



If we all do our part, even small changes in giving can have a dramatic impact on the future of our congregation. For example, if all households who pledged for 2017 increased their giving by only \$10 a month, it would provide an additional \$15,240 for the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. EVERY ONE is encouraged to submit an estimate of giving whether in TIME, TALENT, OR TREASURE to facilitate the budget planning process. Each and every person is important in the life of the church.

October 27, 2017

Dear First Presbyterian Church Friends,

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2nd Corinthians: “God loves a cheerful giver and is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so you may share abundantly in every good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

God’s sharing of powerful love in Jesus Christ prompts all responses of giving and sharing TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE. Paul’s teachings focus on the privilege of our sharing in life as God in Christ shares freely with us.

On the threshold of our 151st 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. 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 2018 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.

Prayerfully consider what you will gladly share through First Presbyterian Church. Please submit your estimate of giving card on or before **Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 12, 2017.** Each and every gift will make a difference. Bear witness with First Presbyterian Church as we continue to share 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
Manager

2018 Stewardship Campaign

CLASS OF 2017: Vickie Buenger, Trish Burk, Tommy Davis, Amber Fattig, Charley Keese, Karon Mathews, Jay McKay, Scott Reynolds, David Sahm, Bill Watson, Steve Young. **CLASS OF 2018:** Rick Avery, Rachel Cochrane, Briana Criaco, BJ Hendler, Alice Hickerson, Marcia Miculek, Eileen Peters, Nancy Robertson, Beverly Spencer, Andrew Weichert, Harold Wert, Ernie Wright
Ruling Elders

Enclosures: Brochure; Estimate of Giving Card; Return Envelope