



**Live Simply**  
**Love Generously**  
Stewardship Campaign

Dear Friend:

We begin by saying “thank you.” Your consistent and generous support to this church has made it possible for us to reach our community with God’s love. As a family, we have been able to impact many lives including children and military personnel stationed throughout the world. We are grateful for the work God has accomplished through us and are excited about the ministry opportunities ahead.

The theme for this year’s stewardship campaign is **“Live Simply, Love Generously.”**

As you prayerfully consider your financial commitment for this next year, we hope you’ll reflect on the potential growth this brings to Kingdom ministry and your faith walk. As Christians, our call to **live simply** is to trust in God’s provision of our real “needs” in a way that frees our resources and us. One of the amazing gifts of being free is the ability to be an instrument of God’s blessing to others. A life led simply is a powerful life.

Next, we are called to **love generously**. With gratitude and love, our church is involved in many ministries: nurturing young children in faith, challenging young people to grow in faith, providing opportunities for all ages to live in faith, reaching out to neighbors here and around the world with care, provision and the hope of the Gospel. These ministries, their growth and future ministries depend on our faithful commitment of significant resources. Thank you for your commitment to love generously.

October 30, 2011 is Commitment Sunday and as you prepare your commitment amount, please consider the following:

- We encourage the use of the 10/10/80 principle (see enclosed brochure). The tithe was used throughout the Bible as an acknowledgement of God’s provision and was given to support the work of God. If tithing seems out of reach right now, we encourage you to commit an amount that you can trust God to provide through you – no matter what percentage or amount that might be.
- Remember, your commitment card is essential to our budget planning process. Commitment cards will be mailed out the third week of October. After you receive yours in the mail, please fill it out and turn it in so that we may best maximize the ministry and outreach God wants us to do. We trust He will bless you for your willingness and faithfulness to give.

We thank you in advance for your commitment to **“Live Simply, Love Generously.”**

Blessings!

Your Stewardship Committee

Andrew Callan, Mike Fremaux, Valena Hoy, Lloyd Taliaferro, Gigi Tysinger, and Jim Wood

P.S. - Please join our congregation in sharing a devotional for the month of October that teaches us to apply biblical principles of giving as we make a significant investment in the lives of others. The devotional is available online at: [www.fpcnorfolk.org/give/live-simply-love-generously](http://www.fpcnorfolk.org/give/live-simply-love-generously).

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