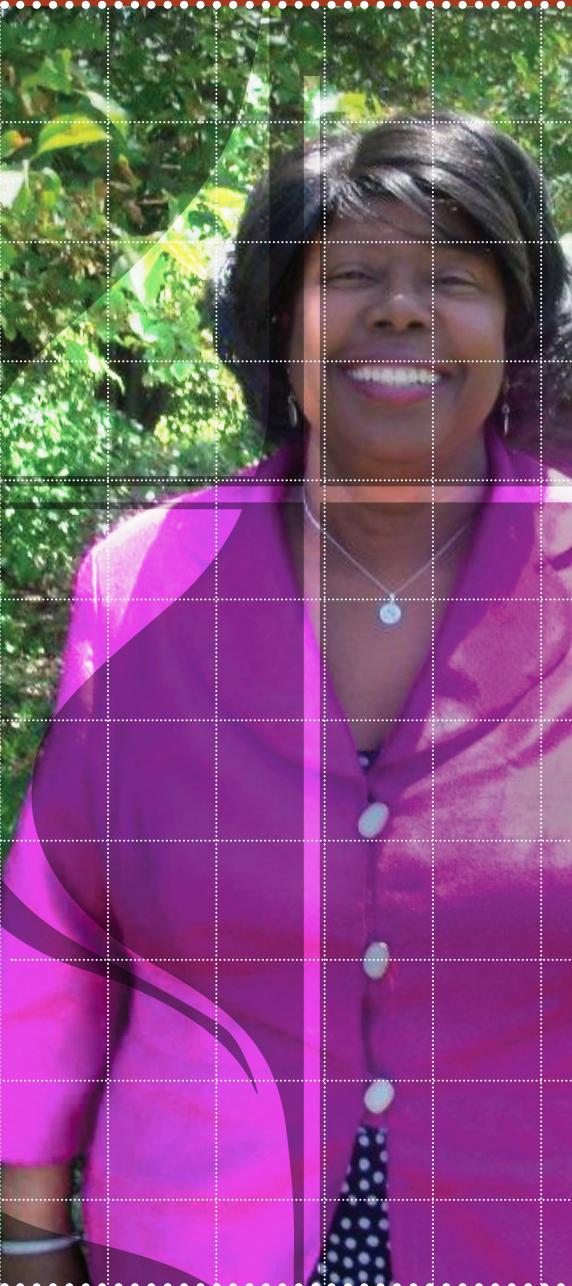


WHY WE GIVE



“Giving is from the heart. Your first fruits go to God. When I was laid off from my job from June 2002 until September 2003, I never missed a Sunday of tithing. I had been taught to have faith that what you give will be returned to you double. That’s not why I tithe. I tithe to support my church; that is, the administrative side and any outreach efforts. My giving has never caused me to go without; and yes, there were times it was returned many times over.

“One of my favorite Scriptures, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (TNIV) says ‘Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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.’ I also have this knack for motivating others to give. It is a wonderful feeling to watch your small contribution multiply when others join in. Together we can.” –Audrey Dowlen, Banks Chapel United Methodist Church, Springfield, Tenn.

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