

***“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”***

Psalm 9:1

We at Church of the Big Wood give thanks because ...

Worship attendance (Sept. 2022 - Sept. 2023) continues to increase - up 24% from 2022 - on top of the 49% increase from the year before!

Involvement of families with children/youth (Sept. 2022 - Sept. 2023) also continues to increase - up 21% from 2022 - on top of a 74% increase from the year before!

Adult small groups are thriving, with 13 different groups meeting this fall, at least 10 of which are planning on meeting on an ongoing basis.

Youth Ministry is seeing an increased number of students involved, not only on Sunday evenings, but especially in our after-school Common's outreach as well.

We were able to celebrate **two adult baptisms** this past year!

Our Preschool is at maximum capacity, with almost 100 children enrolled!

We raised over \$125,000 in our Heating and Air Conditioning capital campaign!

Our Agape fund has given approximately \$40,000 to those in need in our community.

Over \$80,000 will be given to **our church's mission causes** here and worldwide.

Special building projects

- Roof repair - finished
- HVAC System Replacement in Process

In response ...

The Bible talks about “a tithe” (for instance, Mal 3:10) as a standard of giving – the setting aside of a percentage (10%) to support the Lord's work. While we at Church of the Big Wood do not take this standard legalistically, we recognize that Jesus not only affirmed this principle, but taught that all we have comes from God and belongs to Him.

Please take some time to prayerfully ask God for His guidance on your giving for the rest of 2023 and for 2024. When you have settled the matter with the Lord, we'd encourage you to record your commitment below for your own records.

After prayerful consideration, I/we

are able to give \$ _____ to the 2023 Budget

and/or to pledge \$ _____ per week/month/year to 2024 Budget

Please keep for your own records