

# Saint Simons Presbyterian Church

STEWARDSHIP 2022



Ministry Investment Report



**2022 TOTAL MISSION BUDGET: \$1,200,000**



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# Dear Friends,

What a year it has been...

We started January with a construction fence still around most of our campus and masks still covering most of our faces. And now nearly ten months later our building is once again humming with activity and the sanctuary is alive on Sunday mornings with smiles that we can actually see. Those smiles are a reminder that in the midst of the many ups and downs over the past months (and the many ups and downs potentially still to come) one thing has undeniably remained constant: **God's steadfast love.**

This year is significant too though because it marks seventy-five years since our founding as a church. For three-quarters of a century now your generosity and the generosity of countless others before has allowed St. Simons Presbyterian to live out its mission of being a faithful witness to God's unwavering love both here in Glynn County and beyond. In our worship, our mission, our study, and our fellowship, we are a community of faith that has and continues to strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

**Generosity is in our DNA.** Over the years, your investment in the ministry through gifts of time, talent, and resources has helped to transform not only our community but also countless lives for the better. And so our stewardship focus for 2022 is an invitation to join us in looking ahead and wondering how our generosity now might serve to grow the impact of our church over the next seventy-five years. How might God use our giving in this season to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and equip disciples for this next season in the life of our church?

The financial commitment of our members and friends is critical for making that work possible. No matter how much or how little you are able to give, a pledge in any amount helps us to plan more responsibly for the future mission and ministry of the church.

The Dyers are making St. Simons Presbyterian our **number one giving priority** this year because we believe that God is working in powerful ways through the people and ministry of our church. Will you join us?

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial letter.

Rev. Alan Dyer

# BUDGET

“Where your treasure is, your heart will be also” -Matthew 6:21

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**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Leading us into the presence of God.

Preaching, Liturgy, Musicians, Musicians Hospitality, Guest Preachers/Speakers, Worship Bulletins, Instrument Maintenance, Music Conferences, Worship & Music Supplies, Stewardship & Ushering Supplies, Technology, Session & Officer Training, Weddings.



**DISCIPLESHIP:** Growing us as followers of Jesus.

Adult Learning Classes, Adult Learning Curriculum, Adult Learning Supplies, Adult Learning Hospitality, Nursery Ministry Kidz Programming & Snacks, Kidz Camps/Events/Trips, Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups/Events/Trips, Youth Fellowship Suppers, Youth Breakfast Devotionals, Church Library & Officer Supplies.



**MISSION & OUTREACH:** Serving those in need with the love of Christ.

Presbytery Unified Giving, Fort Frederica Presbyterian Giving, PC (USA) Missionary Giving, Hunger Action Team Food Ministry, Angel Tree Christmas Ministry, Day of Service, Community Missions Benevolent Giving.



**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MINISTRY:** Connecting together as a church family.

Congregational Care, Casserole Food Ministry, Adult Learning Social Events, Try Something New Events/Trips, Family Life Events/Trips, Fall Festival, Advent Festival, Lent Event, Holy Week/Easter Events, New Member Dinners, Hospitality Ministry Receptions, Wednesday Night Suppers, Sunday Breakfast Fellowship, Special Meals, Kitchen Supplies, Newsletters/Publications/Social Media Promotion.



**ADMINISTRATION & MINISTRY SUPPORT:** Making the ministry & mission we do possible.

Office & Technology Equipment, Office & Technology Supplies, Technology Fees & Training, Church Membership Software (REALM), Printing Costs, Postage & Delivery, Telephone, Memberships & Subscriptions, Financial Management, Bank Service Charges.



**BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE:** Providing a place to worship & gather.

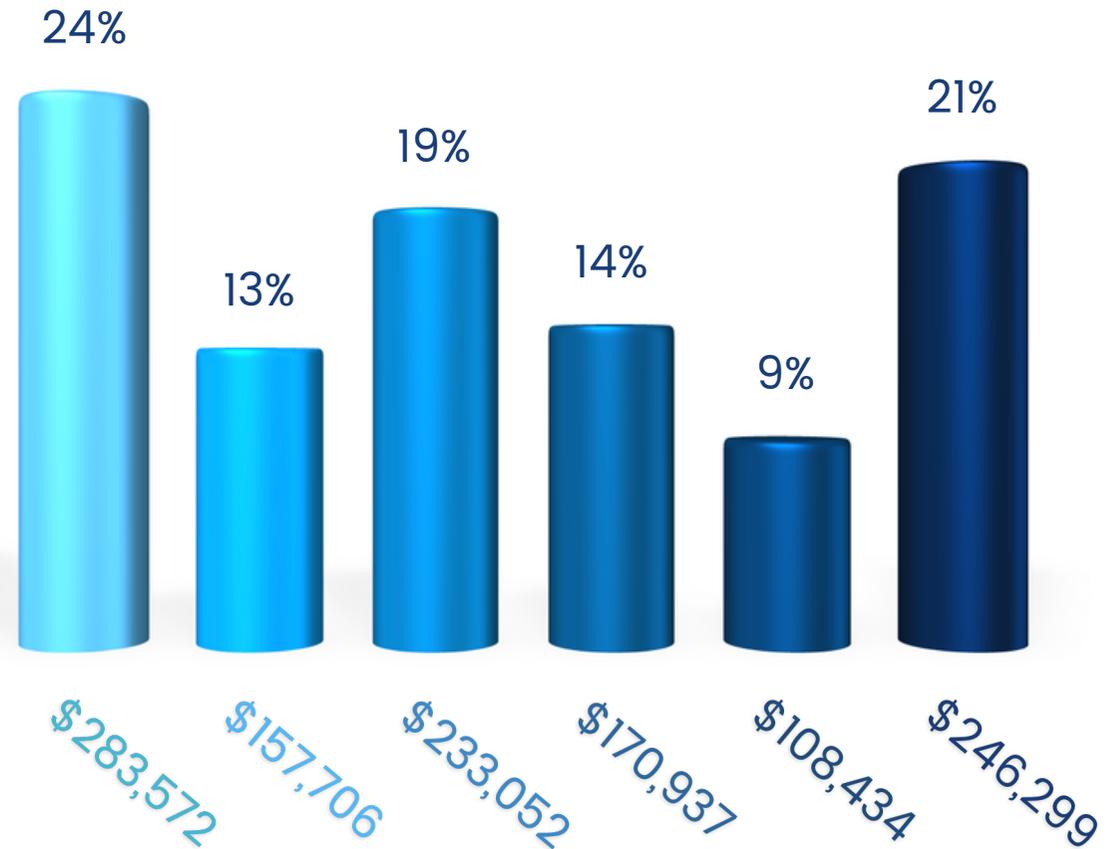
Insurance, Electricity, Natural Gas, Water/Sewer/Trash Disposal, Cleaning & Janitorial Services, Lawn Services & Supplies Church Van Maintenance & Fuel, Air/Heating Repair & Maintenance, Equipment Repair & Maintenance, Building Repair & Maintenance, Signage & Lighting Systems.

# Ministry Investment

## OPERATING BUDGET: \$1,200,000

This year's mission budget reflects a \$100k increase from our FY2021 budget. As our church grows in membership and ministry, this budget allows us to grow in our generosity both within and outside the walls of our campus. Details about the types of activities included in each mission area are provided on the opposite page.

Worship & Music	24%
Discipleship	13%
Mission & Outreach	19%
Congregational Life & Ministry	14%
Admin & Ministry Support	9%
Buildings & Maintenance	21%



\*A detailed church budget is available in church office at any time upon request.



# GIVING FAQ'S

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## Why does the church need my commitment?

Our Finance Committee and Session use the dollars pledged to create our yearly budget for the church. Our ministry areas depend on these gifts to continue outreach efforts, education programs, worship, care and new initiatives.

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## Does the church only want large monthly pledges?

Absolutely not! Our goal is 100 percent participation from our members. Every gift matters, no matter the size.

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## When does this estimate of giving amount go into effect?

January 1, 2022.

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## Can I pay with an EFT or Credit Card?

Yes, you can have your pledge automatically deducted from your bank account each month through an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), or you can pay your pledge using MasterCard or Visa. For details, please contact our Director of Finance & Administration, Jeannine Torbert, at 912-638-2220, ext. 102 or visit [sspres.org/giving](http://sspres.org/giving).

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## Can I pledge online?

Yes, visit [sspres.org/giving](http://sspres.org/giving) to make an online pledge and/or set up a recurring gift.

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## Can I change my commitment?

Yes, we know that unexpected life events and circumstances happen. Your estimate of giving can be changed or cancelled at any time for any reason by notifying Jeannine Torbert at 912-638-2220, ext. 102 or [jeannine@sspres.org](mailto:jeannine@sspres.org).

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## Will SSPC send me statements?

Yes, if you pledge, you will receive a quarterly statement of your contributions for your tax records and to confirm the accuracy of our records.

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## What if I have other questions?

Please contact our Director of Finance & Administration, Jeannine Torbert, at 912-638-2220, ext. 102 or [jeannine@sspres.org](mailto:jeannine@sspres.org).

# GIVING PROFILE

## WHAT IS THE MEDIAN PLEDGE?

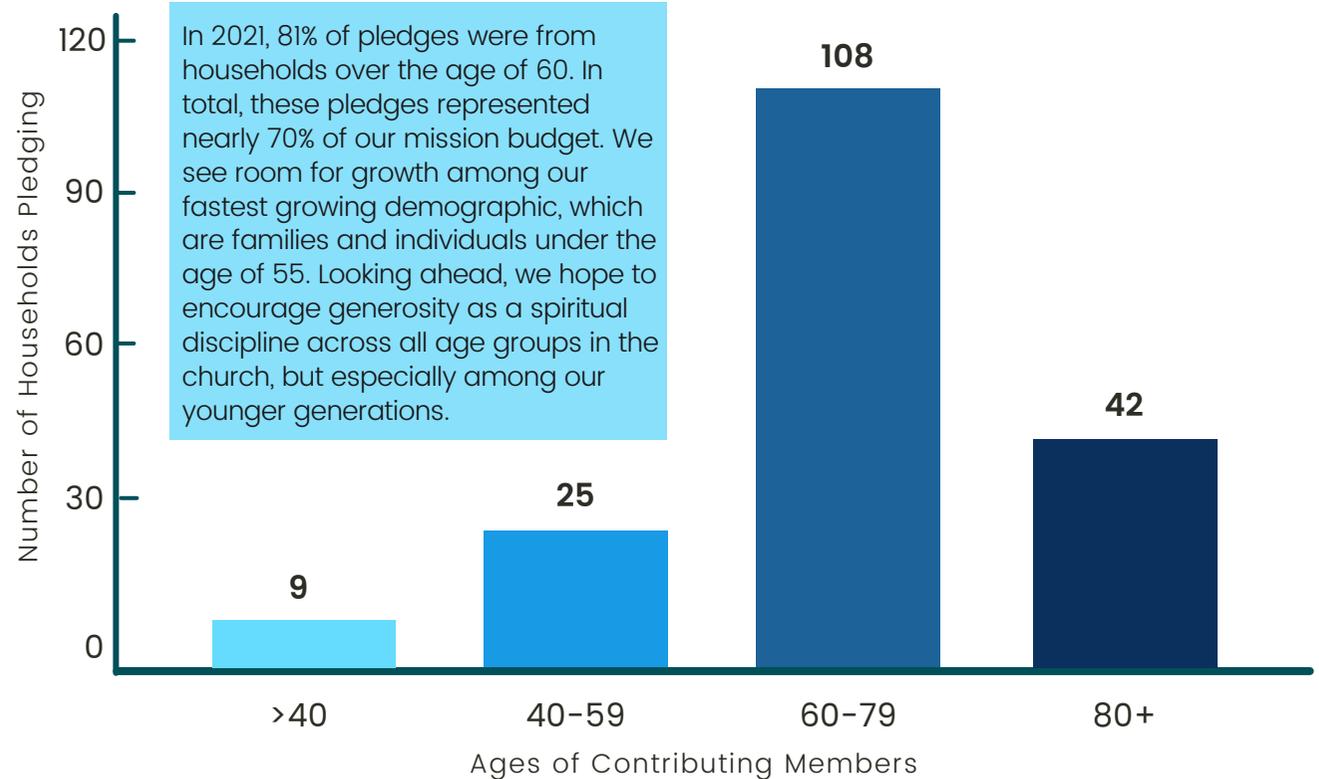
In 2021, the median pledge was \$2,930. In 2020, the median pledge was \$3,000.

## WHAT IS THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLEDGES AMONG MEMBERS?

In 2021, the top 10 pledges made up 26% of the budget. The top 25 pledges made up 39% of the budget. While not unusual in comparison to many peer congregations, these numbers reflect an opportunity to improve the distribution of support among more of the membership.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF SSPC?

Because of your generosity and the faithful planning of the Finance and Stewardship Ministry Teams, SSPC is very financially sound. Historically, approximately 75% of our annual mission budget is funded by members who pledge their financial commitment. The remaining 25% is funded through unpledged giving. Continuing to grow the percentage of our annual budget that is funded through pledged giving will allow us to plan more responsibly for the future mission and ministry of the church.



PLEDGE TOTALS	2018	2019	2020	2021
Households Pledging	189	176	169	184
Total of Pledges	\$862,702	\$847,457	\$916,420	\$918,498
Percent of Budget	75%	76%	82%	83%

# BENEVOLENT



The 2021 mission budget has helped to financially support numerous local organizations who follow Jesus' command to "love our neighbor" by serving the least, the lost, and the lonely here in Coastal Georgia.

# GIVING



**DID YOU KNOW...**  
that from April 2020 to May 2021, St. Simons Presbyterian distributed over \$164,000 in direct emergency financial assistance to individuals and families in Glynn County who were financially impacted by the coronavirus pandemic? This assistance of the SSPC COVID19 Community Relief Fund helped to keep 370 individuals and families in our community housed and fed during a time when many were experiencing health challenges, job loss, and/or childcare disruptions as a result of school shutdowns and quarantines.

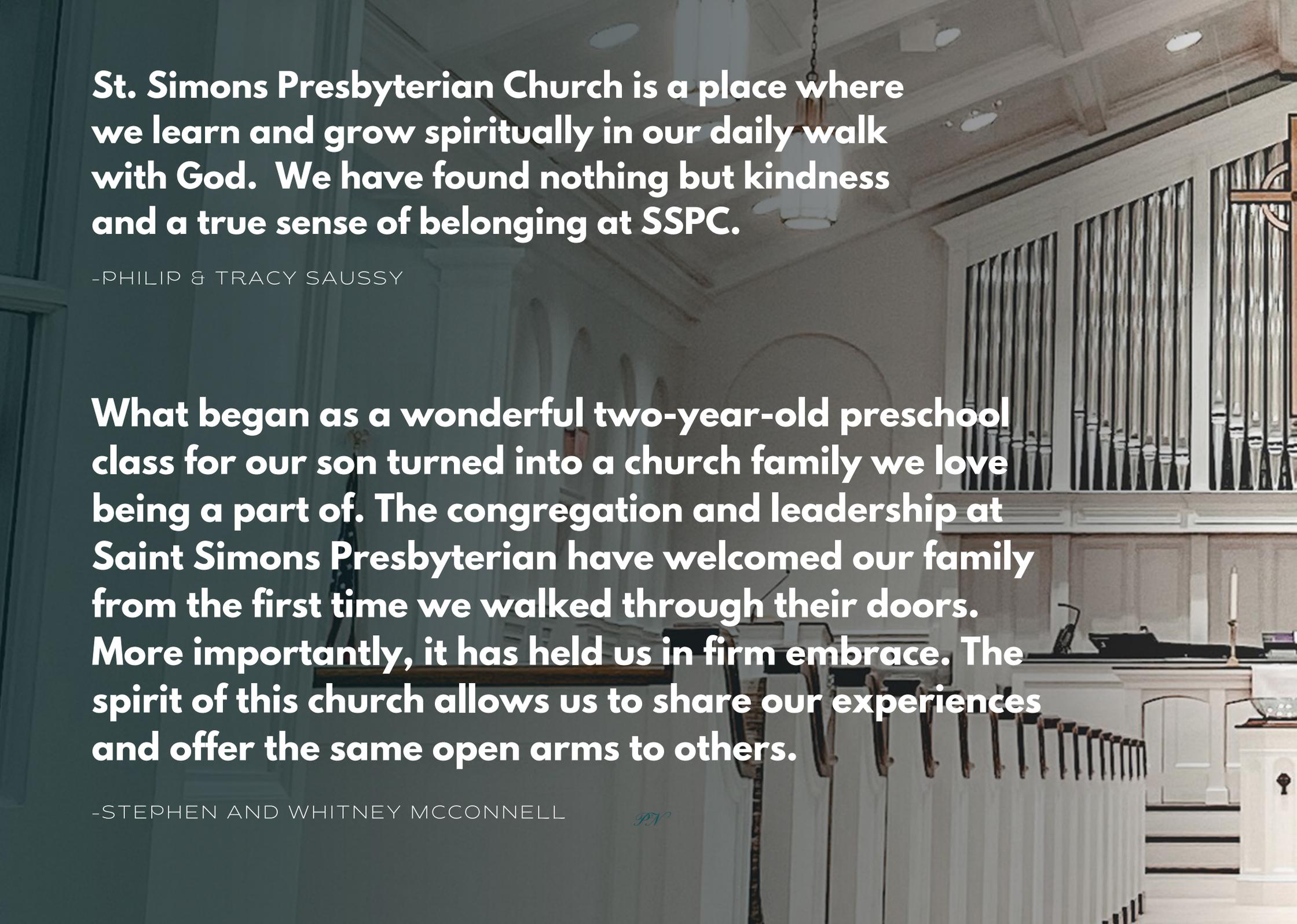
## MINISTRIES SUPPORTED

Manna House  
Habitat for Humanity  
Sparrow's Nest  
The Well/Faithworks

CASA  
Boys and Girls Club  
Coastal Coalition for Children  
Safe Harbor  
Hunger Action

Grace House  
House of Hope  
Saved by Grace  
Hospice of the Golden Isles  
Angel Tree

Keep Golden Isles Beautiful  
Morning Star  
Coastal Outreach Soccer  
Blue Skies Ministries

The background image shows the interior of a church sanctuary. In the foreground, there is a long, narrow table covered with a white cloth, likely a communion table, with several chairs tucked under it. The walls are light-colored with arched niches. In the background, there is a balcony with a choir loft and a large window with a decorative metal grille. The lighting is soft and even.

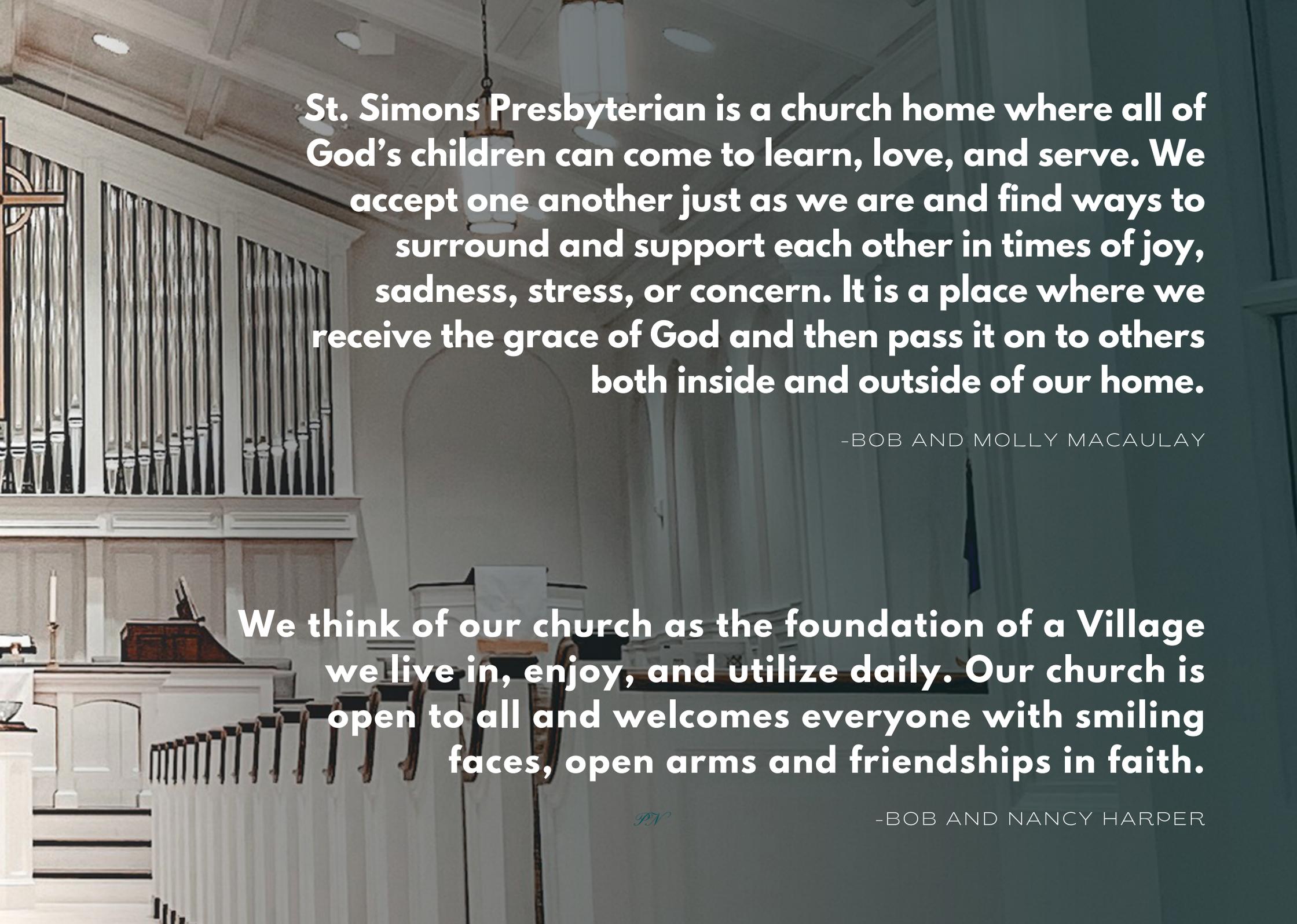
**St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a place where we learn and grow spiritually in our daily walk with God. We have found nothing but kindness and a true sense of belonging at SSPC.**

-PHILIP & TRACY SAUSSY

**What began as a wonderful two-year-old preschool class for our son turned into a church family we love being a part of. The congregation and leadership at Saint Simons Presbyterian have welcomed our family from the first time we walked through their doors. More importantly, it has held us in firm embrace. The spirit of this church allows us to share our experiences and offer the same open arms to others.**

-STEPHEN AND WHITNEY MCCONNELL

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**St. Simons Presbyterian is a church home where all of God's children can come to learn, love, and serve. We accept one another just as we are and find ways to surround and support each other in times of joy, sadness, stress, or concern. It is a place where we receive the grace of God and then pass it on to others both inside and outside of our home.**

-BOB AND MOLLY MACAULAY

**We think of our church as the foundation of a Village we live in, enjoy, and utilize daily. Our church is open to all and welcomes everyone with smiling faces, open arms and friendships in faith.**

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-BOB AND NANCY HARPER

# BARNABAS SOCIETY

Help sustain future ministries by including St. Simons Presbyterian in your estate planning.

We encourage you to contribute to the future needs of our congregation and its Christian discipleship. The Barnabas Society honors friends and members of St. Simons Presbyterian Church who have named the church in their wills and/or other estate plans.

The Society is for everyone and every gift of any size, no matter what the amount or percentage of your estate. It is not necessary to disclose amounts designated for the church. Membership may be anonymous or named in a listing of Society members, at the discretion of the donor. Please let Jeannine Torbert, Director of Finance & Administration, know if you have included St. Simons Presbyterian Church in your estate plans.

**Your legacy gifts, no matter how small or how large the amounts, will make a difference.**



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For more information: [sspres.org/barnabas](https://sspres.org/barnabas)

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## Current members of the Barnabas Society:

Anonymous  
Martha Banister  
Melanie Barger  
Jim & Mary Bishop  
Judy Booker  
Rev. Bob & Mary Ann Brearley  
Catherine Breitenhirt  
David & Terri Burch  
Alethea Dillard  
Marie W. Dodd  
Donald & Mavis Dutton  
Jim & Jennifer Farish  
Anna Henry

Traci E. Hunter  
John & Rixie Hendry  
Mike & Nardis Kellar  
Marcia M. Kester  
Scott and Gail Ledbetter  
Kevin & Linda Lokey  
Hal & Suzanne Morrison  
Chris Pippart  
Daryl & Bonnie Rabert  
Grace Robertson  
Anne Marie Stirewalt  
Aubrey & Lee Anne Stone

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## Bequests Received

*Since Sept. 27, 2009, Founding Date of Barnabas Society:*

Anonymous  
Helen Alexander Estate  
Blake Breitenhirt Estate  
Julia J. Buxton Estate  
Claude H. Booker Jr. Estate  
Mable Duggan Estate  
Reid Harris Estate  
Lillian Mahlberg Estate  
David E. Stirewalt Estate  
Henry & Ina Kingdon Charitable  
Gift Annuity  
LuRay S. Ward Charitable  
Remainder Trust

Jean Peters Estate  
Betty Thurston Estate  
Jim Grimsley Estate  
Norma Adams Estate  
Maude Garner Estate  
Katherine Schell Estate  
Phyllis Laitta Estate  
Betty White Estate  
Don E. Carter Estate  
Frederick Stradtman Estate  
Molly Cook Estate  
Robert M. Torras Estate  
Theodosia R. Landis Estate

# SSPC ENDOWMENT FUND

As of September 30, 2021

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**MARKET VALUE \$2,244,529**

**\$93,160 DISTRIBUTION APPROVED MAY 14, 2021 (4% DISTRIBUTION)**



\$13,160 Designated Funds (Automatically Allocated)

\$80,000 Undesignated Funds (Approved & Allocated by the Session)

The endowment's purpose is to provide members and friends of this congregation the opportunity to practice faithful stewardship of accumulated resources and to insure the funding of ministries of our congregation and the larger church in perpetuity.

An important benefit of making contributions to endowment funds is that the gift will outlive the life of the donor, an effective way of expressing gratitude for God's many blessings.

Once a year, the Endowment Committee meets to make recommendations to the Session for appropriate distributions from growth and income. Although market value fluctuates, no annual distribution will decrease the adjusted basis for each fund.

Funds and income from the Endowment will not be used to offset the general operating expenses included in the annual budget of the church. Disbursements of earnings and growth from Undirected Funds are approved by the Session.

## GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

### **\$15,000 Hand in Hand of Glynn**

Building a tiny home village to house 60 chronically homeless women and men in Glynn County.

### **\$10,000 Golden Isles Veterans Village Initiative**

Building a tiny home village for homeless veterans in Glynn County.

### **\$10,000 Montreat Conference Center**

Montreat Fund gift to support church camp and conference ministry.

### **\$10,000 Blue Skies Ministries**

Retreat for families dealing/recovering from cancer.

### **\$5,000 Habitat for Humanity Glynn County**

Restore and remodel the ReStore.

### **\$12,000 SSPC Bridge Mission Program**

### **\$9,000 SSPC Community Missions Ministry Team**

### **\$9,000 SSPC Global Missions Ministry Team**

# LEADERSHIP

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## *Stewardship Committee*

Brenda (chair) and Buddy Jones  
Mary Margaret and Jeff Shiver  
Nancy and John Matthews  
Sean and Denise Hidalgo

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## *Ruling Elders:*

Jeff Shiver	Teresa Hodgdon	Leslie Hartman
Coco Bujold	Greer Anderson	Jerry Spencer
David Burch	Anne Aspinwall	Meg Mimbs
Fred Griffith	Kevin Lokey	Buddy Jones
Holley Rogers	Leslie Carlton	Lee Dillard
Sean Hidalgo	Albert McCaffrey	John Matthews
Hillary Stringfellow	Jeff Bennett	Mike Kellar

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## *Deacons:*

John Turner	Kelly Johnson	Nancy Fixx
Tate Simpson	Keith Griffin	Tom Haughney
Anne Marie Stirewalt	Angie Vostis	Andrew Turner
Lee Baxter	Pat Heran	Denise Hidalgo
Anna K Mansfield	Nicole Campbell	Carol Kiernan
Barbara Dieterman	Phil Massie	Jan Rossiter
Molly Macaulay	Ashley Holmes	Martin White

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## *Trustees*

Millard Allen	Fleming Martin	Jack Hartman
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