



October 5, 2016

Dear Chapel in the Pines members and friends,

It is with Christian joy that we extend this invitation to join the session and stewardship committee in support of CITP's stewardship campaign to secure funds for the church's 2017 operating budget.

The theme of this year's campaign is "**God's Grace . . . New Beginnings,**" to acknowledge our vibrant, growing congregation, our expanding space, and our pastoral transition.

As you consider your commitment toward the 2017 pledge goal of \$288,000, we thought you would appreciate hearing our stewardship committee members, in their own words, say why they pledge.

"Why do I pledge to CITP? Luke 6:38 says it best: 'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'"  
-- *Emily Smith*

"Georgia and I feel honored to pledge each year to the stewardship campaign. It's through God's grace and blessings that we have financial resources, time and talents to share with CITP. Our annual financial support of CITP's pastoral, education, music, and administrative staffs via the stewardship campaign is an important way to extend our faith at a time of great need in our community."  
-- *Stan Campbell*

"Having worked in a church office for 12 years, I know how important it is to have an idea of what financial resources the church can expect in the coming year. It is difficult to plan for expenses and staffing needs without knowing what pledges to expect. Every pledge matters!"  
-- *Mary Donna Pond*

"I pledge to Chapel in the Pines as I feel it's my responsibility to support the church in growing its mission of Welcome, Worship, Witness."  
-- *Chick Biddulph*

I pledge to the church for two reasons. First, I pledge because we are all the hands and feet of Christ, pledging to continue the work that He began over 2,000 years ago. Second, I pledge because the church needs a budget to be able to support all of the programs and staff that the church has."  
-- *Polly Williams*

"I pledge because of two practical reasons: I need to be intentional about sharing a portion of the many blessings I enjoy and because the church needs to be able to plan an annual budget."  
-- *The Rev. Lynn Stall*

In Christ,

Chick Biddulph and Paul Isom, co-chairs

**The stewardship committee:** Heather Bogan, Stan Campbell, Phyllis Greene, Lynne Hoerter, Marcia Ladd, Mary Donna Pond, Garrett Southerland, Emily Smith, and Polly Williams