

THE BLESSINGS OF MISSIONS GIVING

MISSIONS SUNDAY, March 1, 2026 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

PHILIPPIANS 4:14-23

English Standard Version (ESV)

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. **15** And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in **giving and receiving**, except you only. **16** Even in Thessalonica **you sent me help** for my needs once and again. **17** Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. **18** I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. **19** And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. **20** To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. **22** All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Paul was a scholar, pastor, theologian, but mainly a MISSIONARY.

- The church at Philippi was the first church he planted in Europe.
- He had a wonderful experience with them there (Lydia).
- They supported his missionary journeys for years after he left.
- Now he was in prison in Rome. But they were not ashamed of him.
- They continued to send him financial support and workers to help him.

The LETTER to the PHILIPPIANS:

- It contains MANY loved passages.
- It is often called the 'Letter of Encouragement'
- They had much persecution and economic hardship.
- Yet they were passionate about MISSIONS GIVING.

THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH WAS A MISSION GIVING CHURCH!

They supported missions in Corinth.

2 Corinthians 11:7-9

They supported missions in Thessalonica.

Philippians 4:16,18

They supported missions in Rome.

Philippians 2:25-30; 4:18

1. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES THE MISSIONARY. vs 10, 14 & 18

10 *I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.*

14 *Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.*

- When you give to missions, you step into the trench with the missionary.
- Your gift may never preach a sermon — but it strengthens the one who does.
- Missions giving is how a church refuses to abandon those on the front lines.

2. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES THE GIVER. vs. 19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

ACTS 20:35 Paul speaks to the elders at Ephesus.

...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

- God is no man's debtor. He doesn't owe anyone anything.
- When His people invest in His mission, He promises not luxury — but sufficiency. Not indulgence — but provision. Not earthly riches — but riches “in glory in Christ Jesus.”
- The safest place to put your resources is in the hands of a missionary God.
- You never impoverish yourself by giving to what fills the heart of God; He knows how to care for your needs and reward your sacrifice.

3. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES THOSE WITHOUT CHRIST. vs. 17, 21-22

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

vs. 21-22

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

- The Philippians gave coins in Macedonia — and pagans were becoming Christians in Caesar's palace. Most Philippians probably never saw Rome. But heaven did. Missions giving turns earthly dollars into eternal souls.
- One day in glory, someone may walk up to you and say, ***“You don't know me — but you gave. And because you gave, I heard.”***

4. MISSIONS GIVING BLESSES GOD. vs. 18

I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

- When you give to missions, you are not merely funding a trip — you are offering worship.
God receives it as a fragrant offering. (See Leviticus 1:3-9)
Missions giving rises beyond budgets and becomes doxology.
It is money turned into worship.
- The highest blessing of missions giving is this — God is pleased.

SUMMARY – RECAP:

- Missions giving blesses the **MISSIONARY**.
- Missions giving blesses the **GIVER**.
- Missions giving blesses **THOSE WITHOUT CHRIST**.
- Missions giving blesses **our missionary GOD**.

Our **MISSIONS SUNDAY PICNIC and AUCTION** –
this is not mere fundraising.

But rather...

This is fellowship and partnership in the gospel.
This is worship.
This is eternal investment.

The Philippian church was **not** wealthy.

They were persecuted.

They were pressured.

But they were passionate about sending the gospel forward.

May it be said of us —

Sheridan Hills Baptist Church is a missions-giving church.