

Pastor's Instruction for Pledge Cards

*"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation—whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."
— Philipians 4:12 (NIV)*

I am excited to begin **River's Edge's 2026 Ministry Campaign**, focused on **"Contentment."** Throughout my research for my doctoral thesis on spiritual personal finances, I have come to see that contentedness is a *Christian virtue that leads to peace, happiness, and a flourishing life.*

Paul discovered this same truth while writing from prison—he found that true peace isn't found in possessions or circumstances, but in Christ Himself. My prayer is that our church family discovers that same kind of joy and stability as we grow in generosity together.

We want **everyone to experience the joy of giving.** Please be prayerful as you fill out your pledge card and ask,

"God, what are You calling me to give?"

If you've **never given before**, we encourage you to begin giving in proportion to your income - start with **1-2%**.

If you've **been giving faithfully**, we encourage you to consider **increasing your giving** as God has increased your income.

Generosity is not about equal gifts but equal sacrifice, and every act of giving—large or small—moves our church forward in faith.

Here's What You Need to Know

- **November 9 (Sunday):**
 - Staff brings their pledges forward.
 - That evening, at **6:00 PM**, our church leadership will call everyone in the congregation to ask how we can pray for you.
 - **November 16 (Sunday):**
 - Teams and the Leadership Board bring their pledge cards forward.
 - **November 23:**
 - **All-church Sunday** — everyone brings their pledge cards forward.
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