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Love. Gratitude. Response.

Fall 2022 Stewardship Campaign

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“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and Knows God.” - 1 John 4:7

Six members of the Finance Committee of a small congregation faced the challenge of paying for an unexpected air conditioning repair bill of \$625. The church had already exceeded its maintenance budget for the year. The lay members included a retired salesman, a banker, a teacher, a housewife, a small business owner, and an insurance agent. They discussed options. Should they make an additional appeal for money on Sunday? Should they reallocate budgeted resources from other ministries? They considered fundraisers, such as a bake sale or a dinner.

As the meeting went on, frustrations grew. Finally, the teacher suggested they simply stop thinking so much and pause for silent prayer to see if God would provide another way. The others went along. After a few moments of silence, she looked around the room at her friends and fellow church members and said, “We all realize that any one of us could write a check for the full \$625 and it would not make any major difference in our lifestyle or financial security.” With that she pulled out her checkbook and wrote a check for \$625 to the church. Then she said, “Anyone who wants to join me can add their check, too.” Three others followed her lead and a couple of others wrote smaller checks. As a result of her inspiring and generous leadership, the air conditioning repair bill was paid, and an unexpected surplus of \$2,250 was collected to launch new ministry initiatives!

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There's no end to what the church can accomplish for the purposes of Christ when the sharp awareness of the assets, resources, and talents God entrusts to us supersedes the fear of scarcity and the obsessive focus on needs and problems. When we give generously of our resources we graciously and responsibly place our ourselves and all of our gifts in service to God.

(adapted from *Cultivating Faithfulness* by Robert Schnase)

WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS

(Rounded to the nearest dollar)

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361

This chart shows giving as a percentage of weekly income. Find where you are on the graph and consider your giving as a percentage of income. You are invited to prayerfully consider increasing your giving this year as a percentage of your income and becoming an "Extravagant Giver"!

