

**Dear Sierra Bible Church Family,**

Welcome to our end-of-year giving letter, structured in three parts: **Celebration**, **Motivation**, and **The Ask**. Even if you are unable to give financially at this time, I invite you to read ahead because God has been unmistakably faithful to us, and humbly through us, throughout 2025.

## **CELEBRATION**

This year has been marked by a fresh sense of God's presence and provision. Here are a few of the highlights: Our Youth Building opened—and God filled it. We planned baptisms—and God drew more than 75 people to publicly declare their faith. We stepped into ministry presence in Jamestown—and God continues to open doors. Week after week, in the ordinary rhythms of ministry and the extraordinary generosity of God's Spirit, God is writing His story of love, grace, and generosity through Sierra Bible Church. [Click here](#) to see a quick overview of ministry highlights from 2025:

### **One Story:**

On a Sunday afternoon, a message came through: a newborn from our church family had suffered a traumatic birth and was being rushed from Sonora to the NICU in Merced. The early medical reports were grim. But prayer never is. Our church prayed. Nurses prayed. Heaven was petitioned.

Fast-forward a month to pure, unexpected joy: one of the nurses who stood in the delivery room found herself walking past that same mom and baby in our church lobby—alive, healthy, smiling. A tiny miracle wrapped in a mother's arms. **God is good.**

## **MOTIVATION**

One of my favorite pictures of generosity is found in Luke 19, in the story of Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus runs ahead and climbs a tree simply to "see" Jesus. But Luke reveals that when Jesus arrives at that very tree, Jesus is the one who "sees" Zacchaeus. The word Luke uses is a special fusion of two Greek words—one that speaks of **heaven and earth meeting, God initiating, and human faith responding**.

### **This is our story.**

Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus. But found that Jesus was already looking for him. A sinner welcomed by a Savior. A shared table. A heart awakened. And Zacchaeus jumps to his feet—changed—and proclaims a faith that shows itself in **unreasonable generosity**.

When the love of Christ sees us, when grace finds us, when Jesus calls us by name... Giving stops being an obligation. It becomes worship.

## **THANK YOU**

Your partnership in the mission of Jesus means more than words can say. May we continue to be a church that runs to see Jesus... and lives with the wonder that **He sees us first—loves us, saves us, and sends us**. We love the privilege of life together and we eagerly look forward to what God will do in 2026!

**Gratefully,**  
**Pastor Nate Levering**

## THE ASK

As we close 2025, would you prayerfully consider a gift to our **General Budget Fund**? This “essentials” fund fuels our mission day-in and day-out: local and global missions, ministry costs, facilities and staffing.

Because of God’s amazing growth in Student Ministry, we stepped out in faith and hired a Junior High Lead—a strategic investment that is already bearing fruit. Your gift to the General Budget helps fund this and many other current needs.

### Additional Mission-Advancing Projects

If you feel led to give above and beyond, here are several opportunities that move our mission forward in meaningful ways:

- ☐ **Youth Building Fund - \$80,000.** This finishes our “Paid in Full” goal when combined with current pledges.
- ☐ **Video Presentation Wall - \$30,000.** We currently have a matching fund of up to \$15,000 to help us upgrade our Worship Center with improved visibility and clarity.
- ☐ **Kids Building Upgrade - \$31,000.** Our 20-year-old children’s facility needs a refresh to enhance hospitality, safety, and discipleship.
  - Entry remodel for better welcome and ministry flow (\$15,000)
  - Indoor/outdoor lighting upgrades (\$6,000)
  - Replacement of broken video projectors (\$5,000)
- ☐ **Campus Signage Upgrade - \$30,000.** Help us clearly guide guests, orient new families, and highlight mission-defining spaces across our campus.