

## Biblical Reasons for Giving

Creation – Faith – Blessings – Asking  
Needs – Mission and Ministry

### **Asking: Our Invitation to Give**

Ask, and you will receive; Seek, and you will find; Knock, and the door will be opened  
for you.

- Matthew 7:7

So, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be  
yours.

- Mark 11:24

What would you rather receive in the mail – a court subpoena or an invitation to a joyful celebration? Most of us would prefer the latter. A court order suggests something we are obligated to do, while an invitation provides an opportunity.

This Appeal is not about giving orders. No one is told what they must do or give. Rather, this is an opportunity. You are invited:

- To ponder what it means to be created in the image of our gracious and generous God
- To examine where you are on your faith journey
- To reflect on the blessings in your life
- To be mindful of a community and world who so desperately need to experience the good news of Christ
- To consider how the goals of this Appeal will further our Mission and Ministry

And then...you are invited to respond to this invitation with joy and thanksgiving!