

First Missionary Church Fundraising Policy

We recognize the Biblical principles of stewardship that acknowledge our responsibility to be wise in administering the resources that God has given to us. We also affirm the Biblical mandate for God's people to support the work of the Lord through their tithes and sacrificial offerings. Therefore, we affirm that the primary means of supporting the work of God at First Missionary Church will be through the gifts of God's people.

Scriptures do, however, indicate that there were times when God's people were allowed to seek resources from outside the family of God. When that occurred, it was done as a result of God's explicit command or with His distinct blessing. For that reason, we allow for the possibility of limited fundraising activities by certain ministries of First Missionary Church (e.g., Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Missions Teams, etc.), providing that all such events meet the guidelines listed below and do not obscure the primary means of financing God's work. These guidelines are as follows:

1. Fundraising events should take place no more than two times per year.
2. Fundraising events should serve as useful purpose, or provide a useful service or commodity (e.g., no rock-a-thons, etc.)
3. Fundraising events that involve the sale of goods should not be marketed with the church family as the sole target. When church members are contacted, it should be done appropriately, not before, during, or after church services or functions.
4. Fundraising events that do not conform to these guidelines must be approved in advance by the church elders.

Scripture references: Malachi 3:8-10, Luke 21:2, Numbers 18:29, 2 Samuel 24:21-24, Psalm 37:21, 26, Proverbs 3:9-10