



## WHAT GOD HAS TAUGHT US

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*“Be careful to never forget what you have seen God doing for you. May his miracles have deep and permanent effect upon your lives! Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles he did.”*  
(Deuteronomy 4.9)

*“Remember what you’ve learned about the Lord through your experiences with him.”*  
(Deuteronomy 11.2)

## WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

### I. ABOUT GOD:

#### 1. God Is In Control

*“You are the God of miracles and wonders! You still demonstrate your awesome power.”* (Psalm 77.14)

*“In this way each generation has been able to. . .set its hope anew on God and not forget his glorious works.”*  
(Psalm 78.8)

#### 2. We Cannot Out-give God

*“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. . . God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others.”* (2 Corinthians 9.6,8)

### II. ABOUT OURSELVES:

#### 1. We Grow Through Making And keeping Commitments.

*“The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”*  
(2 Chronicles 16.9)

*“Faith by itself, if it not accompanied by action, is dead.”*  
(James 2.17)

#### 2. It Feels Good to Give

*“There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.”*  
(Acts 20.35)

*“Their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving.”*  
(2 Corinthians 8.2)

### III. ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

#### 1. Our Church Is a Highly Committed Church.

*“They gave as much as they could, and even more than they could. Of their own free will they pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God’s people. They gave more than we could have hoped for.”* (2 Corinthians 8.3-5)

*“You people are leaders in so many ways - - you have so much. . . faith, so many good preachers, so much learning, so much enthusiasm, so much love for us. Now I want you to be leaders also in the spirit of cheerful giving.”*  
(2 Corinthians 8.7)

#### 2. This Is a Loving and United Family

*“If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where*

*two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.*

(Matthew 18.19-20)

*“The Lord Said, ‘If as one people, speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. (Genesis 11.6)*

### **WHAT NOW?**

*“Having started the ball rolling so enthusiastically, you should carry this project through to completion just as gladly, giving whatever you can out of whatever you have. Let your enthusiastic idea at the start be equaled by your realistic action now. (2 Corinthians 8.11)*