B. Give

The Faith Promise Missionary Offering is system is...

A COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND YOU, TO GIVE REGULARLY TO WORLDWIDE MISSIONS, THAT WHICH THE LORD LEADS YOU TO GIVE BY FAITH.

A "FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY OFFERING" can be defined as:

Faith: This means you are <u>trusting God</u> to provide the money for your commitment.

Promise: This means that if God will do His part in providing the money, <u>you will do your part</u> in giving it back to Him.

Missionary: This means that your <u>designated gift</u> will be used for supporting the missionary program of our church.

Offering: This means you are giving this amount over and above your tithe (10%) and other special offerings, which should be given to support the General Fund.

¹⁰ "'Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,' says the LORD of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.'" Malachi 3:10

Pray for the Lord's guidance in determining the amount of your offering to Missions through Faith Promise. We will receive the commitments at the end of each service. The commitments gathered will allow us to determine the number of missionaries we will be able to support during the upcoming year.

 16 to preach the gospel in the regions beyond..."

II Corinthians 10:15b-16a

MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED Make Heaven Crowded By Sending Pastor Steve Reynolds

Introduction:

A. Do you ever wonder what heaven will be like? One thing we know is that God's ultimate victory culminates with a massive crowd in heaven praising God. And it will include people from every nation, tribe, people and language.

⁹ "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice; saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10

God invites us to join Him in making heaven crowded. Jesus' last command was to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19a). And the Greek word for "nations" (ethnos)) in Jesus' command is exactly the same as the word in Revelation 7:9.

B. But there's a problem, many people are unreached and at the moment there will be some empty sections in heaven. Join us for the Make Heaven Crowded Missions Focus & Teaching Series to draw closer to God and discover what you can do to expand the crowd in heaven.

June 29	Let's Make Heaven Crowded!
July 6	Make Heaven Crowded By Inviting
July 13	Make Heaven Crowded By Caring
July 20	Make Heaven Crowded By Giving
July 27	Make Heaven Crowded By Praying
TODAY	Make Heaven Crowded By Sending
Aug 10	Reaching The Unreached

C. TEXT: Romans 10:9-15

Key Verse: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14

¹⁵ "...but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere,

HOW TO MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED BY SENDING

I. THE MESSAGE (10:9-10):

The powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

- A. The gospel saves.
 - 12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

 Acts 4:12
- B. The gospel transforms.

17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17

II. THE MASSES (10:11-13):

The people groups of the world.

- A. We are to get the gospel to every person.
 - ¹⁵ "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15

- B. We are to get the gospel to all nations.
 - ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." Matthew 28:19a

III. THE MISSIONARIES (10:14):

The proclaimers of Christ.

- A. They are sent out by the local church.
 - ¹ "Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

 ² As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'
 - ³ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:1-3

- B. They are heralds of truth and bearers of the culture.
 - ¹⁹ "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;
 - ²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;
 - ²¹ to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;
 - ²² to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
 - ²³ Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you." I Corinthians 9:19-23

IV. THE MEMBERS (10:15):

The prayer warriors and givers.

A. Pray

- 1. Pray for the missionaries.
 - ²⁵ "Brethren, pray for us." I Thessalonians 5:25
- 2. Pray for more missionaries.
 - ³⁶ "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
 - ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
 - ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'' Matthew 9:36-28