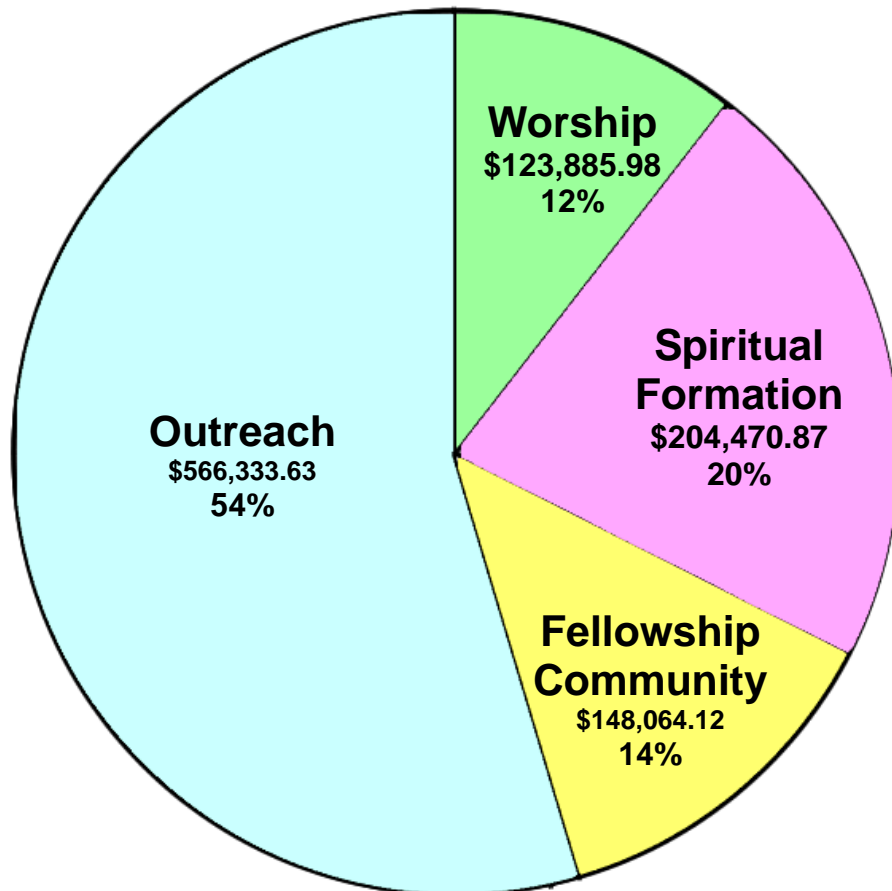


# To The Praise of God's Glorious Grace



Loving God, Loving People to the Praise of God's Glorious Grace!

Here is the big picture of how Skyline has used the funds provided by God through His people, to the glory of God in 2006



## Administering to Honor

*The offering, "which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself..." 2 Corinthians 8:19*

### **On the one hand . . .**

From the beginning giving has been a method of one showing respect for another. You see it first in the account of Cain and Abel. Abraham showed Melchizedek the honor of a tenth of everything that he had to recognize the glory and power of the King.

There is a sense in which what Melchizedek did with the money was not important. In this sense what God does with the gifts that His worshipers give Him is not important to the giver. The gift is to be given from the heart with the purpose of honoring God, not with the purpose of making something happen that the giver desires.

The Israelites were instructed to give to God by burning the best that they had. This would be equal to us giving cash and burning it at the front of the auditorium as a pleasing gift to God. All sacrifice, no return.

God loves a cheerful giver who has determined in advance his gift. The Church leadership then uses that money to glorify God. The benefit to giving is the honor

to God in the gift.

*"I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God." Philippians 4:18-19*

### **On the other hand . . .**

We read in 2 Corinthians 8:16-21 how the early church went to great lengths to honor God with the administration of the offering. In other words, they believed they were honoring God by carefully handling the money with which they were entrusted. In this sense it did matter how the money was used.

They not only wanted to handle it in a way that was right in the eyes of the Lord, they also wanted to handle it in a way that was right in the eyes of men.

Likewise, the leadership of the Skyline Church of Christ seeks to administer the gifts given to God by members of this church in a way that honors the Lord himself. The funds are to be used to further our mission of loving God and loving people to the praise of God's glorious grace. In this brochure is a summary of how Skyline has used the funds provided by God through His people, to the glory of God in 2006.

# Loving God

## Worship

**\$123,885.98**

Training for Worship, Bible Land, worship supplies, music licensing, music ministry, communion preparation, baptismal supplies, audio-visual resources, displays, audio tape ministry, special speakers, administration, staff, and campus



## Spiritual Formation

**\$204,470.87**

CORE Groups, Spiritual Might Night, education needs for all ages (adults, college, youth, and children), women's ministry, men's ministry, retreats and special speakers for all groups (adults, college students, youth, and children), counseling and counseling resources, church library, Dynamic Marriage, Bible classes and curriculum, leadership training, administration, staff, and campus



# Loving People

## Fellowship Community

**\$148,064.121**

Benevolence gifts to Skyline members, fellowship activities for all ages (adults, singles, college students, youth, and children), July 4<sup>th</sup> church family celebration, Souper Bowl Sunday, Cider Sunday, church family directory, *Skyline Family Life* newsletter, Trailblazers, health care ministry, flowers, administration, staff, and campus



## Outreach

**\$566,333.63**

Life on Purpose, jail ministry, deaf ministry, Dorcas Day, Operation Bookbag, Women's Care Center, Darien Medical Missions, Australia missions, Mexico missions, China missions, Romanian milk money, West Tennessee Children's Home, AGAPE, Breakfast With Santa, World Bible School, UTM Christian Student Center, Relay for Life, RIFA, Community Soup Kitchen, Skyline's host home, LifeLine C.A.S.A., benevolence gifts to community members, Vacation Bible School, Way of Life, local television programs, brochures, advertising, church website, administration, staff, and campus

