



## CHAPEL BY THE LAKE

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Members and Friends of Chapel by the Lake,

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Greetings! We pray that you are experiencing the depth and breadth of God's eternal love expressed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

### CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

**"Don't count your chickens before they're hatched"**

**"Moderation in all things"**

**"Look before you leap"**

These expressions define a cautious and moderate approach to life that many of us seek to practice and teach to our children. In contrast to conventional wisdom, each Sunday we invite God to establish His pattern of living in our midst: *"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* (Matt. 6:9-10)

### A KINGDOM INVESTMENT

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, we are given direction regarding this pattern of living: *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver."* (9:6-7). These verses promise that our experience of and commitment to God's love and grace will grow deeper and more significant as we willingly and generously invest ourselves in His kingdom. **Are kingdom investment and conventional wisdom in harmony with each other?** We invite you to read and pray over this passage as we consider it in greater depth during worship on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### PLEDGING

Why do we encourage you to pledge? The enclosed pledge card gives us the opportunity to prayerfully consider how we share our God-given gifts of time, talents, and treasure to invest in God's kingdom both inside and outside our worshipping community. We ask that pledge cards be returned in the offering, by mail, or to the church office by October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 when they will be dedicated in worship.

### WITH GENEROUS HEARTS..... STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As stewards of your gifts we are grateful for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Chapel by the Lake. The 2011 budget, including regular loan payments, increased by ~5 % over 2010. At this point in the year giving is even with the budget, which is ahead of our position in 2009 and 2010. Significant interest savings and a shortened loan horizon have also been realized through Above and Beyond, which has paid down our loan principal by ~3% (\$30,000) since May. **Please keep up this good work!**

We also encourage your consideration of the enclosed letter from the Trustees. Do you have questions or concerns regarding the budget? Contact the church administrator, Harvey Knuth @ 789-7592 or Joel Webb, stewardship committee chair @ 586-0136.

The CBTL Stewardship Committee

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