

A Year-Round Stewardship Strategy

Month	Specific Tactics	Ongoing Strategy
January	Leadership Retreat: Leading Sacrifice	<p>Highlight a volunteer or service team for prayer in every worship service.</p> <p>Celebrate a small group opportunity for spiritual growth in every worship service.</p>
February	Strategic Planning Retreat: Stewardship Strategies	
March	Keynote Speaker on Christian Financial Management	
April	Seminars for Debt-Relief and Tithing	
May	Mission Fund-Raising Campaign: Tithing Tax Refunds	
May	Mission Opportunity Fair: Volunteer Service	
	Stewardship Team Planning Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall campaign dates; • Consecration Sunday date; • Stewardship Banquet date; • Small group gatherings schedule 	
June	<i>Mission Mover</i> Dinner for Top Givers: Appreciation and Future Plans	<p>Stewardship Team Planning: Prepare newsletter articles and “tithing testimonies”;</p> <p>Develop sermon themes and resources;</p> <p>Prepare mailings and other handouts;</p> <p>Send invitations & arrange for small group leaders;</p>
	Summer Meditation Resource on Spiritual Life and Service	
July - August	Special Celebration Services to boost attendance	
September	<i>Mission Mover</i> Dinner for Volunteers: Appreciation and Future Plans	<p>Posters and Images</p> <p>Newsletters Articles</p> <p>Lay Witness in Worship</p>
	Training for Small Group Leaders and Visiting Teams	
October	<i>Mission Mover</i> Dinner for Lay Leaders, Board and Staff for advanced pledging	<p>Preaching Options:</p> <p>Mark 10:17-28 “Lo, we have left everything and followed you!”</p> <p>1 Kings 17: 7-16 “Fear not! The food will not fail!”</p> <p>Luke 12:14-48 “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also!”</p> <p>Mat. 25:14-30 “Faithful over a little ... trusted with a lot”</p> <p>Romans 8:18-39 “Called According to His purpose”</p> <p>Preach to the “heart of the matter”: lives aligned to God’s purpose;</p>
	Finalize mission-driven budget: 10-25% higher than income from last year	
	Small Groups (3 for every 100 worshippers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-3 Sessions • Discussion of program and mission • Discussion of Stewardship preaching 	
	Begin every member visitation with teams of two: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share vision; • Share personal joy in the church; • Share benchmark set by leaders; • Share plan and budget; • Share giving options; • Share prayer; 	
November	Consecration Sunday: Major Celebration	Preach to the felt need for freedom: lives liberated from “lenders” and “masters”;
December	Stewardship Team Planning Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Thank You and Reminders • Prepare training and planning retreats • Never print deficits in the bulletin (only generosity) • Plan any extra fund raising tactic 	<p>Preach to the opportunity for mission: lives called to bless others;</p> <p>Preach to the discipline of lifestyle: lives shaped around God’s Word</p>