

grateful **GENEROSITY**

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your *generosity* will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

October 24, 2022

First Baptist Family,

Ann and I are excited and humbled to serve as the 2023 Stewardship Emphasis leaders. Our goal is to encourage the body of believers at First Baptist to follow the model of Jesus by living a life marked by grateful generosity.

It wouldn't take long if you took a moment to stop right where you are and think of five things you are grateful for in this life. Our lists would probably have similar themes, God, family, health, friends, and our church home First Baptist. Ann and I are grateful that, for 192 years, God has used the people and place of First Baptist to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. The call to follow Jesus produces a life that is changed – we are brought from death to life and become a disciple of Jesus.

A hallmark of this 'new life' is that Jesus calls us to live generously. We are to be generous in love to our neighbor, we are to be generous with how we spend our resources, and we are to be generous with the time we have been given. This generosity flows from following the footsteps of Jesus. As we seek after God, we daily see our dependence on Him for His love, His time, and His gifts of blessing in our lives, and as we take stock of those things, we are overwhelmed with gratitude. That gratitude creates a life of generosity to be released into the world.

This stewardship season, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you and your family will respond to God's call to live a generous life in three ways: *How will you be generous with your time? How will you be generous with your abilities? How will you be generous with your resources?*

The call to generosity springs from the gratitude of God's blessings on all our lives. This year let us, as a church family, respond with grateful generosity.

Blessings,

Ann & Troy

Troy and Ann Amster // Stewardship Emphasis Leaders

November 6
Prove the Tithe

Bring your joyful offering to the Lord.

November 13
Commitment Sunday

Everyone returns commitment cards and brings canned goods for our Caring Center.

November 20
Victory Sunday

We celebrate the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving His purpose of sharing and caring for others.