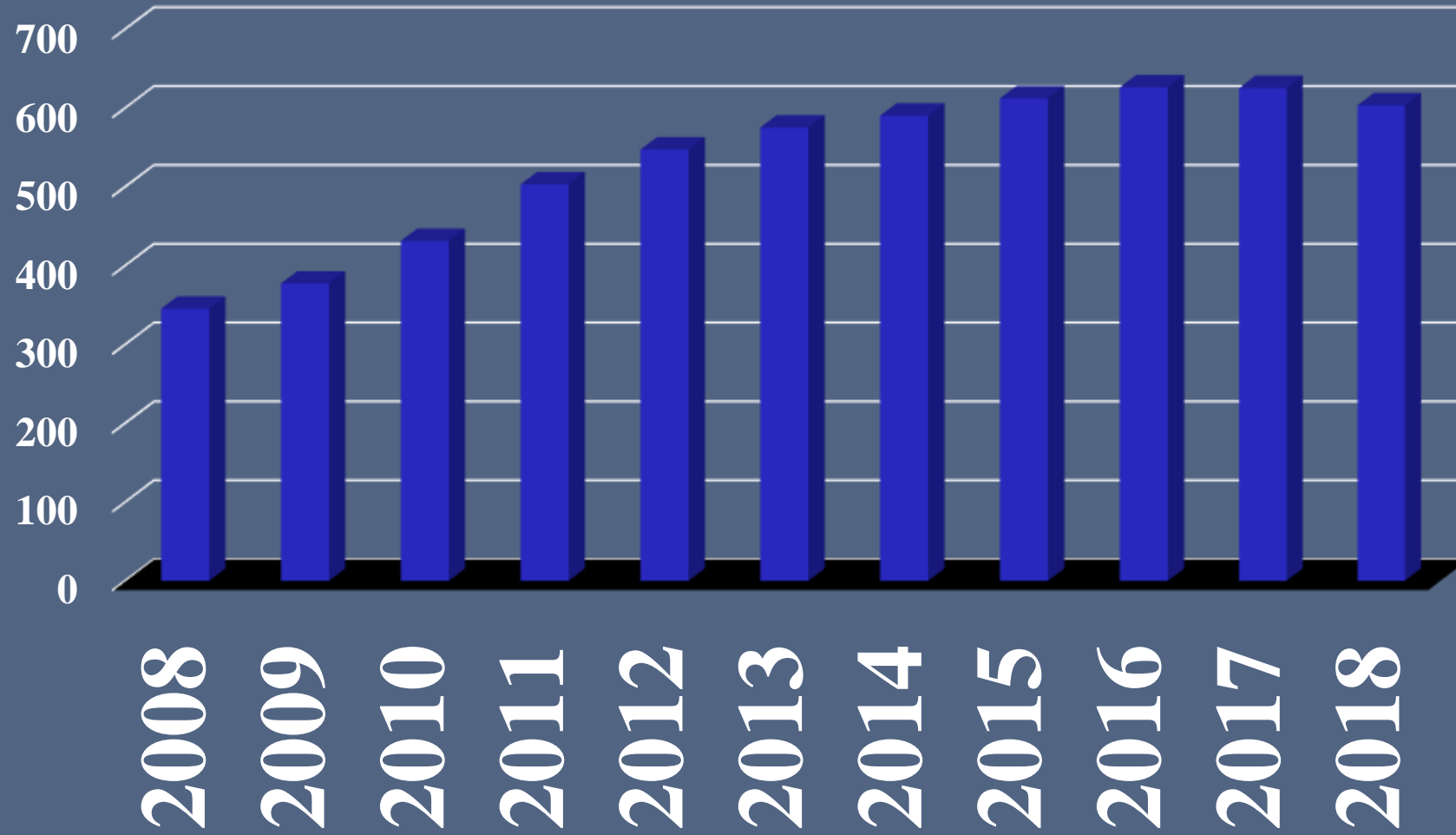
- **DEBT JAN 2019: \$1.2 MILLION (BUILDING)
INCLUDES \$172,000 ADDITIONAL PARKING**
- **TOTAL OPERATING INCOME 2018:
\$1,305,000.00**
- **2018 OPERATING BUDGET: 1.1 MILLION**
- **FIRST INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF CHURCH'S
AUDIT COMPLETED DECEMBER 2014, 15, 16,
17, 2018 IN PROCESS**
- **ENGAGED CPA FIRM TO MONITOR AND
ASSIST WITH OUR FINANCIAL ACCURACY.**



INCOME (K)



ATTENDANCE



MEMBERSHIP

