



## Stewardship Campaign for the 2022 Budget

Dear Members and Friends of Chapel in the Pines,

Your faithfulness during the past year has allowed CIP to weather these challenging times financially and spiritually. You have given your time and your talents, and you have invested in pursuit of our mission: welcoming, worshipping, and witnessing in the name of Jesus Christ.

We wish we could conduct our annual Stewardship Campaign as a full congregation. However, we know that despite our social distance, you will continue to respond as you always have: joyfully and generously. The campaign goal this year is \$418,000, which is a 4.4% increase over what was raised last year. This amount will position CIP in 2022 to support our current staff, add new staff to work with youth, keep our buildings, grounds, technology, and other assets well maintained, and fund our mission and service work in the community and the world, such as The Farm at Penny Lane, and helping Afghan families settle in Pittsboro.

Recognizing we all feel somewhat separated and isolated these days, the Stewardship committee has chosen **Called to Connect** as the campaign theme. We hope it reminds you that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ: within our congregation, but also in Chatham County, in N.C., in the USA, and in the world. Those connections tug on our hearts, offering us fellowship and pathways to serve. Our special speakers and sermons over the next four weeks will emphasize our connection in Christ.

In your pledge packet you will find a *Time & Talent* sheet, which will help you identify how YOU can connect more closely to CIP. Please fill it out and mail it, along with your pledge card, to the church office, or hand it in on Dedication Sunday, November 7.

We've also included a *Ways To Give* sheet in this packet, describing an array of methods for giving financially to the church. We urge you to consult your personal financial advisor, and see if one of these works for you. We also encourage you to visit the CIP website: [www.citppc.org](http://www.citppc.org), where you will find supporting material, a suggested Giving Guide, and a progress chart.

In 1 Corinthians 12:26, Paul reminds the church at Corinth that they are members of one body, and as such, they *suffer and rejoice together*. Friends, we are one body in Christ and in CIP, and we hope you feel connected – and comforted by that.

### Stewardship Committee

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