

Dear OPC Family and Friends,

As Ross Brown is fond of saying ... thank you, thank you, thank you!

Once again, because of your generosity and giving in 2026, Oconee Presbyterian Church has continued to be able to do great things near and far – striving to fulfill all three parts of our mission statement.

As in previous years, as a true “tithing” church, this blessed congregation has been a blessing to others, particularly through all of our mission and outreach ministries. Our Missions Ministry Team continues to serve and support wonderful mission partners: 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. The list goes on and on, and through all of our service and charitable activities, we put our faith into faithful action to love God and love our neighbors, helping others in accordance with our OPC Mission Statement, to “relieve suffering in Christ’s name.”

The 2027 Stewardship theme is “**All In with Our God!**” – as in, all in ... with our hearts, our hands, our resources, and with joy! And on **Commitment Sunday, November 1st**, I will conclude our “All In” Stewardship sermon series with words that I hope and pray will inspire us all to go “all in,” and pledge our time, talents, and treasure for 2027 and beyond.

Enclosed with this letter you will find two things: 1) a 2027 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, returning your stewardship materials to OPC will remain old-fashioned. **As mentioned above, November 1st has been designated as Commitment Sunday. We ask that you submit your pledge card(s) and Time & Talent form(s) during worship on that day as an act of commitment, which we will do when we come forward to the Lord’s Table to receive Communion.** 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 increase – perhaps by only a few percent – your wonderful gifts of this past year. Your Session and their ministries in general, and your Missions Ministry Team specifically, will make sure your gift makes a difference in Christ’s name!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Steven



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