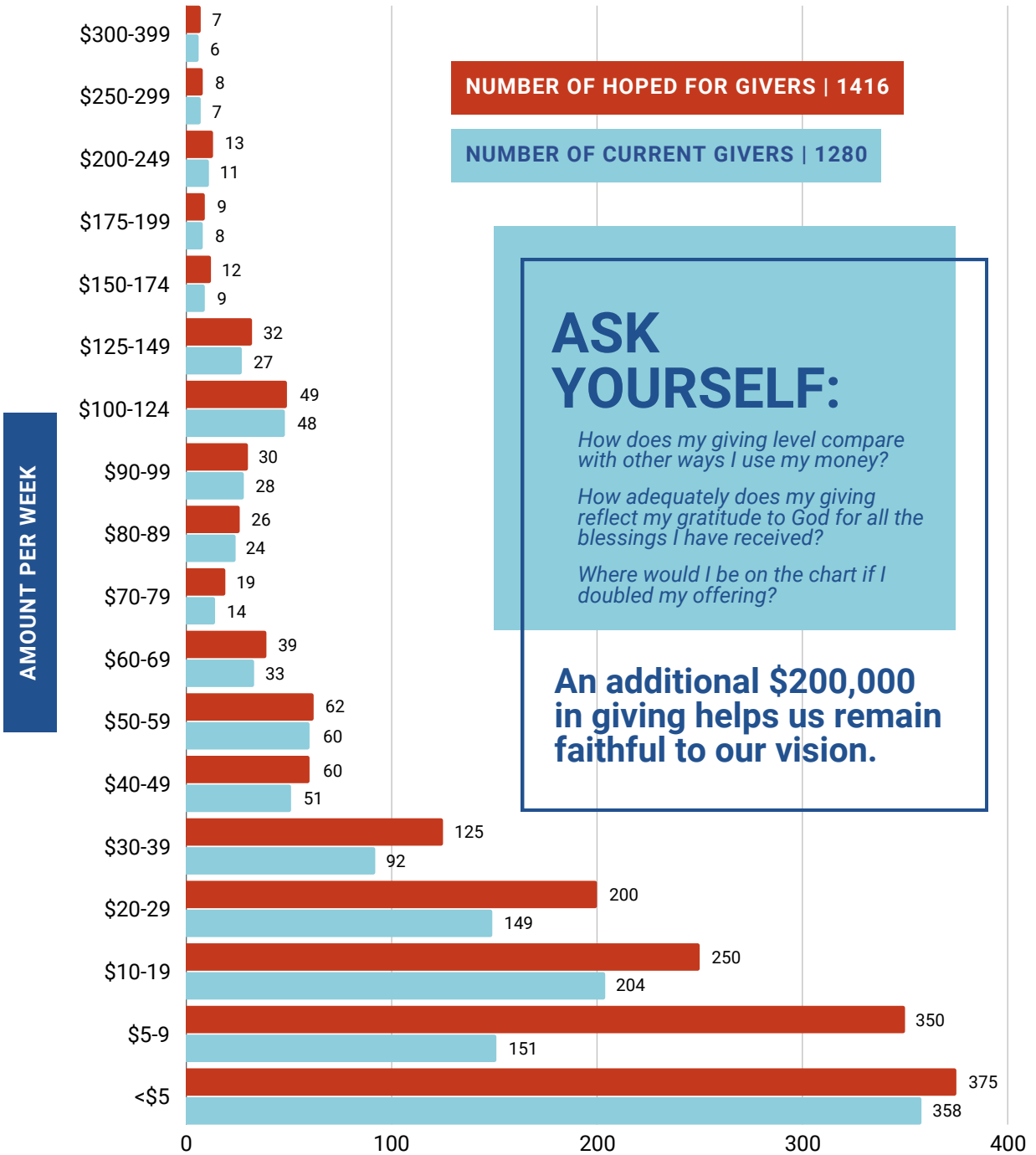


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Here at Shepherd of the Valley, we are growing older and younger. Our founding members are retirees. Our young families are growing. How we live into our ministry has evolved. We are tending to different generational needs so that everyone is able to participate fully in life with SOTV.

We continue to improve and expand the tools our members need to fully participate in worship. We are improving the hearing assistance in the Sanctuary and other worship and programming spaces so those of us who are hard of hearing can independently engage. We are providing worship assistance for families, especially those with younger children, through our new Supported Family Worship Space to help parents fully participate in worship with their little ones. And more.

We know that not all members can worship in person so we are hoping to increase our Visitation Pastor hours. This service expansion would directly support us when we experience a crisis, are homebound, or are facing death or serious illness. This allows us to deepen the compassion so ingrained in who we are as a church.

We have seen a renewed interest in our adult ministries. Some went dormant during the pandemic and it's been exciting to see many come back in the last year. We plan to invest more in adult ministries by adding staff hours to support them. Exciting opportunities are on the horizon.

The hope for *Centered in Christ* is to increase gifts and offerings by at least \$200,000. Pray for a generous response. We invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your offering to God for the coming year. Be ready to make your commitment known. You can submit your Statement of Intent on or before *Investment Weekend*, November 16 & 17, 2024, by placing it in the offering plate during worship or mailing it to the church office. With your help, we can all engage meaningfully in all that SOTV has to offer, regardless of age.