



## **Stewardship Campaign 2012**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is this year's campaign theme?**

A: The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "*Live Simply, Love Generously.*" As Christians, our calling is to live simply which allows us to trust God for those things we really "need" and, at the same time, empowers us as His stewards to bless others on His behalf. **A life led simply and shared generously is a powerful life.**

**Q: What is "Commitment Sunday"?**

A: This is the Sunday where we commit our lives, our church, our gifts, and our ministry—presenting them to God, and asking Him to use what we have presented to Him for His glory.

**Q: When is Commitment Sunday?**

A: October 30, 2011 at all three morning worship services (8:30, 9:30, and 11:00).

**Q: What will happen on Commitment Sunday?**

A: Beyond the typical elements of the Sunday morning worship services, all will be invited to come forward to the Communion table. There, you will have the opportunity to present your commitment card to the Lord.

**Q: What is a commitment card?**

A: All of our members and regular attendees will be mailed a commitment card, so that they can indicate what they feel led to give to the Lord's work at First Presbyterian Church in the year ahead. Commitment cards will be available in the pews and Welcome Center at First Presbyterian Church throughout most of October and November. You may also download a card from the church's website.

**Q: Why do you collect commitment cards?**

A: We have found commitment cards to be helpful to both the church and to the giver. Knowing what our members intend to give enables your leadership to determine the budget for next year. Committing to a certain financial number gives you a challenge to work toward, and allows you to engage God in conversation about how He will enable you to fulfill your commitment.

**Q: Is a financial commitment a contract?**

A: Ultimately, your commitment is a matter between you and the Lord. As stated above, a commitment helps you to set giving goals, and gives you something to pray about. Our Finance Office will provide you with quarterly giving statements as reminders of your commitment, which can also encourage you to keep praying about your church's ministry, and your commitment to it. These contribution statements are merely our attempt to communicate with you, and should not be perceived as a bill.

**Q: What will I be asked to commit on this card?**

A: There is a section on your commitment to the operating budget of the church. The Bible talks about giving a “tithe”, 10% of your regular income as your gift to God. Consider what that means for your family based on your income level. If you are not currently tithing, consider increasing your current level of giving by 1%.

**Q: What are some other ways to give?**

A: Many of our members donate appreciated stock as a way of fulfilling their commitment to the church. Please talk with your financial advisor about this option. You can also complete a form which authorizes our Finance Office to transfer funds from your bank account or credit cards on a set date each month. You can also donate via the church’s website with your credit or debit card.

**Q: Why does the church put so much effort into Stewardship?**

A: Giving is a spiritual discipline. As we demonstrate our commitment to (and dependence on) the Lord, we grow spiritually. God does not just want our money, He wants our lives. Our finances are often one of the hardest areas to bring under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Yet, countless Christians have discovered a lot of joy and spiritual vitality once they’ve submitted their financial lives to God. We want you to experience the many blessings that God wants to pour out on you as you “Live Simply, Love Generously.”