

Encouraging Others

Forward in Grace with Gratitude, pt. 4

- **Welcome**
- **Delmar W. Johnson, III**
- **All Saints Day**
- *It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35*
- **Appeal to Complete the Collection**
- **2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (CSB)**

8 We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia: ² During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, ⁴ they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, ⁵ and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will. ⁶ So we urged Titus that just as he had begun, so he should also complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us—excel also in this act of grace.

- **We give in spite of our circumstances.** 2 Corinthians 8:1-2
- **The Macedonian Church**
- **2 Corinthians 7:5, 6**

⁵ "In fact, when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest. Instead, we were troubled in every way: conflicts on the outside, fears within. ⁶ But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the arrival of Titus,"

- **We give with enthusiasm.**
- **The Widow's Mite** Luke 21:4
- **"For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."** Matthew 6:21
- **Act of Grace** 2 Corinthians 8:6-7
- **Where will you encourage others?**
- **Prayer**