



*Preaching Christ
Teaching Discipleship
Reaching Others*

October 22, 2016

Dear First Presbyterian Church Friends,

Paul wrote in 2nd Timothy: "Rekindle the gift of God that is within you ... For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control." — 2 Timothy 1:6-7

God's sharing of powerful love in Jesus Christ prompts all responses of giving and sharing from God's people. Paul's evangelization keys on the privilege of our sharing in life as God in Christ shares freely with us.

On the threshold of our 150th year serving Jesus Christ, we, as FPC-Bryan, go beyond our church's operating costs and share our gifts with others: those in need of groceries, shelter, and infant care items; those in lands far away needing schools for Bible training and packaged meals for nourishment; children and adolescents who need school supplies, clothing, or advocacy and support due to brokenness in home relationships and life-situations; plus efforts to praise God and promote growth in faith and practice as a local community of Christ's disciples. These efforts of outreach, of course, are in addition to worship, Bible study, faith formation and sharing, prayer, and caring fellowship.

It is that time of year where the members and friends of the church are asked for their estimate of financial giving to the church for the upcoming 2017 year. Acts 4:33 states that "great grace was upon them all" through the privilege of sharing. Please be at peace with whatever amount you decide that you (and your household) can give. This is an estimate; the amount you give is between you and God. Life happens; circumstances change; this estimate is not a binding pledge. It is a gift with possibility in which you can share and delight in participating with others to advance Christ's outreach.

Please prayerfully consider what you will gladly share through First Presbyterian Church. Please submit your estimate of giving card on or before **Stewardship Commitment Sunday, November 06, 2016.** Each and every gift will make a difference. Please help First Presbyterian Church continue to share a witness of God's grace and love through Jesus Christ so that others will hear and accept the greatest gift of all. They, too, will experience God's life-changing grace which makes all the difference in the world God loves so much.

Jay McKay
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2017 Stewardship Campaign

CLASS OF 2016: Bob Baker, Kathy Burdett, Cyrille Defeu, Mike Downey, Leigh Gathings, Janice Haverland, Dave Lyons, Bob Marcotte, Jay McKay, Cheryl Moreno, Ulonda Rogers, Debe Shafer. CLASS OF 2017: Vickie Buenger, Trish Burk, Tommy Davis, Amber Fattig, Charley Keese, Shriley Leeper, Karon Mathews, Tess Rentschlar Scott Reynolds, David Sahn, Bill Watson, Steve Young
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Enclosures: Brochure; Estimate of Giving Card; Return Envelope