

Dear Friend,

These are truly amazing days at First Presbyterian Church. Life change is happening all around us. Your gifts to the ministries at FPC are making a difference today that will pay eternal dividends! Here are a few stories you may not have heard:

- The story of Paul Berry, a formerly homeless man, who started attending FPC in September 2009 is amazing. Paul quickly became one of FPC's most dependable volunteers, helping 25-30 hours per week to enter FPC's weekly worship attendance. Members of FPC contributed funds and worked with Ghent Area Ministry to find an apartment for him to live. Paul is off the streets for the first time in four years. He not only volunteers at FPC, but regularly invites his friends to join him in attending weekend services. He officially joined FPC on September 25, 2011.
- One young man grew up in Norfolk, VA, but didn't attend church regularly or have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. One day he just "decided" to attend one of the three services at FPC. He heard the preaching and the truth of God's love for him penetrated his heart. This young man accepted Jesus that day, and he'll never be the same.
- In August 2011, Danton Ndungu, a HIV+ Kenya orphan who lost both his parents to AIDS when he was only four years old, entered the Joy Home Orphanage. He celebrated his sixth birthday on September 3, 2011, with his new Joy Home mother and is benefitting from HIV medical treatment and a loving home environment.
- In May 2011, Linda Bevilacqua visited FPC as the result of the Video Jail Ministry. After repeated visits she was invited by Sarah Martin Lampert, a Video Jail Ministry volunteer, to visit FPC's Sanctuary and attend a traditional service. After several visits, Linda sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit, was drawn in as a result of our hospitality, and loved that we were preaching the Word of God. She decided to become a member and officially joined FPC on September 25, 2011.

What do these stories have in common? You. Your gifts are making a difference.

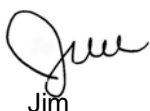
God is up to something in our midst and we sense that He wants to take us to another level of commitment individually and as a church. Our 2012 stewardship campaign "**Live Simply, Love Generously**" is an opportunity to step into how God is uniquely working at FPC and where He might take us next year. His desire is that we adjust our lives and align our priorities to bring Him glory. I invite you to review the enclosed brochure that provides a summary of FPC's 2011 church budget. While the budget for 2012 will not be finalized until January, we are designing it with this in mind.

On the enclosed commitment card, I invite you to make your financial commitment for 2012. As members and friends of FPC, we are all encouraged to pledge the Biblical standard tithe (10% of yearly income). However, the commitment to start or to increase giving is more significant than the total level of giving.

Prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to respond. Whatever the amount, I ask that you fill out and return this commitment card with you to worship on Commitment Sunday, October 30th. At the conclusion of the services that day, you will have the opportunity to place your commitment card on the Lord's Table. You may also make your commitment by mailing the enclosed card to us or by filling out a commitment card online at www.fpcnorfolk.org/give.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you will partner with us as we continue to Seek Christ and Share His Love.

In Him,



Jim

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