

Give Thanks and Celebrate with a “Stimulus” Offering!

Below is a personal, heartfelt challenge from Bob Geyer for us to make a “Stimulus” offering. We understand that not everyone may have received the same amount of stimulus funds, and that the personal need for these funds may outweigh the excess. The opportunity is for us to consider a contribution of any amount to continue our life changing ministry for years to come. You could designate this offering as “Stimulus” if you choose. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

On Behalf of the Stewardship Committee, Michele Clarkson, Moderator

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**A Letter to the Congregation of Clemmons Presbyterian Church:**

Uncle Sam has given most of us, first \$600 last year, then another \$1,200 and now up to \$1,400 for each adult person.

Individually we are NOT in the same boat but are in the same ocean floating along by the Grace of God. Some of our boats have taken on water and have certainly needed the stimulus checks to buy “water pumps” to keep going. Other boats have plied through the waters but occasionally needed fixing, or refitting.

Then there are the solid boats, with steel hulls and extra cabin space. Few of us live extravagantly but have sufficiency. We may have thought about how we could spend this money, save it, or donate it.

I would urge you to consider donating to the building fund of Clemmons Presbyterian. This could go a long way towards reducing our debt and enabling us to do more in missions and outreach here in our community as we are called to be spreading the word of God’s love for His children.

There are 500 members in our congregation. I would like to challenge at least 1/3 of you, or over 150 of you, to also give as God has enabled you to the building fund. If 150 members individually give \$1,000, it would amount to a \$150,000 STIMULUS to our church, which would reduce interest expense on our building loan for every year in the future. Some of you might not be able to give \$1,000, but please consider giving at least a tithe of the amount you received. Of course, any amount is appreciated.

That \$1,000, or whatever you can give, is only a portion of the total \$3,200 that some of us received. Yes, \$1,000 is more than a tithe, but we have received so many blessings. A song I was brought up on was: “We give thee but Thine own, whatever the gift might be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust oh Lord from Thee”.

So please consider this, pray about it, talk to your spouse or family about it, and realize that some of us will still be keeping \$2,200 of this stimulus money. When pledging in general, isn’t it amazing that God calls on us to donate only a tithe of our labors.

Thanks for considering this option, I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Peace with Joy,

Bob Geyer and the Stewardship Committee