

My Giving... Ministry Budget:

December 2011



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| Amount Received in December: | Total Ministry Budget Received in Dec.: | \$221,142.76 |
| Week 1— \$55,237.47 | Total Ministry Budget Needed in Dec.: | <u>\$192,627.00</u> |
| Week 2— \$33,733.58 | “+” or “-” for month: | +\$28,515.76 |
| Week 3— \$58,096.26 | Total Ministry Budget Received YTD: | \$1,100,130.74 |
| Week 4— <u>\$74,075.45</u> | Total Ministry Budget Needed YTD: | <u>\$1,214,007.00</u> |
| TOTAL \$221,142.76 | “+” or “-” for year: | -113,876.26 |

Thank you so much for your generosity in December! Ministry contributions for the four weeks totaled \$221,143, resulting in a surplus for the month of \$28,516. Even with only one combined service on December 25th and the church offices closed the week between Christmas and New Year's, we had phenomenal giving the last week of the year. Thanks to all of you who took advantage of on-line giving, either through our website or through the bill paying capability offered by your own personal bank.

In addition to the amounts reported above and below, our Christmas Eve offering for Feed My Starving Children totaled over \$50,000 (with gifts still rolling in)! This is our largest Christmas Eve offering ever, even surpassing last year's offering of \$32,287. The total amount received to date is \$52,916. At \$.24 per meal, this will allow us to pack over 220,000 meals! That's awesome! We will also need to supply over 1,500 volunteers for this event, so mark your calendars for March 22nd-25th. Be sure to sign up for at least one 2-hour packing slot when registrations become available.

Although December giving was indeed outstanding, it's important to note that we are still behind our budgeted needs for the year by nearly \$114,000. This amount of a variance is crucial to the success of our ministries and operations of the church. We are now half-way through our fiscal year. If you made a My Giving... pledge for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, now would be an excellent time to look and see if you are on track for meeting your annual goal. If you did not make a pledge but would like to do so, please don't hesitate to contact me. It is only through our consistent and sacrificial giving that we can continue to impact lives for Christ in our community and around the world.

If you are not part of a small group where you can learn about and grow closer to Jesus, **NOW IS THE TIME!** Mike Devine, our Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation, is making it easy for you to be a part of something that could make an incredible difference in your life. Visit our website, get plugged in, and be intentional about **GROWING YOUR LIFE** in 2012.

YOUR DECEMBER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT IS ENCLOSED AND SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR TAX PURPOSES. Please review it carefully, and, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 678-684-6001 or email me at julie@sugarloaf.org.



Together We Can Building Fund:

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| Amount Received in December: | \$73,290.25 |
| Amount Received to Date: | \$1,231,939.14 |
| Total Amount Pledged to Date: | \$1,659,772.65 |
| Number of Families Pledged: | 312 |

On Sunday, Feb. 26th, we will have an incredible time of worship and celebration as we wrap up the Together We Can campaign and look forward to what God has in store next for Sugarloaf UMC. It will be a time of sharing all that God has accomplished through this campaign, including the reduction of our loan principal by \$766,750, the financial assistance provided to many of our church families, and the wonderful dreams that have been fulfilled. Please take a close look at your enclosed contribution statement. If you have a pledge balance remaining under the Building Fund column, please consider completing that pledge by February 26th. If that is not possible, we will leave pledges open until the end of our fiscal year on June 30th. If you did not make a TWC pledge, please prayerfully consider giving a special gift to this debt reduction effort on Feb. 26th.