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First Presbyterian Church

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STEWARDSHIP 2018

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Dear Church Family,

We hope you are as excited as we are to begin a new stewardship season!

This is an opportunity to strengthen and renew our spiritual relationship with God and to demonstrate, through the offering and return of our time, talents, and treasures, that we joyfully acknowledge the gifts He has graciously bestowed upon us. Compared to time and talent, which are more readily connected to the quality of our spiritual lives, the stewardship of treasure often receives less priority because we may seldom look at what we do with our financial resources in terms of how it reflects our spiritual lives.

As a member of our church family we hope that you have seen your commitments to our shared ministry bear much fruit in the past year—just look at all the ministries and organizations you have supported (enclosed insert)! As there is much more work for us to do, during this year's stewardship campaign we ask you consider and pray about the following:

One of the best parts of gift giving is observing the recipient's reaction. This is true of God as well; He is waiting and watching to see what our reaction will be to the many gifts He has given us. How will we respond; will He see in us appreciation, gratitude, and thankfulness?

What does the way we spend, invest, and donate our financial resources say about our spiritual life and our relationship to God, to our neighbors, community, and those in need? What are our true treasures, and how are we showing God our gratitude for all that He has provided for us?

We have been asked by God to share our gifts. Jesus said, **“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more” (Luke 12:48)**. The gifts we are given do not belong to us. They are not given to be hidden, but rather to be shared with others. When Jesus is our treasure, we will commit our resources—our money, our time, our talents—to His work in this world.



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When we live sacrificially for Jesus' sake we store up treasure in heaven. When we offer just a bit more of ourselves, our treasures, we can be confident in finding our relationship with God deepened, our faith renewed, and our community strengthened. Even seemingly small acts of service do not go unnoticed by God. **"If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward" (Matthew 10:42).**

In closing, consider that heavenly treasure is infinitely more precious than earthly material treasure; when your eye sees things this way, you are full of light.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21).

Thank you for your prayers, thoughtful consideration, and commitment.

Faithfully,

Stewardship Annual Giving Committee

DJ Cipriano, Margaret Wilkins, Keith Gogel, Summer Cline, Laura Fuller

~Giving Wind~
~Sailing Hearts~
~Treasures Found~



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As members of FPC Belmont, we sail our boats powered by God's

- Outdoor Summer Worship
- Catawba Height Elementary School: Mentoring & School Supplies
- Belmont Community Organization
- Habitat for Humanity
- Community Bible Study
- CROP Walk
- Family Promise Week
- Boy Scouts of America
- Girl Scouts of America
- Gaston Area Presbyterians
- Stephen Ministry
- Narcotics/Food Addicts Anonymous
- Nickel-a-Meal
- Presbyterian Psychological Services
- Guatemala Partnership (Mi Escuela)
- International Missionaries
- Black Mountain Home for Children
- Meals on Wheels
- Weekly Family Night Suppers
- Hurricane Relief Efforts



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Sunday School
- Kid's Central: Wednesday 4:30-6:00
3 year olds – 5th graders
Learning about God, scripture, missionaries with activities, music and crafts
- Samaritan's Feet
- Heifer International
- Family Night Suppers
- Vacation Bible School
- Choir, Drumming & Handchimes

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship and Choirs
- Montreat Worship and Music Conference
- College Mission Trips
- High School Mission Trips
- Middle School CROSS Camp
- Operation Christmas Child
- 30-Hour Famine
- Feed the children - Belmont, Mt. Holly
- Blankets for Battered Women's Shelter
- Build-a-Bear for Caromont Pediatrics Unit
- Goodies to the House of Mercy & Catherine's House
- Volunteers for Holy Angels

ADULT MINISTRY

- Sunday School
- Visitor's, Inquirers & New Members Classes
- Women's Circles
(Grace, Joy, Evening, Service)
- Moms Connect
- Women's Bible Study
- Men's Midweek Fellowship
- Pastor's Discussion Group
- Men's Breakfast
- Alpha Marriage & Parenting Courses
- Financial Peace University
- Choir