



Faithful, Joyful Giving

The Stewardship Committee has prepared the enclosed brochure that reflects on financial Stewardship and how it allows us to actively follow God's vision for Briarwood.

As we enter a New Year, there is so much for us to celebrate and be thankful for at Briarwood. In our conversations, we hear of spiritual growth, a community of friends and neighbors worshiping in a place of acceptance and love. We are grateful to have such dedicated staff and volunteers who share their time and talents both within the Briarwood community and in mission on behalf of Briarwood. God surely is blessing us with his grace!

This brochure highlights the variety of ways that your generosity in financial stewardship of our Briarwood community allows Briarwood to thrive and also enables us to reach beyond our walls and our congregation to those in need locally and around the world.

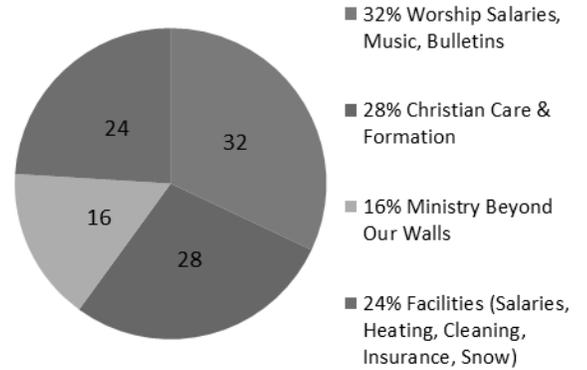
As we look ahead to 2014, to the possibilities that it brings and the funds that will be needed, we estimate that about \$233,000 will be required to support our 2014 programs. We hope to achieve this ambitious goal by celebrating our ability to meet so many needs so effectively.

So what can you do? **READ** the brochure, and the chart on the back of this letter that shows possible levels of weekly giving and associated income tax credits. **PRAY** on what God is calling you to commit, and how much you can offer for Briarwood's work? **CONSIDER** the various ways of giving including Pre-Arranged Remittances. We've enclosed the form, for your convenience! This saves worry about your weekly offering and ensures regular offerings throughout the year, making life easier for our Treasurer. You can change the amount at any time.

A warm and heartfelt "Happy New Year" from Briarwood's Stewardship Committee.

2014 Budget Snapshot

In 2014, our budget is estimated to be over \$233,000. Your gifts will be used to support the following needs of our congregation.



We thank God for the generosity of the Briarwood family.

Briarwood Special Funds

Micah Fund of \$35,000 to support Christian growth of youth and young adults.

Elisha Fund of \$100,000 to be loaned to new ministers to enable them to purchase a home in the neighborhood.

Naomi Fund of \$38,000 to support children and youth ministry.

Memorial Fund for special projects of lasting value.

God's grace touches our hearts and lives – as we grow into the image of the Greatest Giver of all.



Weekly Giving Proportionate to Income, and Estimated Annual Tax Credits

To assist you in your decision, the following weekly giving chart provides examples to consider and clarifies what the cost per week and estimated annual tax credit would be for different percentages of annual income.

Weekly Giving Proportionate to Income, and Estimated Tax Credits¹

Annual Income	10% Tithe		7%		5%		3%	
	Weekly Offering	Tax Credit						
\$25,000	\$48	\$1,287	\$34	\$901	\$24	\$625	\$14	\$350
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\$75,000	\$144	\$3,933	\$101	\$2,748	\$72	\$1,948	\$43	\$1,149
\$100,000	\$192	\$5,256	\$135	\$3,685	\$96	\$2,610	\$58	\$1,562
\$150,000	\$288	\$7,901	\$202	\$5,531	\$144	\$3,933	\$87	\$2,362

¹ Calculations of tax credit based on 2012 formulas, as follows.

Provincial tax credit of 20% on first \$200 donation and 24% on balance of donation.

Federal tax credit of 15% on first \$200 donation and 29% of balance of donation.