



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Generations of families have worshiped at First Presbyterian Church through sermons, music and prayer for more than 150 years. Each month this year you have seen examples of stewardship in action at First Presbyterian Church through discipleship, service, and worship. Even in the midst of the current challenges and changes within our congregation, the love of God continues to provide for us and our neighborhood through many FPC service ministries such as Healing Hands Health Center, Bristol Faith in Action, Family Promise, Christian Hands Ministry, and Community Bible Study. Mission ministries serve more distant congregations in Brazil, Ethiopia, India and Africa.

God continues to bless us and this community through the ministry, outreach and programs provided by First Presbyterian Church. Our church remains a pillar of this community and the work that we do is a direct reflection of the love and generosity of our Father.

We are asking that you continue to **engage**:

- engage in the life of this church (*rooted in discipleship*)
- engage in the ministry it provides to those in our community and the world (*rooted in service*)
- engage in caring for our facilities (*rooted in worship*)

We often talk about members giving of their time, talents and treasures and we ask you to prayerfully consider what that means for you and your family. How can each of us best serve God's great plan through the work of First Presbyterian Church? We can begin with prayer; praying that God speaks to each of us, as He does through our vision verse; 1 Peter 4:10 - *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

We are asking everyone to be engaged in the ministries and the future of First Presbyterian Church. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the church to ensure that our vision is secured now and for generations to come. If you are so moved, join with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Sunday, September 24th as we commit our pledges before God, thanking Him for His grace and love.

Yours in Christ,

Stewardship Committee

Susan Abel, Rebecca Beck, Tom King, Jerry Poteat, Katy Stigers, Sara Stocstill, Dave Welch