

The Grace of Giving

"Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV).

The Grace of Giving ... enables us to generously give our time, talents, and treasure in grateful thanks- giving for all that God has given us.

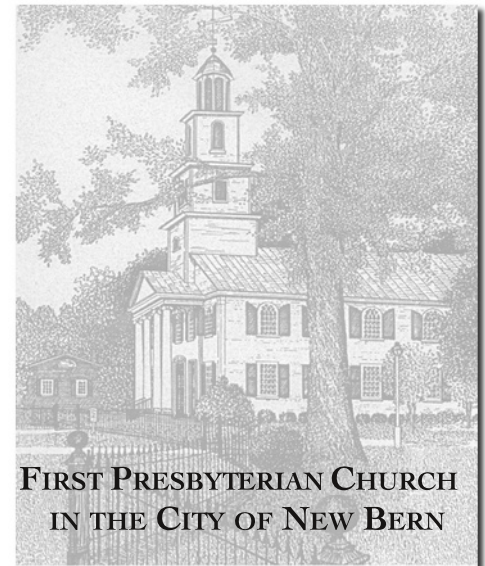
Yes it Matters!

Every member of First Pres has the duty (and the joy) of supporting the work of God done by our church.

The members of Session urge every member of First Pres to support the church consistently and proportionally. The first step is to complete your 2011 pledge cards. And also to fill out your 2011 Time and Talent Forms.

Giving *back* to God is a foundation block of our Christian faith. First and foremost, we offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with a genuine sense of thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

The Grace of Giving Stewardship 2011



A Duty and a Joy

As members of First Presbyterian Church, it is our time, our talents, and our treasure that supports the work of God done by the church. We ask you to prayerfully consider making two pledges this year:

Our Annual Operating Budget

Campaign. Our goal for 2011 is to increase our mission giving and to begin the year without a budget deficit.

Third Century Campaign. Our goal is reduce (and we pray eliminate) the debt we took on to build our new MultiPurpose Building. If church members extend their original Third-Century pledges one additional year (at the same giving level for the first three years) we will virtually eliminate our debt incurred to add essential classroom and office space to our campus.

Do these goals seem too challenging?

We don't think they are! First Presbyterian of New Bern is a thriving congregation whose membership is blessed with the resources to successfully complete both campaigns. All that's necessary is our shared determination make 2011 the year we genuinely give back to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. (2 Corinthians 12 NIV)

...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23 NIV)

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." (1 Chronicles 29:1-19 NIV)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9 NIV)

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. (Luke 6:38 NIV)

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. (2 Corinthians 8:12 NIV)

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. (Proverbs 3:9 NIV)

Command [those who are rich in this present world] to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. (1 Timothy 6:18 NIV)

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10 NIV)

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:25)

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