

Generous Community

Loving God, Loving Each Other

“What drew me to St Raphael’s is the importance that the church places on social justice and mission work and including people from other backgrounds. St. Raphael’s has been involved in BUILD, where multiple churches in Lexington all work together for a common goal of social justice for us to have a better community. I appreciate that St Raphael’s has been involved in many different mission projects including a local elementary school, the Nathaniel Mission and Recovery Cafe, and Stonewall Terrace. I believe these efforts are important for the wellness of our community, and I appreciate being a part of a church where mission work is valued and social justice is valued.



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In Mark:10, we read “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God.” All of us have much wealth, you know, especially by the standard of many in the rest of the world. We are so blessed! As stewards and disciples, are we willing to live our lives and use all our gifts to honor God and follow His teachings?



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SIX STAGES OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

Giving is an essential spiritual practice. Like any aspect of being a stronger Christian, giving takes intention and repetition until it is second nature and becomes a habit.

Below are the Six Stages of Christian Giving. Where are you along this path? Pray about what it would take to move to the next stage. Might you be able to do it with God’s help?

- 1 SURVIVAL**
I give a bit when I’m asked, but the church should be there for me if I need it (hopefully I won’t)!
- 2 SUPERMARKET**
I’m happy to pay towards the cost of the bits of the church that I want and enjoy. I’m a customer.
- 3 SUPPORT**
The work of the church is important so I’ll support it. I have a need to belong.
- 4 SUBSCRIPTION**
I see myself as a member and I want to contribute my fair share of the costs.
- 5 SUBMISSION**
As a disciple I should put God first in my life. My giving responds to God and not just the needs of the church.
- 6 SACRIFICE**
My Christian calling is to be Christ-like and so naturally I give joyfully and sacrificially – following Christ.

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