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Pledges are valuable They make wise planning possible

The membership of Siesta Key Chapel has been generous over the years and we deeply appreciate it. Over the past few years an interesting challenge has arisen: a growing portion of the annual giving has come through un-pledged gifts. These donations are greatly appreciated, however it is becoming increasingly difficult to confidently plan and budget for the coming year when a growing proportion of the annual giving is not pledged.

As an example, the Chapel's annual Mission budget is approximately 10% of the total budget. If actual revenues were more certain, the Session would be in a better position to consider whether or not to commit more funds toward an expanded Mission budget. Would you help us this year by making a pledge that lets us know what you anticipate giving toward the Chapel's life and ministry in 2018?

It is always difficult to discuss levels of giving in any charitable institution and SKC is no exception. To help you contemplate your pledge for 2018, we have provided a few relevant statistics on the following pages.

Sincerely,
Chad Weiss
Stewardship chairperson

Remembering the words of our Lord Jesus,
"It is more blessed to give than receive."
Acts 20:35b

Chapel Statistics

Total Pledges for 2016	\$485,725
Total Giving for 2016	\$727,727
Total Chapel Expenses 2016 (Inclusive of Mission & Special Offerings)	\$619,990 \$ 60,000 \$ 17,718

A Bird's Eye View

Full Members	311
Affiliate Members	106
Full Member + Affiliate Member Giving Units*	200
Non-Member Giving Units	36
Total Giving Units	236
Average donation per giving unit required to cover Chapel Expenses	\$2627

*Giving Unit = 1 family, 1 couple or 1 individual

And you?

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018.

Pledge Today

How to Pledge

1. Return a pledge card, like the one included with this mailing by;
 - Dropping the pledge card off in the church office
 - Placing the pledge card in the offering basket on Sunday
 - Filling out a pledge card at the stewardship table in fellowship hall (Stewardship Fair - Nov 12) following the worship service
 - Bringing the card with you to the service on Sunday November 19, 2017 (Stewardship Dedication Sunday)
2. Call 941-349-1166 on any business day and speak with Pat. She will be happy to take your pledge over the phone.
3. Pledge online. Visit the church website www.siestakeychapel.org and make a donation, or pledge online. Once you open the website click on the menu item "Online Giving" and click on Stewardship.

Pledging is an important spiritual exercise. It allows us to set aside time to reflect on the gifts God has given and how best to show our gratitude. It is Biblical practice rooted in the concept of giving to God our "first fruits" – the top of the harvest, the best part.

Question: Can I give Stocks or other financial instruments?

Answer: Yes, this is a great way to offset capital gains.

Question: Are my donations tax deductible?

Answer: Yes, they are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. You will receive a statement in the first quarter of the year that details all the donations you made to the church in the previous year.

Question: What if I can't pay the amount I pledged?

Answer: We understand that circumstances change. Ultimately this remains a matter between you and God.

Give what you can.