



*May you lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:10)*

One of the hidden blessings of the last two years is that we have learned the value of staying connected through technology. Today our church has returned to most of the activities we enjoy, including our four weekly worship services. My best guess is that we are currently operating about fifty percent attendance in person, and about fifty percent online. That we are all participating in worship, study, fellowship and service is the key to a healthy congregation. That we can use the same technology to conduct our annual financial stewardship drive is a blessing. Like this past year, our campaign will once again be simple. We ask only that you carefully read the materials, and then prayerfully make your financial commitment for 2022.

At the heart of this effort, always, is a spiritual perspective. Even during these more challenging times, we have remained strong to the cause of Christ in our community, and beyond. Our plan is to establish a budget that significantly expands our mission, including the additional commitments we have made to Habitat For Humanity (neighborhood revitalization), Thornwell (foster care and family services), and Presbyterian College (student scholarships). My hope is that each of us will consider how we can respond with our financial gifts, in addition to our time and talent, as well. Your giving is vital to the work we are called to do in the coming year!

May God encourage each of us to be good stewards of our God-given resources. And may we be blessed for bearing much fruit through the gifts we now make.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John'.

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