

# Procedures for Support Raising

1. Pray and ask God what you should trust Him for in this area of need.
2. Set up your online giving page.
  - If you are a first year attendee or a disciple, click [here](#).\*
  - If you are a Room Leader, click [here](#).
    - » Once you have clicked on the appropriate link, click "Become a Fundraiser".
    - » After filling out all of the appropriate information, you will have a link available to send out to supporters to donate to your page.
    - » **DO NOT ADD AN END DATE TO YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE, AS IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRE ON THE DATE YOU CHOOSE, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GET IT BACK.**
3. Send a letter out to all the people you want to support you for the summer asking them to help fund your summer long investment to help you walk with God for a lifetime. (Note: **All checks must be made payable to Campus Outreach to be tax-deductible.**) You can direct them to [cobirmingham.org/sbp-financial](http://cobirmingham.org/sbp-financial) if they prefer to donate online.
  - Don't forget to involve your local church or employ other options like a car wash etc. Be creative and involve others in the process.
4. Follow up with your letters with a phone call. Be prepared to answer the following questions. If you are not sure how to answer them, ask your campus staff.
  - What is the Summer Beach Project?
  - Why do you believe it is God's will for you to be on the SBP?
  - Who sponsors the SBP?
  - Who is Campus Outreach?
  - Why do you work a job during the summer?
  - How can someone help you with the opportunity to be a part of the SBP?
  - How will the money be used?
  - Why do you need financial assistance?
  - How can someone make a donation?
5. Write a thank you note to supporter expressing your gratitude for their gift.
6. Have your donors send their gifts directly to the Campus Outreach Birmingham office or give online via direct debit or credit card at [cobirmingham.org/sbp-financial](http://cobirmingham.org/sbp-financial). If donors give you a financial support gift, make sure to in all support shortly after you receive it to the Campus Outreach Birmingham office. **All donations are tax-deductible.**

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### **Things to remember:**

You can only raise support for the cost of Project (up to \$995).

1. If support is given to you above the SBP cost, you can direct it to others on Project.
2. You can keep support given to you above the SBP cost only if the check is made out to you personally, **but that check is not tax-deductible**. It should be made clear to anyone who gives you a check made out to you personally that it is a gift and not a donation.

*It is very important that you handle yourself in a responsible way and excellent manner during this process of raising support. Be a good and faithful steward of others' money! Then your actions and attitude will be a blessing and a ministry to those you talk to. It will also reflect positively on the cause of Christ.*

# Biblical Support Raising<sup>1</sup>

1. What is the Biblical basis for being a non-self-supporting Christian worker?

## **Luke 10:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. <sup>5</sup> "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. <sup>8</sup> "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you.

## **Luke 8:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

## **Numbers 18:21-24**

<sup>21</sup> "I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the Tent of Meeting. <sup>22</sup> From now on the Israelites must not go near the Tent of Meeting, or they will bear the consequences of their sin and will die. <sup>23</sup> It is the Levites who are to do the work at the Tent of Meeting and bear the responsibility for offenses against it. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. They will receive no inheritance among the Israelites. <sup>24</sup> Instead, I give to the Levites as their inheritance the tithes that the Israelites present as an offering to the LORD. That is why I said concerning them: 'They will have no inheritance among the Israelites.'"

## **1 Timothy 5:17-18**

<sup>17</sup> The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. <sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

2. Is there a Biblical precedent for actively "soliciting" or making needs known?

## **Romans 15:24**

<sup>24</sup> I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while.

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures taken from the The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

### **Nehemiah 2:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before; <sup>2</sup> so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, <sup>3</sup> but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" <sup>4</sup> The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, <sup>5</sup> and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it." <sup>6</sup> Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. <sup>7</sup> I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?" <sup>8</sup> And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests.

3. What should someone's attitude before seeking support?

### **Philippians 4:11-13,19**

<sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

<sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

4. What should someone's life be typified by to be a true steward of another's support?

### **Acts 20:33-35**

<sup>33</sup> I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. <sup>35</sup> In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

### **2 Thessalonians 3:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

5. Why should someone give support?

**Deuteronomy 14:27-29**

<sup>27</sup> And do not neglect the Levites living in your towns, for they have no allotment or inheritance of their own. <sup>28</sup> At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, <sup>29</sup> so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

**2 Corinthians 9:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:

*"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

**3 John 5-8**

<sup>5</sup> Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. <sup>6</sup> They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. <sup>7</sup> It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. <sup>8</sup> We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.

6. What does Paul say about support?

**Philippians 4:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

## **2 Corinthians 8:7-8**

*<sup>7</sup> But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. <sup>8</sup> I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.*

7. What is the response to receiving support?

## **2 Corinthians 9:13-15**

*<sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will hold out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*

Other Support Related Passages:

Deuteronomy 8:1.2

Nehemiah 13:10-14

Mark 12:4-44

Luke 22:35,39

2 Corinthians 12:13

Matthew 10:5-15

Luke 9:1-6

Acts 18:3-5

1 Thessalonians 2:9

# SBP Sample Letter

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Holiday,

I hope all is well with your family. Mom and dad continue to give me updates and I'm always encouraged to hear what you guys are doing. I am writing to let some of my friends know about an exciting opportunity I have this summer. I have been selected as one of the 50 students from my campus to participate on a "Summer Beach Project" in Panama City Beach, Florida.

I have really seen the need in my life to develop my relationship with Jesus Christ and Beach Project will help me do that. This year's Project is two weeks of intense Bible training, evangelism, and hard work! This will be a challenging summer for me.

Summer Beach Project is sponsored by Campus Outreach, an international ministry on small college campuses all over the Southeast and is under the supervision of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. I have been involved with the ministry on my campus for these past two years at Samford University and God has used it a lot to help me grow spiritually.

My summer will be more successful with the support of my family and friends. I need support in prayer and finances. The cost of my summer is **\$995**, which covers my room, materials, supplies and a few meals during my stay. It would be a huge help if you would consider sponsoring part of my summer so I can spend more of my time focusing on my spiritual growth and less time worrying about paying the bills! I would like to meet with you and tell you a little more about my summer and how you can be involved in you feel the Lord leading you. Thank you for your interest in me in the past and this summer.

In Christ,

John David