

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

October 22, 2018

Dear St. David's Family,

OH, NO, another stewardship letter... WAIT! I will keep it short.

This year's stewardship theme is "Generations of Generosity." It reminds me of something I once read that said: "I asked Jesus, 'how much do you love me?', and Jesus said 'this much,' and He stretched out his arms and died."

Jesus had a message of love and forgiveness; a message so powerful, we call ourselves Christians some 80 generations after He rose from the dead. Sadly, we live in a world where the notion of unconditional love, forgiveness, acceptance and generosity are NOT mainstream. In fact, Christianity is routinely mocked and debased in American culture.

As a steward for my family and for this world, I am compelled to share Christ's message with a world that needs to hear it. I cannot do it alone and fortunately I have found St. David's to be a place of strength so that I can strive to be a Christian steward for others and the world.

For my family, stewardship is about much more than just a financial commitment. It is about how we transform generosity and allow generosity to transform us. I know our lives and the world can be changed through this work and nothing has ever given me more joy than being in a Christian community and sharing His message.

I hope you'll join me as we work together to transform generosity in our church, our families and our world. And I hope you will prayerfully consider what you would like to gain through our church community and what you would like to give.

Faithfully,



Gray Hardaway
Senior Warden

P.S. Please see Rev. Lisa's letter (attached) which describes exactly HOW your generosity makes a difference at St. David's.



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THANK YOU FROM OUR RECTOR

Thank you for the gift of your *time*, your generous commitment to *use your gifts* to carry out the mission and ministry of your church, and the *financial offering* you make to God through the work of your church. Our daily ministry is a direct result of your commitment and generosity.

Your giving empowers us to:

Worship together four times a week and have daily school chapel in a place that is beautiful, clean, lit, cooled or heated.

Be surrounded with **beautiful music**, lifted up by a choir at an altar prepared by people day after day, greeted by ushers, bread and wine through which we are fed abundantly with the Body of Christ.

Have **children and youth ministers** to mentor and help guide the journey for over 250 children and youth and their families in the church and school.

Communicate with you about opportunities for worship, fellowship and ways to serve our greater community, including Wilshire Elementary, Meals on Wheels, Under the Bridge as well as lead worship at Parklane, Mission Road, and Brookdale Alamo Heights.

Have a team of **prayer warriors** ready to serve through the ministry of Daughters of the King.

Have **lay readers, coffee makers, altar flowers**, and people who keep the pews and notebooks full of information to help you on your spiritual journey.

Have a **campus that is ready and welcoming** to host four recovery groups, YOSA, Children's Chorus of San Antonio, Kingdom Life (a church who meets on our campus), Bricks Academy, Bible studies, and use our kitchen to provide food for many local feeding ministries.

Learn through **spiritual formation** on Sundays and throughout the week through Bible studies and fellowship.

Our **Bright Beginnings infant program** provides clean, safe places to form over 20 infants ages 3-15 months.

Deliver close to 100 **Snack Pak 4 Kids** at Wiltshire Elementary.



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And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ out Lord. (BCP pg. 366)

Thank you for you! Let's keep doing the ministry God calls us to do, boldly and abundantly in 2019!

Peace, Gratitude and Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa T." with a small cross at the end.

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