

Dear OPC Family and Friends,

You folks are the best!

Your generosity, guided by our wonderful Missions Team, has been "relieving suffering in Christ's name" all over the globe.

Elder Hal Hodgson and OPC's Missions Team have teed it up for us. We support Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS), Athens Wellness Clinic, Athens Area Homeless Shelter, Family Promise, OARC Food for Kids, Lydia's Place, Mercy Health Center, Our Daily Bread, OPC's Little Free Pantry, the hundreds of pounds of food we donate from our Garden, the Table at UGA, Thornwell Children's Home, the Appalachia Service Project, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Love Without Borders Cambodia.

Wow! Isn't it great to be doing so much good in the world?

The 2026 Stewardship theme is "A Little Bit Goes a Long Way." I would add, "Let's reach out just a bit farther," really lean into it. On **Commitment Sunday, October 26th**, Pastor Steven will share a message called "Just a Little Bit Can Make All the Difference" to inspire us to pledge our time, talents, and treasure for 2026 and beyond.

During this current year of 2025, we have been a true, tithing church. That is once again within range for 2026.

Enclosed with this letter you will find two things: 1) a 2026 pledge card — one card per person, or couple if married and/or as a single giving unit, as well as one card per each confirmed member of OPC in your home, and 2) a Time & Talent form for each person in 7th grade and older in your household.

Although our church website provides a platform for online giving, it does not easily facilitate "pledging," so returning your stewardship materials directly to OPC will enable us to plan our budget in detail. **As mentioned above, October 26th has been designated as Commitment Sunday. We ask that you submit your pledge card on that day when Pastor Steven will provide a moment during the worship service to bring your pledge cards and Time & Talent forms forward as an act of commitment.** If you are unable to attend worship in person on that Sunday, then please mail your pledge card to OPC — P.O. Box 1377, Watkinsville, GA, 30677. Or, if you prefer, you can **call or email your pledge to Melissa in the OPC office (phone & email listed at top of this page).**

We respectfully request that you prayerfully check inside your heart, see if you can find a way to continue, and even amplify, your wonderful gifts of this past year. Your Session and their ministries in general, and your Missions Team specifically, will make sure your money hits the mark!

Love and Peace,
Ross

