



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
— Jeremiah 29:11*

Greetings in the name of Christ,

Our church is entering into this stewardship season with two things in mind—our 2024 operating budget and our list of capital improvements that will enhance our worship and welcome. Two things that give us hope and a future. Those things wouldn't be possible without your purposeful generosity in the past and present moment.

As you consider the ways in which you support the ministry of Fayetteville First, I ask that you not miss this opportunity to plant seeds of hope and dig wells for the future. Just as we are here because of those who have gone before us, we have the chance to give hope and a future for those to come. We are experiencing the hope of others and the future for which someone prayed. This church will always serve a risen Lord and honor the gift of Jesus Christ's sacrificial love by offering that love to others.

As you make your commitment this year, we ask that you consider two things in addition to hope and a future. First, to make a pledge to the Operating Budget which supports the ministries of the church. Second, to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign that will support the ministries of the future by enhancing our facilities. Our goal is to collect \$400,000 in capital pledges over the next two years. We have already had very generous members get us started on that goal and will keep you updated in the coming days.

Operating funds and Capital Campaigns. Seeds and Wells. Hope and a Future.

It is time for us to not only say that we are people of hope and a future, but ensure that through our giving we are leaving a legacy for years to come. As you prayerfully consider your pledges and gifts to the ministries of this church, remember how we see glimpses of hope. *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."* (Ph 4:8). Thinking about the good things this church does reminds us that God has a purpose for us and our ministry together. This is our purpose for hope and a future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am grateful for you.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Dr. G. Thomas Martin, IV



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HOW CAN YOU GIVE?

CASH OR CHECK

Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plates during worship or sent to the church office. Offering envelopes are available in the pews, or envelopes for weekly giving are available at the end of each year for the coming year upon request.

PAPERLESS ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving allows you to have your offering to the church taken directly from your checking or savings account or charged to your credit card and deposited into the church checking account.

Electronic giving can be set up:

ONLINE at fayettevillefirst.com by using the “DONATE” button at the bottom of the page

or

REALM, our church database system, by logging into onrealm.org and going to the “GIVING” tab in your personal Realm account.

The funds will be withdrawn on the day or days you choose, using a payment method you choose, as a one-time donation or ongoing donations.

If you choose a credit card as your method of payment, please consider covering the processing costs of this convenience. The church will incur the cost if you do not choose to do so, reducing the usable amount of your gift. Processing costs vary, calculated based on amount and type of credit card used.

STOCKS

Stock donations are accepted by the church to fulfill a pledge or to contribute to other projects.

ENDOWMENT

The Legacy Giving Endowment Fund offers members and friends the opportunity to include the church in present and future financial plans. Many options are available to make a gift to this fund such as cash, securities, property, bequests, trusts, life insurance and gift annuities. All gifts are invested in established trust accounts with the Georgia United Methodist Foundation. The income from investments is used to fund ministries, building needs and church programs.

QUESTIONS

Janet Gazaway, financial assistant, will gladly answer any questions concerning your record of contributions or options for giving. You may contact her in the church office at 770-461-4313 or online at JGazaway@fayettevillefirst.com.