

The Purpose of this Offering

EBC is passionate about the reality that we can accomplish more together! God has designed us to be most effective when we join forces to carry out our mission. Each year, we take the time to encourage our church family to prayerfully consider and generously give to the ministry initiatives that we believe God is using to make a difference in our city and around the world through the Gospel. Every dollar contributed to this offering is dedicated to healing brokenness, bringing light to the shadows, and strengthening families as we pursue our goal of seeing homes transformed by the message of Jesus Christ. God has been incredibly faithful and generous to His people and His church this past year, and we are confident that He will continue to provide abundantly in the future. This special offering is directed towards four key initiatives:

Compassion Ministry: \$15,000.

EBC is widely recognized in the community as a nurturing and caring environment. Each year, the Pastoral Care Office focuses on meeting the physical needs of the most vulnerable individuals. Every connection and act of support is grounded in the gospel message. Those we serve not only learn about Christ's love and concern for them but also see it reflected in our efforts to address needs within our church family and the larger community.

Strategic Partnerships: \$38,500.

EBC is dedicated to supporting gospel-centered ministries that are already making a difference in various communities by providing vital resources for their missions. Our partners are actively involved in protecting the unborn, supporting orphans, and facilitating foster and adoptive care, while also translating and disseminating the Scriptures in hard-to-reach areas. In addition, King's Academy is flourishing, bringing the Gospel into the educational sphere with a strong Christian foundation. As more families seek enrollment, we are determined to make sure that financial barriers do not keep any child from accessing quality education. In addition, Lifewise Nash County is making inroads into our public schools providing Biblical teaching during the school day to public school students.

Church Planting and Revitalization: \$64,000.

Establishing new and revitalized congregations is a dynamic way to influence communities with the Gospel message. At Englewood, we are committed to planting new churches, creating new ministry hubs, and rejuvenating churches that are facing challenges. We firmly believe that God is raising up a new wave of leaders from the Englewood community to help bring this vision to fruition.

Global Missions: \$62,300.

As our international work continues to flourish, our families in the field have sought particular assistance to better accomplish the mission we've assigned to them. While we provide substantial support through our annual budget, these requests are aimed at specialized projects or further targeted aid for our field personnel.

Beyond:

The generosity of our church family reflects the clear blessings of God as we consistently exceed our goals. Last year, your contributions reached an impressive \$194,338.31, surpassing our target of \$145,000. The additional funds were directed to the City of Refuge Mission Field, where they are helping to establish a community park and a Miracle League baseball field. This year, any funds raised beyond our goal will again support the City of Refuge Mission Field project. Since breaking ground in 2022, this initiative is taking shape, thanks to the incredible generosity of God's people and the goodness of our Lord.