



Dear Beloved Church Family,

***"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20***

Every Sunday, we come together as a family to worship, learn, and grow in our faith. Our church building is more than just a structure – it's a sacred space where lives are transformed, prayers are lifted, and community is built. Today, we are writing to share an opportunity for us to care for this blessed space we call our church home. We come to you in both urgency and hope regarding a critical situation affecting our church family. As your Church Board, we represent the congregation, and it is our duty to share with you any needs that require our immediate attention and action.

Every summer we face significant financial challenges, as our attendance and offerings decrease by approximately two thirds and our expenses increase exponentially. While the challenge before us is substantial, we serve a God who is greater than any obstacle we face. Each year, we do two major fund drives, one at Christmas and one at Easter. The Lord is leading us to a new way of managing our financial planning for the year. Easter funds are not enough to carry us through until the fall, so as part of that plan, we are adding a third fundraiser to ***"Bridge The Gap"*** between our spring and fall financial stability.

***Philippians 4:19 reminds us that "My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Throughout scripture, we see how God uses His people to accomplish His purposes. Today, we are asking you to consider being part of His provision for our church prayerfully.***

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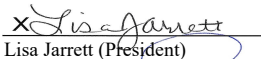
- Pray earnestly about what God would have you give
- Consider making an immediate special gift above your regular giving
- Commit to consistent, faithful giving if you haven't already
- Increase your regular giving if you're able

Remember ***Malachi 3:10: "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 enough room to store it."***

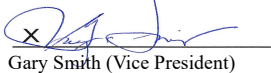
This is a defining moment for our church family. Together we've witnessed God's faithfulness through many seasons, and we believe He will be faithful again. Your immediate response to this need will help ensure we can continue to focus on being a lighthouse in our community, sharing the love of Christ and making disciples.

With grateful hearts,

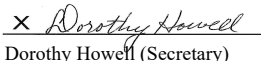
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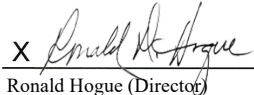
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