



Your tithes, gifts and donations fund every ministry, activity and event that happens at First Melissa. **Your faithful generosity** enables ministry that **changes lives for eternity** and **brings glory to God!** Thank you for being a part of the First Melissa family and helping us to make disciples of Jesus Christ in our communities, our nation and around the world.

**THANK
YOU!**

Praise the name of Messiah Jesus,
Pastor Trey Graham
Senior Pastor



**YOUR CONTINUED
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We have continued to experience the blessings of the Lord throughout 2021! As a church family, together we have continued to walk in obedience to God's calling and direction. As a result, we have continued to enjoy the blessings of the Lord. As you've heard me say, "blessing follows obedience."

Over the past calendar year, we have been especially blessed by many new families joining First Melissa as new members, numerous new public professions of faith through believer's baptism, a growing and spiritually maturing body of believers. Our church takes our mission of being disciples who make disciples seriously, and more than \$225,000 was tithed as a church to support global, national and local missionaries and ministries who proclaim the name of Jesus in spreading the gospel of Christ!

We invite you to **help us finish 2021 strong by maximizing your year-end giving!** Your gift by December 31, 2021, can create a significant tax advantage for you and will help support the bold teaching and spread of God's Word through the many ministries of First Melissa. Together we spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and confront the culture with God's life-saving truth. As a result, lives are changed and society is impacted through our dynamic ministry together.

With the end of the year just around the corner, thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to leverage your God-given resources to make an even greater impact for the gospel.

- Gifts from retirement plan accounts: Required minimum distributions (RMDs) from traditional, SIMPLE and SEP IRAs are good sources of donation funds for those over 70½ years of age.
- If your retirement fund assets have decreased in value, donating from them will help you offset gains made on other investments.
- Donating appreciated assets such as stocks or real estate can save you money on taxes while also helping First Melissa free up more funding for ministry and missions work.
- Cash gifts dated and postmarked by December 31 can generate a tax deduction for those who itemize their returns.

For this year only, you can do the following, which offer unique tax benefits:

- You can take an additional "above-the-line" deduction for charitable gifts made in cash of up to \$300, or \$600 for married couples filing jointly. If you are not itemizing on your 2021 taxes, you can claim this deduction.
- The CARES Act allows you to give more than ever before by taking a charitable deduction (up to 100 percent) for cash donations against your 2021 adjusted gross income for federal tax purposes.

Thank you for making your special donation by giving via whichever means below is most convenient for you:

- By placing your donation in a tithe envelope and dropping into an offering box located in our worship center and foyer during our Sunday and Wednesday services.
- By mailing a check to the church office made payable to First Melissa, 2101 E. Melissa Rd., Melissa, TX 75454.
- Online at firstmelissa.com/give
- Through the First Melissa mobile app, click on the GIVE tab at the bottom right of the screen.
- Through the Venmo app on your mobile device (send payment to mmccombs@firstmelissa.com)
- For gifts of stocks, bonds, cryptocurrency, real estate or other investment assets, please contact Tim Flannery at the church at 972-838-2277 for personalized instruction.

PLEASE REMEMBER: For these gifts to be tax deductible they must be postmarked and /or given before December 31, 2021.