

# Blessed to Be a Blessing

“I will bless you . . . , so that you will be a blessing” (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise; he trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the Savior of the nations. He is the Redeemer of the world. He is the One who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the offering plate, when you set out to serve at the food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

*Board of Stewardship*

## Financial Statement as of May 31, 2017

Income:	\$ 51,049.81
Expenses:	\$ <u>62,590.11</u>
	\$- <b>11,540.30</b>

## January—May 2017

<b>109</b>	Total Baptized Membership
<b>86</b>	Total Confirmed Membership
<b>66</b>	Average Sunday Worship
<b>25</b>	Average Sunday School Attendance
	7 Children & Youth
	18 Adults

