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Growing can be defined as 'becoming greater over a period of time' or 'increasing.'

When we think of this year's stewardship theme, *Growing in Generosity*, it literally means becoming greater in our generosity. We can look back, especially over the last several years, and see that is true for our church. Our generosity hasn't wavered between fires, a global pandemic, and everything else that has come our way. I would argue that it has grown and is continuing to grow. That growth has not just been financially but in obedience to God's call to faithfulness in serving in ministry opportunities here and beyond.

If we look back even further at our church's history, we will see that this has been true for nearly 200 years! Our church has been a leader in our city, state, and across the Southern Baptist Convention in every area.

The beautiful thing about this theme — *Growing in Generosity* — is that it is active. The job isn't done. It's not done because as we grow and become more like Jesus, we become more generous in every way. In Jesus, we see the most beautiful picture of generosity: one of Him giving His very life for us that we may live and live abundantly, pursing the One we were created to have a relationship with.

We pray that as we take this season to be reminded of our commitment to be good stewards personally and collectively, we will focus on growing.

May we grow in our sacrificial giving.

May we grow in being faithful to the opportunities in Montgomery and across the globe.

May we grow in our love and adoration of our King Jesus!

Let's grow together in generosity!

Chris and Brooke

Chris and Brooke Mills Stewardship Emphasis Leaders For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9