



Dear Central Family,

As you may know, December is historically the month in which we – through your generosity - receive approximately 25% of the funds necessary for the annual ministry budget. **This December, our need for fulfilling the 2020 ministry budget is \$900,000.** Meeting that need this year will fund all of the essential areas of our 2020 ministry efforts over the last 11 months: worship; congregational care; missions; evangelism; discipleship for all ages; family and student ministry; PEEPs and other early childhood ministry; Central Christian School; care and upkeep for our beautiful facilities; and so much more.

This is a big yet achievable number if we all work together and bring our tithes and extra gifts to the Lord this December. Some of you are especially blessed financially, and your ability to make a special gift this year is more important than ever. But no matter our economic status, this is an opportunity for each and every one of us* to be part of the transforming work of the Lord Jesus at Central. Your financial gifts make the vast ministry of Central possible. Let's rally together this year and joyfully meet our \$900,000 ministry need for 2020.

This year we are also including an "above and beyond" mission goal if we exceed the \$900,000 goal. As you know, Pastor Randy Mayfield is retiring after 41 years of faithful service to our Missions ministry. In honor of that service and to ensure the equipping of missionaries in other cultures to proclaim the gospel and plant churches among their own people groups, we have established a new scholarship fund. Randy did not seek this out, but we thought it important and appropriate to name this fund the "Mayfield Missionary Scholarship" to honor the particular legacy of missions that the Lord cultivated through Randy at Central over these last 41 years. Once the goal of \$900,000 is achieved, 50% of all gifts over the stated goal will be used to "seed" this new scholarship fund. The other 50% will go toward 2021 ministry needs.

We pray that you will partner with us this December! There are several ways in which you can do so:

- Send your gift via USPS mail in the enclosed envelope;
- Give at church before or after worship via the giving baskets on the tables outside the sanctuary;
- Online via our secure giving platform – visit www.centralpres.com/giving;
- Text CENTRALPRES to 77977;
- By giving stocks or other securities – contact Lisa Roth at 314.620.4559 for assistance.

While I am pensive about the state of many things right now, of this I am certain: in Jesus Christ our Lord, God's faithfulness endures and his church is moving forward. Your generosity embodies that faithfulness, and I am so grateful. I pray that you will find great joy in knowing how God is using your generosity for his glory.

With deep gratitude for your partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Smith", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Clay Smith

** Some of you may be experiencing financial distress as a result of the ongoing pandemic. If that is the case, please contact us at care@centralpres.com. We would love to talk with you about how we might help you.*