



THE CAUSE

GLENDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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THE CAUSE is about making a difference. Its purpose is to help us take the next step at Glendale for the kingdom. It is designed to help us better love and reach people. It is doing something powerful together. Our theme verse for *The Cause* is Ephesians 5:1-2, which reminds us to: “Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

The Cause is made up of generations of people with different backgrounds but with a common future. *The Cause* is compassionate and passionate. It reaches out, builds and connects. It is praising, showing, helping and loving people, loving Jesus. *The Cause* will have an eternal effect. *The Cause* is Christ. *The Cause* starts at the cross. *The Cause* hopes for heaven. This brochure is to help you see the vision of *The Cause*. ◆

THE  EFFECT of *The Cause* is to connect more people with Christ. We are passionate about *The Cause* because we are passionate about people. We want to do everything we can to reach people and share God's love with them. *The Cause* will increase our ministry outreach and effectiveness. Some of those ways are by having our part-time children's minister become full-time, adding a part-time minister for the senior members of Glendale and a part-time minister for our growing college-age group and young couples. *The Cause* includes a special missions outreach. It is also about creating a warmer welcome in our gathering spaces and a more inviting worship space for our children. It is about fixing our auditorium lighting and upgrading our audio video equipment. As we grow and expand in ministry, we want to place equal emphasis on matching dollars spent on ministry to dollars used to reduce the current debt on our building. 



THE  EFFECT



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The Cause Includes:

1. Full-Time Children's Minister
2. Part-Time Seniors' Minister and Part-Time College-Age Minister
3. Special Missions Projects
4. Children's Worship Space
5. Auditorium Lighting and Audio Video Upgrades
6. Refurbish Gathering Spaces for a Warmer Welcome
7. Reduce the Debt



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Honduras Orphanage Project

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- We want to invest in the future by increasing our ministry to children and families
- We have an opportunity to impact our community through ministry expansion
- The gospel message and God's love needs to be sent to people around the world
- By updating our current worship center's audio, video and lighting, we can more effectively minister to people
- We want to meet the increasing needs of our growing college ministry
- We want to expand ministry opportunities through our seniors
- We want our gathering spaces to be more effectively used by providing a warm and welcoming area for people
- By reducing debt, we can release money to ministry

A smiling woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a red coat, stands next to railroad tracks. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a warm atmosphere. The railroad tracks run diagonally across the lower half of the image.

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COMMIT TO THE CAUSE

I AM SO GLAD to be part of a church that has a heart for people. Each and every day I am amazed at how God responds when we step out in faith to do something big for His kingdom. Each week I look at the ministry that happens at Glendale and I stand in awe of what God is doing. Then I ask myself: "What is next?"

Envision the many lives that could be impacted as we expand and secure the ministry of Glendale!

Picture hundreds of people throughout the Springfield area being so excited about Jesus that they race from the church building each week to show their friends, neighbors, acquaintances and even strangers how to *love and equip people to be like Jesus*.

Dream about the day when even more children and young people can learn about Jesus and ways to make Him the foundation of their lives through the expanding impact of our children's and youth ministries, Gloria Deo Academy, Kids Korner Preschool and Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS).

Imagine hundreds of college students who would rather seek God and *love people to be like Jesus* than go down paths of sin and destruction.

Visualize the impact the Lord can make through a church like Glendale by influencing businesses, schools, government, the poor, needy and the unsaved as we *love people to be like Jesus*.

God has big plans for Glendale! We hope you will join *The Cause* and commit with us to a new season of ministry for Him.

Saved to serve,

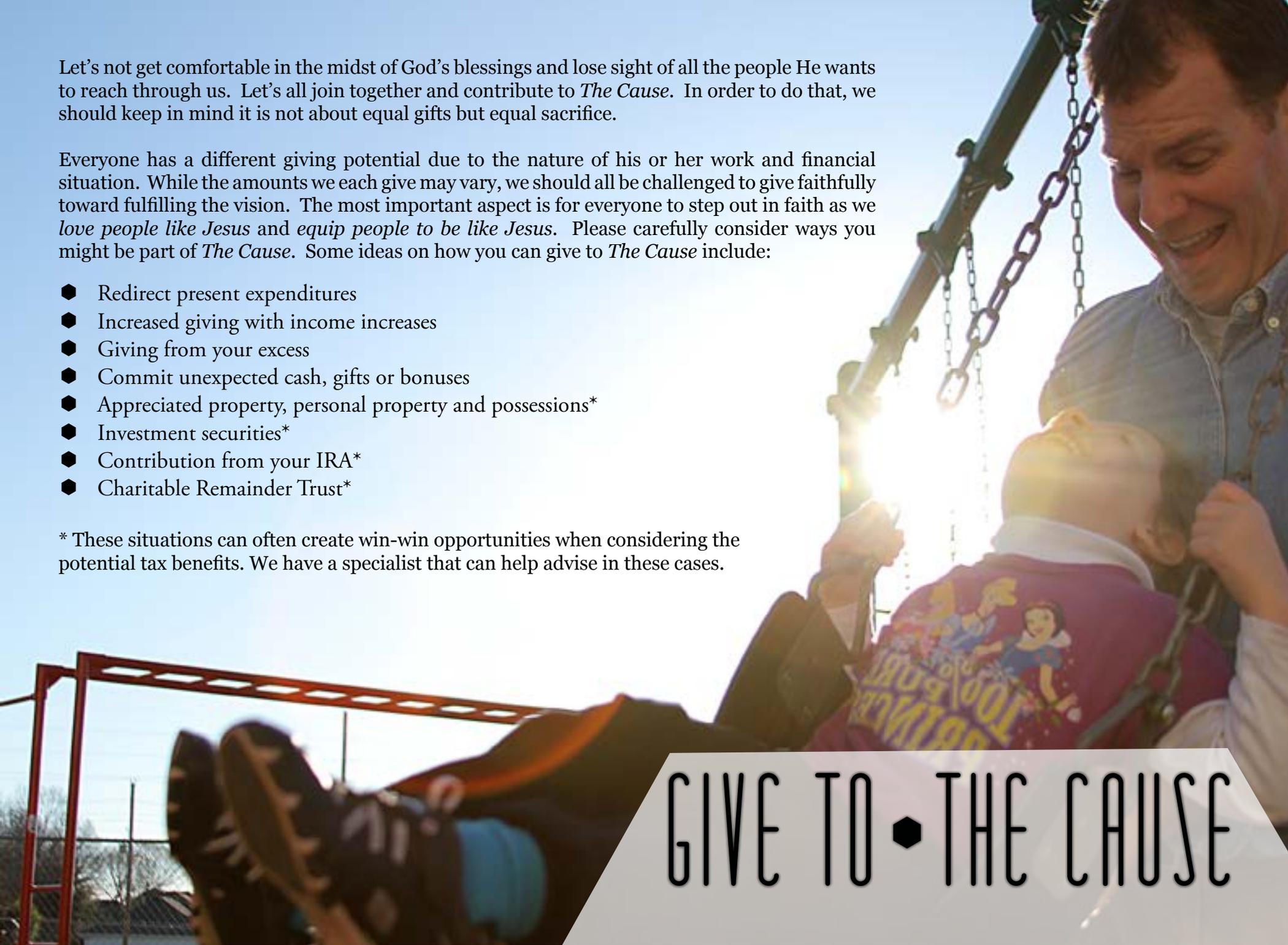
Seth R. Wortman
Senior Minister

Let's not get comfortable in the midst of God's blessings and lose sight of all the people He wants to reach through us. Let's all join together and contribute to *The Cause*. In order to do that, we should keep in mind it is not about equal gifts but equal sacrifice.

Everyone has a different giving potential due to the nature of his or her work and financial situation. While the amounts we each give may vary, we should all be challenged to give faithfully toward fulfilling the vision. The most important aspect is for everyone to step out in faith as we *love people like Jesus* and *equip people to be like Jesus*. Please carefully consider ways you might be part of *The Cause*. Some ideas on how you can give to *The Cause* include:

- ◆ Redirect present expenditures
- ◆ Increased giving with income increases
- ◆ Giving from your excess
- ◆ Commit unexpected cash, gifts or bonuses
- ◆ Appreciated property, personal property and possessions*
- ◆ Investment securities*
- ◆ Contribution from your IRA*
- ◆ Charitable Remainder Trust*

* These situations can often create win-win opportunities when considering the potential tax benefits. We have a specialist that can help advise in these cases.



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