

Heart For The House

Local Missions – We **serve** the **practical needs** of the people of our cities so that they in turn would **open their hearts** to God.

The New Orleans Mission – Homeless Ministry
Crossroads Nola – Foster Care
Thrive – Community Development & Reconciliation
Firstline Schools – Langston Hughes Academy

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your **good deeds** and **glorify** your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16 NIV*

National Missions – We invest in launching **new churches** and strengthening **existing churches** so that they in turn can **reach the world**.

ARC – Church Planting – 57 in 2020
Convoy Of Hope – Meal Provision
Highlands College – Leadership Development
Grow Initiative – Helping existing churches grow.

*“So the **churches were strengthened** in the faith and **grew daily** in numbers.” Acts 16:5 NIV*

International Missions – We focus on **strategic missions** so that every person in the world has the **opportunity** to hear the **Good News**.

A21 – Ending Slavery
Children’s Cup – Feeding children
Domino Foundation – Community Development & Reconciliation
Missionaries & Churches – Israel, Indonesia & Nepal

*“He said to them, “Go into **all the world** and **preach the gospel** to **all creation**.” Mark 16:15 NIV*

One Hope Church – We are building a **life-giving local church** across our region so that people can know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and **make a difference**.

Sharing the Gospel – Services, Small Groups, Next Steps, & Serve Teams
Serve Saturdays – Community projects
Benevolence – Helping those in need.
Building – Finding a permanent home.

*“I will **build my church**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:18 NIV*

When you **tithe, give** and **serve**; you are saying, I have a heart for this house and our mission.

When you give **through** your **local church** rather than **around it** you have a greater return on investment.

*"Bring all the **tithes** into the **storehouse** so there will be enough food in my **Temple**. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" Malachi 3:10 NLT*

*It was **by faith** that Abel brought a **more acceptable offering** to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his **gifts**. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith." Hebrews 11:3-4 NLT*

1. Emotional Giving

*"I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against **sob stories** and **arm-twisting**." 2 Corinthians 9:7 MSG*

2. Gift of Giving

*"In his grace, **God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well**. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. **If it is giving, give generously**. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, **do it gladly**." Romans 12:6-8 NLT*

3. Principled Giving

*"Each of you should give what you have **decided in your heart to give**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**." 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV*

✓ First fruits tithing

*"The purpose of **tithing** is to teach you to always put God in **first place** in your life." Deuteronomy 14:23 LB*

✓ Offerings

*"I know how **eager you are to help**, and I have been boasting to the churches in Macedonia that you in Greece were **ready to send an offering** a year ago. In fact, it was your **enthusiasm** that stirred up many of the Macedonian believers to begin **giving**." 2 Corinthians 9:1b-2 NLT*

✓ Sowing & reaping

*"Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a **small crop**. But the one who plants generously will get a **generous crop**... For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then **produce a great harvest** of generosity in you." 2 Corinthians 9:6, 10 NLT*