



Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church
213 Colonial Heights Rd.
Kingsport, TN 37663

(423) 239 9194
www.chpres.org

The congregation of Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church continues to be very generous in its support of the church and its mission. The average annual pledge to the church for 2026 was nearly \$5000. Not only do people make a pledge, they pay it no matter what is going on in the church. With David Randolph's exit from the pulpit earlier in the year, everyone continues to support the church with their donations.

I thank everyone for their generous support both in terms of their time and talents and their monetary contributions to the church. Even with this generosity I still hear questions from the congregation such as:

- Why doesn't our church have money set aside for major maintenance needs for the building?
- Why don't we invest more in our programming for youth?
- Shouldn't we give more to local and regional charities?
- Why does it seem that every year, we start the year out with a budget which plans for a deficit?

All of these are good questions, and the answer to all of them is the same: while our congregation is generous, the needs of the facility and the staff that supports it use all of the money that is donated to support the church every year. Now, a church is a non-profit organization, and we aren't supposed to set aside and hold on to money like a regular business would, but some years, we could sure use a little additional to keep things running.

Pledges are important to the church; they guide us as we plan for the upcoming year. What programs can we more fully support? Can we afford the anticipated increases in utility or insurance bills, etc.? Pledges aren't a legal commitment; they just help us out as we put our budget together and plan for the next year.

As you consider your contribution for 2027, think about how we can continue to serve God through this church and understand that everyone's contribution is important to the church and to keeping it going. Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to our church family.

In Christ,

Isaac Webb
Treasurer