



## THE GRACE OF GIVING

*The 2023 Stewardship Campaign*

Dear Friends,

Over the years, our members' generosity has enabled Big Canoe Chapel to provide financial support in Dawson and Pickens Counties and around the world. You have helped enrich lives and save lives, while revealing the love of Jesus Christ. Our Benevolence, Mission, Scholarship & Youth programs plus Men's and Women's Fellowship and Chapel operations ALL depend on your gifts.

However, we believe in being transparent and must report that the pandemic created a big financial setback in the budgets of 2020 and 2021. The trustees had to dig deep into the reserves to insure that budgetary needs were met during those demanding years. We are climbing back to pre-Covid levels but it's still a challenge. For example, the Benevolence Committee had a budget reduction from \$168,000 to \$48,000 in fiscal year 2021. That caused drastically reduced funding to all of the agencies it supports. Their clients are our neighbors. Jesus said, "...whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.

So, we are asking everyone to dig a little deeper, give a little more and experience the "The Grace of Giving". Our goal for 2023 is to increase our budget by 15%. Given that, we can reach our pre-Covid budget levels and do more of God's work that is so needed in these difficult and inflationary times. Stewardship is a disciple's response to God's gifts. "Freely you have received; Freely give." Matthew 10:8

Please prayerfully consider your pledge and then drop off the card at the Chapel office, in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail it to the Chapel office by November 11th, to the attention of Valerie Abner.

In Christ's name,

Board of Trustees

Interim Pastor

Finance Committee

Stewardship Committee



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