

**February 26, 2022. Local Conference Advance**

## **A Regular Dependable God**

**Appeal:** 1 Kings 17:14

“For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

We choose to give regularly and systematically because of the regularity of God’s care for us. The story of the Shunamite widow’s oil and flour testifies loudly about the God whose compassions never fail and are new every morning. Every single day during these three and half years of famine, there was food on her table. She never missed a single meal. God faithfully realized His promise in response to the widow’s action to provide first for Elijah, the man of God. During these days of scarcity, God’s miracle was as consistent as dawn.

God remains consistent even today. A family had recently settled in a new country and encountered some financial challenges. Their family budget was not balancing. They decided to skim out all superfluous expenses, but that was not enough. It was now time for some drastic decisions; to either cut their giving to the church or not enroll their son in his piano classes. Both decisions would be temporary until their financial condition improved. Prayerfully but painfully, they chose the second option, no piano lessons. A few days later, early in the morning, the wife picked an envelope from their living room floor. The envelope was sealed and had no name written on it. When they opened the envelope, great was their surprise to find money inside! The amount was more than enough for the fee for at least three months of piano lessons. They experienced the consistency of God’s care.

Some life circumstances may tempt us to interrupt our regularity in worshipping God with our resources. If this is our struggle, let us allow God’s faithfulness and regularity to inspire us. This week, in response to God’s consistency, we worship Him with our tithe and regular offerings.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for being the unchanging, eternal God on whom we can depend for our daily sustenance. Help us to reflect Your image of regularity in faithfulness.