



October 16, 2017

GENERATIONS OF **GENEROSITY**

Generations in the 1950's had a vision of a church in Terrell Hills that would serve the neighborhood, the people of Fort Sam Houston, and beyond. They also had a vision of a preschool where children would come to know God's love and God's desire for us to learn how to love and to follow Jesus. These generations understood what it meant to make a difference in the community through worship, formation, and outreach. The generations of today carry on that vision as we grow the church and school as well as expand our outreach to include many feeding ministries, a partnership with Wilshire Elementary, Open Table, and more. We want to pave the way so that generations to come will be empowered to continue this community to be a people and a place where Christ is encountered.

The way God calls us to carry out the ministry He gives us is through giving. Giving of our time, God-given gifts, and money opens our hearts and eyes to be thankful and to see God at work in our lives and in the world. To what or whom we give our time and money directs the path for which our heart and words and actions follow. We are called to live a life of thanksgiving and abundance through giving our first and finest gifts to the work God calls us to as a church. I pray that you will reflect on the generosity of God and the work of your church community and respond with generous hearts. Your commitment for 2018 directs our path for what we can do as a church to form followers of Jesus and to make a difference on this campus and beyond. Being a part of the mission of your church is transformational and gratifying. As you pray about your commitment, I invite you to imagine what we could do as the church if you increased the amount of your last year's pledge.

Enclosed is a pledge card for 2018. Please call or email me to discuss giving or if you have any questions. We want to have pledges turned in on or before October 29th, which is our Commitment Sunday where we lift up our offerings for God's blessing and pray about all that God will empower us to do as the church in 2018.

Peace,

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