



GRACE CHURCH
OF WEST FELICIANA PARISH

Dear Parishioner of Grace Church

It is time again for the members of Grace Church to come together to express, in the form of a financial pledge to the Church, our thanks to God for the great gift of community. Each pledge makes it possible to continue the vital ministries of our congregation. We have been incredibly blessed to worship in this beautiful and historic place. However, over the last few years we have incurred significant expenses associated with the maintenance of our Church, Jackson Hall, the Cemetery, and all other dwellings or facilities owned by Grace. Your pledge makes up about 70% of our budgeted annual income and we are deeply dependent on it.

Many of you are aware that we have been blessed with income from other sources over the years. This income has had a tremendous impact in our ministries, facilities, and the historic grounds we are entrusted by God to care for. The truth about this income, however, is that we cannot rely on it every year, which makes it even more important for each of us to pledge the most we can. We are also blessed to have family trusts, but most of the funds from these trusts are restricted to a particular purpose like the cemetery trees, the organ, the Golsan House, etc. We are not able to use this revenue for our operating expenses. Our operating budget comes directly from pledge donations. This budget includes mission and outreach, personnel, maintenance, Jackson Hall expenses, insurance, utilities, etc. Your pledges allow us to continue operations, fund our current ministries, and expand to create new ministries to serve and love our neighbors as our Lord, Jesus Christ, commands us to do.

I am reminded each day of how blessed we are to be part of the Grace Church family. There is not a day that goes by that I do not thank God for the ability to worship at Grace and I am humbled by the love my family receives from this congregation every day. I am grateful to have experienced some of the best years of my life in this church, marrying my wife, baptizing my son, being chosen to represent you on our vestry, and working with our youth and children's programs. I feel honored to be connected to every one of you in Christ's love.

I ask you today to show your appreciation and love of God by meeting your 2018 pledge and increasing your 2019 pledge by at least 1% of your annual income. This increase will allow us to faithfully serve our church and the wider community that see Grace as a beacon of hope in times of fear and darkness. Please submit your pledge by December 15th, so we can properly prepare our budget for 2019. Fill out the pledge card with the actual amount you intend to give and not a lower amount when you know you will give more. This is the only way we can properly prepare for the upcoming year. Thanks for your love and generosity.

Thomas Richard Kendrick
Senior Warden



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2019 Pledge Card

In Thanksgiving for God's goodness, and support of the ministry of our Church,
I / we will give \$ _____ per week / month / year in 2019. (**circle one**)

Signed _____ Print name: _____

I / we would like offering envelopes ____ Yes ____ No

Address _____

This is an expression of faith and intent, and not a legal obligation. Contact the Church Treasurer to make any adjustment. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible by mailing it to P.O. Box 28, St. Francisville, LA 70775 or by dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday.

