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Continuing to Support God's Work

DESERT PALMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2021

Dear Family and Friends of Desert Palms,

This year our stewardship campaign begins as COVID-19 continues. Some are fearful, others are mourning a loss, some feel isolated, while others are asking, "When Lord shall things return to normal?" It is obvious that the Church is operating differently during COVID-19, but the Church is faithfully meeting new needs. The key is faith!

In the Gospel of Mark, a father brings his epileptic son to Jesus in desperation, saying, "...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus replies to the father's lack of faith in the midst of his difficulties, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." The father's response is a prayer we can pray every day: "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

When we believe, stewardship follows. Stewardship is faith in action; action motivated by humble gratitude to God for His blessings in our life in both positive and challenging times.

This past year, we initiated many new ministry programs while continuing to accomplish our calling as the Church. In 2021, we expect to express the love of Jesus Christ and make disciples in innovative ways. You will discover the ministry of the Church described for you in the enclosed brochure. We ask you to support these ministries that show forth Christ's compassion for the people of God. Giving to His Church is a way to thank God for His grace and generosity. The question is not, "How much do I give to stay in the club?" or "What are the dues?" but "How can I thank God for my many blessings?" Let us make disciples through sharing God's love together.

Before completing the enclosed Estimate of Giving card, please give prayerful consideration to the commitment you are making. A check given to the church is most meaningful when accompanied by your presence, by your willingness to serve, by your prayers and by your commitment. Giving is not a substitute for commitment – it is an expression of your commitment and an expression of thanks for the many blessings in your life.

Yours in Christ,

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