

Every year during the month of September, First Church participates in a Stewardship Campaign with major focus around pledging.

What is a pledge? During the Stewardship Campaign, the word PLEDGE or PLEDGE CARDS gets talked about a lot. A pledge is an estimate of giving or a statement of intent. Your pledge amount may change at any time of year as your financial circumstances change.



How does our pledge help the church? Each year, the Church develops a plan for how it will work to fulfill its mission during the coming year. The stewardship campaign is an opportunity for members of our Church to commit to being a part of that plan. Eighty-four percent (84%) of our annual budget of \$871,569 is derived from planned pledges to the Church enabling the Church to fund human, operational and educational resources that allow us to work toward achievement of our plan. These pledges permit the Church to expand our vision and our mission of service to our congregation and community.

Why should I pledge? Pledging allows you to make intentional decisions about your financial giving. When you plan ahead for your giving, you make conscious choices about spending your money in ways that reflect your faith and values. Through your pledge we are able to do for the church what you would do for your household: plan wisely for the use of our resources in support of the mission God has called us to.

A pledge is not the same thing as an automatic draft. First Church offers the use of automatic draft as a convenience to our congregation but it is not a requirement. That amount on your pledge card indicates what you anticipate giving through the entire year but giving patterns vary widely based on individual and family circumstances.

Your pledge matters! Where you start is not nearly as important as making your first pledge. Every pledge makes a difference. It matters to your spiritual growth and the ability of our church to support its missions and ministries.

On Commitment Sunday, Oct 6 during worship at 9am & 11am, we ask those who consider First Church their church home to complete a Pledge Card with their planned giving for the coming year. During that service, members of the congregation will be asked to come forward to place their commitment cards in the basket on the altar. We hope you'll join us in this important effort as we work together to share God's love with Enid, OK!

If you have questions about pledging, the budget, etc. please reach out!

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