

## Biblical Reasons for Giving

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

### **Mission & Ministry: Our Opportunity to Give**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Matthew 28:19

Church buildings are tools for mission. Church budgets are instruments to help set priorities for ministry. During this appeal we have the opportunity to further our mission and ministry by providing our giving intentions. This process is helpful both individually and as a faith community.

#### **As Individuals...**

Decision-making on financial support in advance allows us to practice “first fruit” giving instead of sharing the leftovers. We have the opportunity to consider what proportion we will set aside to support our church home. When we do this prayerfully and intentionally, we find that we have more to share, and are able to live within our means on the remainder.

Of course, as circumstances change, so may our gifts. A layoff, an inheritance, uneven wages, or an unexpected bonus – each may affect our giving ability. The beauty of consistent, proportionate giving is that we can share as we are able.

#### **As A Faith Community...**

We can dream and plan when we know collectively what our giving intentions are. This appeal provides an opportunity to support our common mission and ministry.