

Dear Church Family,

*What a joy it is to be a part of the family of God!*

### **God's Faithfulness**

I'm not sure about you, but there is something about this time of year that makes me thankful to have a close family bond with Christ's body, the church! At OEPC we are so thankful to have that gift in each other. At our joint board gathering on Tuesday, November 29 we were blessed to hear testimonies of God's faithfulness to OEPC working in and through each of our boards (Deacons, Trustees, and Session). The care, love, and growth that has taken place in the hearts and lives of our congregation was so encouraging as we shared about God's goodness!

### **What Lies Ahead**

In that time of sharing, we were reminded of what's ahead. We as a church have taken many steps of faith this year to advance His Kingdom. Three come to the forefront of my mind: filling the position of our Director of Children and Youth, the advancement with 'ART,' and your continued faithfulness in the support of Christian ministries stateside and around the world. At the center of these 'three' (and all that were shared) is the advancement of the Gospel. We are excited to see how God will take these 'steps' of faith and use them to draw us closer to Himself, explain the faith, experience life together in our neighborhoods, and extend God's mission to all in need of salvation.

### **God's Provision**

In all of this we are dependent upon our Lord to provide. As we enter the month of December, we can watch God open His storehouse and provide the monies needed to support our ministries in 2022. To accomplish this, we need to receive \$100,000 in offering in the month of December. That's a big number, but our God is bigger, and we know that He can provide.

### **Would you Consider Being a Part of This?**

One testimony given at the Joint Board Meeting was of the blessings that come in response to Biblical proportional giving. Proportional giving recognizes that returning a portion of our resources to God for the advancement of the Gospel and His Kingdom here on earth is our worshipful response to His great love for us in the gift of His Son. It requires us to make a conscious effort to determine our priorities and our giving. OEPC, this is the time for faithfulness and the living out of God's promises!

### **Why We Give**

We love God and give our resources to Him because He first loved us. The benefits and joy that come from such giving are beyond measure. We hope that you will join us in this marvelous opportunity to bring Him glory.

Blessings!

The Session and Pastor Dan