



COMMUNITY
COVENANT CHURCH
BECOMING LIKE JESUS TOGETHER

Dear Church Family,

As we embark on our annual stewardship season, your faithful response is much needed.

We find ourselves living in challenging times, with major decisions before us. But Community Covenant Church is truly blessed with spirit-filled leaders like Pastor David, Pastor Jess, Charlotte Joos and our Leadership Team. Their commitment to keeping our focus on becoming like Jesus together has brought us closer together and strengthened us.

God continues to present many new opportunities for us to serve Him. Perhaps never in our lifetime has our community needed the light provided by the church body as much as today.

In May, the Leadership Team shared our projected 2022 budget shortfall and outlined our upcoming building maintenance needs. In response, approximately 200 families in the congregation have continued to provide financial support in a steadfast and faithful manner. Knowing we stand together as brothers and sisters in Christ, and have not lost ground, is uplifting to me. We are in this together.

Yet, in all frankness, we still must address our financial situation. **First, as of today, we need an additional \$40,000 to meet our 2022 financial commitments. Second, we must understand the expected level of our congregational giving in 2023 so we can lay out a plan to become fiscally sound, care for our church families, grow our ministries, and further the kingdom.** We pray for the resources to not only avoid a similar shortfall in 2023, but to grow our ministries.

My mother often said, “Many hands make light work if we all pitch in together.” In this season of Advent, and in this stewardship campaign, we are asking everyone to pitch in and give as God has called each of us to do.

If you are not currently giving, we invite you step out in faith and make a commitment to give 1%, 2% or even 3% of your income. If you are already giving, will you prayerfully consider giving 1% or 2% more? Through our tithes we show our gratitude for all God has given us. And in response, God pours out his blessings on us.

“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 there will not be room enough to store it.” Malachi 3:10



As we strive to become like Jesus together, we are focused on missions and community. You will see several of these ministries highlighted in the Stewardship Overview enclosed. During the first quarter of 2023, we will share more plans to re-engage our volunteer programs and ministries that were

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put on hold during the pandemic. I encourage you to learn more about these opportunities and how you and your family can be engaged in service.

The Community Covenant Church building is not only a facility where we can gather, worship, learn and share in fellowship. It also provides a home for our Pre-School program, Christ Prep Academy, Siloe, Joy KC, a community garden, Boy Scouts of America, and a growing number of ministries. We continue to explore opportunities to partner with other groups in 2023.

Given our budget shortfall, we continue to economize. For example, our Properties Team has done a wonderful job taking care of God's House. Volunteers have devoted countless hours to manicure the grounds and repaint the interior. We have also recently replaced more than half of our HVAC units, thanks to your financial faithfulness.

As we prepare for the 2023 annual stewardship season, we ask you to pray for God to lay upon your heart how He would have you share your time, talents and tithe with CCC. The staff are working hard to expand our reach so that we may share the God's Word with those who have never experienced a loving relationship with Him.

On Sunday, December 4, and Sunday, December 11, Pastor David will share about giving as part of the Advent season. On these two Sundays, we will present our faith giving for the coming year. Together, we will leave our faith promise at the altar. Thank you for all that you do to make God's House, Community Covenant Church, a wonderful caring place. If you have questions, you may contact me at (816) 519-4982.

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had." - Acts 4:32

Sincerely,

Brent Bonham
Stewardship Team