





# A Note from Pastor Nathan

## *Celebration of Generosity, 2019*

A year ago, we participated in a “Celebration of Generosity” with an October of sermons focused on giving. Each of us had the opportunity to pray about what the Lord was prompting us to give to this church in 2018. Many of us chose to fill out a blue response card, giving half to the Lord and keeping the other half as a reminder of our commitments. Nobody recorded or counted those response cards, so the subsequent obedience was entirely a matter of faithfulness between givers and the Lord.

Our giving as a church has increased this year. We have consistently stayed above budget and are on pace to exceed last year’s giving by somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000-\$7,000. The specific numbers are not as important as the overall direction. A church that raises more than it needs during a particular calendar year is a church that has an opportunity to be a blessing to others at the end of that calendar year. When this generosity-exceeds-expenses pattern takes hold annually in a church, the potential for further kingdom impact is exciting!

We have not gotten here by accident and we will not continue by sheer inertia. Last year, we intentionally prayed together about what the Lord was calling each of us to give. I would imagine the increased giving was not limited to our church but extended to the various ministries, missionaries, and neighbors in our lives. When the people of God intentionally focus our prayers around something together, God moves.

There won’t be a special “giving” sermon series this October, but we will talk about generosity during worship services throughout the month, and we will again have the opportunity to fill out commitment cards between now and Thanksgiving. The Lord’s invitation to us is to pray, that we might be ready to respond obediently to whatever the Spirit prompts us to give.

You might find it helpful to do some personal reading of various Bible passages dealing with the theme of generosity. Below I have listed several passages that might provide a helpful starting point.

I am thrilled to be part of a church that takes prayer seriously and obeys joyfully! We serve an abundant God.

Grace and peace,

Nathan

### Suggested reading:

Exodus 16:1-17:7

Matthew 6:19-34

Luke 12:13-21

2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15

James 1:17-18

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**2018**

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| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday            | Wednesday              | Thursday                                | Friday                     | Saturday |
|--|--------|--------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------|
|  | 1      | 2<br>6:30 Trustees | 3<br>9:00 Bible Study  | 4<br>5:00 Deacons<br>6:00 Noodle time!! | 5<br><b>Apple Festival</b> | 6        |
| 7 Communion<br>1:00 Apple Festival Parade            | 8      | 9                  | 10<br>9:00 Bible Study | 11                                      | 12                         | 13       |
| 14<br>8:30 Fellowship Breakfast<br>9:00 Kingdom Kids | 15     | 16                 | 17<br>9:00 Bible Study | 18                                      | 19                         | 20       |
| 21<br>6:00 Miles Pike Concert                        | 22     | 23                 | 24<br>9:00 Bible Study | 25<br>6:30 Ch. Council                  | 26                         | 27       |
| 28<br>9:00 Kingdom Kids                              | 29     | 30                 | 31<br>9:00 Bible Study |   |                            |          |
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| <b>Deacon of the Month</b><br><i>Casey Rice</i> | <b>Trustee of the Month</b><br><i>Bert Terrell</i> | <b>Usher of the Month</b><br><i>Jason Nicholson</i> | <b>Greeter</b><br><i>Jason Nicholson</i> |
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**Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC**

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| <b>Mondays:</b> 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH | <b>Wednesdays:</b> 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC                  |
| 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH                        | <b>Thursdays:</b> 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast                |
|  | 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness – FH                           |
| <b>Tuesdays:</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH      | 11:00 a.m. Cottage Prayer Group                            |
|  | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH                                  |
|  | 6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH |

| <b>Sound System</b> |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Paul Schmidt  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Braden Hudson |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>    | TBD           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Eric Moody    |

| <b>Prayers</b>   |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | John Bailey    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Sharon Terrell |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Steve Clark    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Bob Weeks      |

| <b>Nursery Care</b> |                          |
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| 7 <sup>th</sup>     |                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>    |                          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Michelle & Ivy Foxworthy |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>    |                          |

| <b>Children's Worship</b><br><i>(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)</i> |               |
|--|---------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Betty Miller  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Janet Schmidt |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Kim Schulte   |