



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

In the midst of our yearly Stewardship Campaign, I want to thank you for your faithful generosity to God and the Church. You are receiving this letter because you have financially supported the mission and ministry of St. James in the past. I would like to request that you prayerfully consider supporting St. James in 2022 with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. A pledge card is enclosed so you may respond with your commitment.

We see throughout Scripture a serious emphasis on how we use the resources God has given us, and how returning a portion of those gifts as a sacrificial offering is deeply tied to our faithfulness. Financial generosity is a spiritual matter and a practical one. In worship and small groups, we have been looking at the spiritual acts of gratitude, prayer, commitment, generosity, and how we can live into these spiritual callings from God. Our financial generosity is one very important way to live into faith. Your continued gifts to St. James secure the future of fulfilling our mission and ministry.

Your financial support is more important now than ever. In the coming year, we are rebuilding ministries, expanding existing ministries, and growing new ministries, such as our online discipleship program. Just as ministry is evolving, so are the ways we can give. We invite you to visit our church website (www.StJamesLR.org/give) for information regarding the various ways you can financially support the work of the church.

I want to make it clear that if you have any questions about giving to God through the Church, or about how the Church uses resources, please come and see me. We work diligently to be good stewards of our gifts as effectively as possible so that our mission makes a direct impact in the life of our church and community.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Ben Crismon

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