

The Church of the Redeemer  
120 Mauldin Road  
Greenville, SC 29605

October 9, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ:

Our Financial Stewardship campaign culminates Sunday October 22nd when each of us will have the opportunity to intentionally record our generosity as participants in God's mission at Redeemer. Fr. Scott once wrote: *"Your Generosity to God's mission through The Church of the Redeemer is a powerful commitment. It changes lives. It changes the lives of those who need to know God and his love more fully and it changes our lives, as members and supporters of His church who have the privilege of enabling that love to be brought to the world around us"*.

To be God's steward is an amazing thing and as such we continue to highlight the values of a steward in our church bulletins throughout the weeks leading to Stewardship Sunday. Those values of giving **First to God in an Intentional, Generous and Regular manner, a Proportional amount of our treasure and to be Cheerful doing it, are critical to being faithful followers of Christ.**

As you consider your pledge for 2018, be mindful that **Stewardship is a Spiritual Issue** and that we give not because God needs our money, but rather because it is good for us to give. Also be mindful that **Stewardship is a Faith Issue** in that it is a commitment to the future that is God trusting and Mission centered! Redeemer's work near and far is considerable and with your help we can do much more.

Our Financial Pledge form for 2018 starts with the two statements on stewardship from the preceding paragraph. The pledge card portion in the middle is then followed by a pie chart of Redeemer's allocated treasure for the current year. Our budget for 2017 was again extremely tight with every effort made to control expenses and still provide Diocesan Support and Extended Mission Work. Most of our local charitable/mission support is covered by the funding of Personnel and Administrative and Facilities. With your help we can do more in 2018!

Please look prayerfully at the coming year and decide what portion of your blessings you can return to God. Please fill out the information on the pledge section and bring it with you on Stewardship Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. You will have the opportunity to turn your pledge in as you come forward to receive the Eucharist. These pledges will be consecrated at the altar as a glorious response to a loving God.

Faithfully,

Your Stewardship Committee

Jack Blackburn (Vestry), Wallace Lightsey (Vestry), Dot Sanders and Steve Webb

"Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ."

