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Sunday Morning: 9:30 Worship and Sunday School: 9:15 (Sept.-May)

'Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God'

(Philippians 1:3)

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

I thank God often for you. I thank God for the gifts offered, the ways we journey through life together, how we grow in our faith together and how we celebrate/grieve/rejoice together. It truly is a joy to be a faith community here at GPS Faith Community. I want to start off with a huge thank you as I reflect back over the year so far. You all stepped up in unimaginable ways when I put out the financial need earlier this year. Our financial picture is more stable as we look toward ending 2023 well. Your financial gifts have allowed us to catch up on budgeted expenses and move forward more confidently. Thank you, thank you God's people.

You all have also stretched in giving your time, talents and physical gathering of supplies this year. We had an amazing gathering of school supplies for our LWR backpacks, veggies for our local pantry, snacks for Rock House kids and more. Our giving also has been seen through serving in many ways throughout our community. Again thank you for living into our namesake; GPS. I want to encourage you and call you to keep it up. It is a joy to be God's expression of love within our community and world.

As we look at this upcoming year for our finances I want to ask you to prayerfully consider growing in any way you can. If each household would grow their giving by around \$100 a month it would help to not only meet the budgeted need but also offset the cost of living hike that all of us have felt (the church is not immune). As well if you have the ability to give an end of the year gift to help us end well and begin 2024 on the right foot that would be so appreciated. Included with this letter you will find an intent of giving card for 2024 that you can bring back before or on Sunday, November 19. I know 2024 will be a year that we continue to grow in many ways and find God meeting us all along the way.

In God's Unmatched Love,

Pastor Brandon Nelson