



St. John's Methodist Church  
311 E. University Avenue  
Georgetown, TX 78626

August 31, 2026

To: Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**2 Corinthians 9:7-8: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."**

Every year our Congregation sets aside a few weeks to emphasize stewardship for St. John's Global Methodist Church. This year our stewardship campaign emphasis will begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and shall run until Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Our stewardship theme this year is **"Continuing to Using God's Gifts to Build His Church."** We have many things to consider.

First: Everything comes to us from God. **"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand. (1 Chronicles 29:14)"** Scripture reminds us that everything we have comes from God. Our proper response is to give Him thanks, humbly recognizing that we are *not owners*, but rather *stewards or caretakers* of His gifts that is freely given to us. These gifts include our time, our talents, and our material resources.

Secondly: We give to meet the needs of others. **"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others. (Philippians 2:1-4)"**

Our Congregation has been faithful in supporting God's work. Our tithes and offerings sustain the vital ministries of our Congregation. Our programs range from Children and Youth Ministry to Senior Adult Ministry. We are humbled as we experience God together through group studies, new classes, mission initiatives, shared service, and shared lives. Our contributions build the body of Christ through Missions that feed the hungry, clothe the poor, build shelter for the homeless, and provide for missions in foreign lands.

So, how are we taught to give? A Biblical understanding of stewardship is fundamental to our personal walk in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Biblical model for stewardship found in the Scriptures is *proportional giving*. This simply means choosing to give a certain percentage of your total income to the

work of the church each year. Tithing – giving a tenth of ones total income, *our first fruits* was the basic pattern of giving prescribed in the Old Testament. The New Testament does not stress the principle of tithe, but neither does it set it aside. All believers are encouraged to give boldly, deliberately, cheerfully, and proportionally to support the work of the Church. Proportional giving is **not** a tax and **not** a money raising scheme. Rather it is the right and serious way for use to give. It is the obedient act of a disciple of Christ.

What is the next step? We believe that if we plan and do the work that God has call us to do as a congregation, He will be faithful to provide the resources necessary to make those plans possible. It is a team of our congregants that will plan our finances for this next year. Committee heads, trustees, and ministry leaders will prepare a budget for review to provide for the needs of God's House, our church. Now more than ever, we need the resources to meet the needs of higher costs and the maintenance of our facilities, God's House. We challenge you to give proportionally or to increase your giving in this coming year.

We ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment to support the ministries of St. John's Methodist Church in the coming year. Please document your pledge on the Estimate of Giving Card and your talents on the Time and Talent Sheet. Jo Morrison needs every person, whether you are pledging through the app or on paper, to hand in the Estimate of Giving Card with a signature. Please respond by October 4, 2026, by sealing in an envelope if needed, place it in the offering plate at any church service, drop it by the church office, or mail it to St. John's Methodist Church at 311 E. University Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78626. You can also place your pledge through the app. Please see the enclosed instructions for how to pledge by the app. As always, your pledge is held in the strictest confidence and can be changed at any time by contacting our bookkeeper in the church office or adjusting your pledge through the app.

For over 140 years, the Lord has blessed us richly at St. John's Methodist Church. May we be a blessing to others through our faithful stewardship of the resources He has entrusted to us. May we be faithful both as individuals and as a congregation, so that we may continue to know and follow God's will for us in the coming year.

In the Service of Jesus Christ.



Roger Clayton, Senior Pastor



Bob Shelton, Stewardship

Enclosures:

2027 Estimate of Giving Card  
2027 Time and Talent Stewardship Form  
Giving App Instructions

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# 2027 Pledge Commitment

Please complete this estimate of giving and return it to the church office or in the offering plate. This is not a contract, but it does help to make sure that all the ministries of St. John's will be funded for 2027. Whether you pledged in 2026 or are pledging in 2027 through the app, cash, check, or EFT, please return this form to help our bookkeeper update her books.

If you have questions regarding this form, e-mail Jo Morrison at [bookkeeper.jm@stjohnsgowntx.com](mailto:bookkeeper.jm@stjohnsgowntx.com).

## St. John's App Giving Information & QR Code

One of the best and easiest ways to give to the church is to do it on a schedule. To help facilitate that, please use the QR code to open our app. Through the giving tab, you can schedule the amount that you choose to come out of your bank account or pay by credit card. This is a safe, easy, and simple way to support the ministries here at St. John's. Use the drop down menu to label your scheduled tithe as a pledge, so that we can correctly track how the Stewardship Campaign is going. Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. John's!

Scan QR Code to give  
through our app



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Name (Please Print)

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Address

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City/State/Zip

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Email

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Phone

**Choose Option 1 OR 2**

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**1) For Giving initiated by you, through St. John’s App, cash, or check; choose one of the following:**

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| \$ _____ | Weekly for 52 weeks         | Through:  |
| \$ _____ | Semi-monthly for 24 periods | ___ App   |
| \$ _____ | Monthly for 12 months       | ___ Cash  |
| \$ _____ | Quarterly for 4 periods     | ___ Check |
| \$ _____ | Annual for 1 period         |           |
| \$ _____ | Other                       |           |

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**2) For Giving initiated by St. John’s bank, through Electronic Funds Transfer, choose one of the following, indicate the amount per withdrawal, and please sign at the bottom of this page:**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Monthly—Withdrawn first & third Monday of each month
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly—Withdrawn the 1st Monday of each month
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly—Withdrawn on the 3rd Monday of each month

**If you did NOT participate in EFT withdrawals or changed banks in 2026, please attach a voided check for the account from which withdrawals will be made.**

***Note:** All withdrawals will be on the indicated day unless it is a non-banking business day, in which case the withdrawal will take place on the next banking business day. Withdrawals will begin in January unless otherwise specified.*

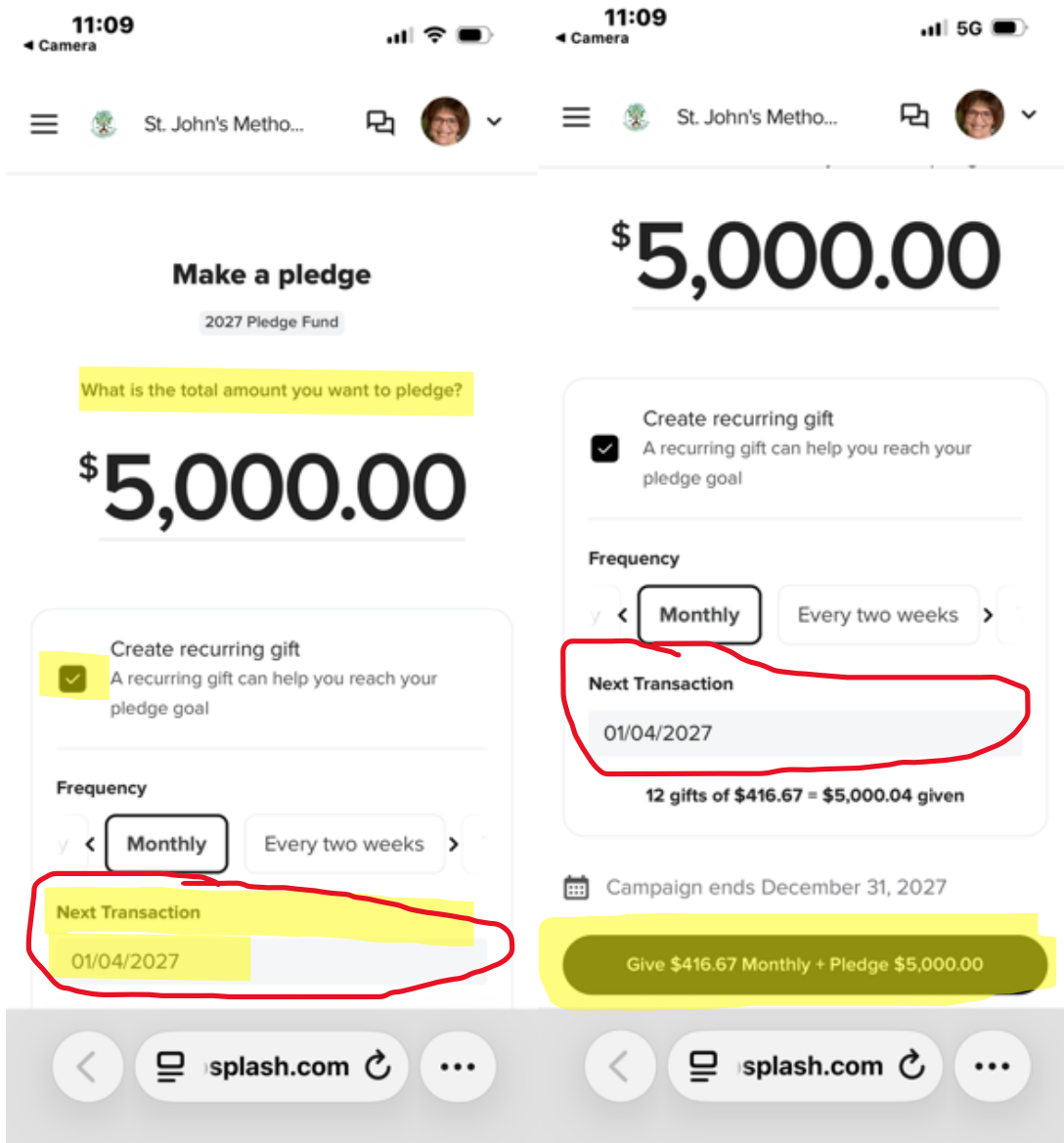
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## HOW TO MAKE A PLEDGE

- 1) Make a pledge through the campaign QR Code: (scan code to go to pledge page)



- 2) **Enter the amount you want to pledge for the year.** When you make the pledge, we want to know how much you are giving for the entire year of 2027, for example, you want to give \$5,000 for the year, enter that amount.
- 3) **Click Create recurring gift**
- 4) **Choose the frequency of the gift**
- 5) **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHOOSE THE NEXT TRANSACTION DATE AND SET FOR SOMETIME IN JANUARY 2027**
  - a. **This is very important to do so that the 2027 pledge shows up for your 2027 taxes**
- 6) Check your pledge carefully to make sure it is as you want it to be, then click the give button at the bottom of the screen



Once you submit, you will see your pledge confirmation.

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## Give to St. John's Methodist Church | Georgetown

### Pledge

\$5,000.00

Total amount · 2027 Pledge Fund



### Gift

\$416.67 · Monthly · Starts on 01/04/2027

2027 Pledge Fund



 Add a note

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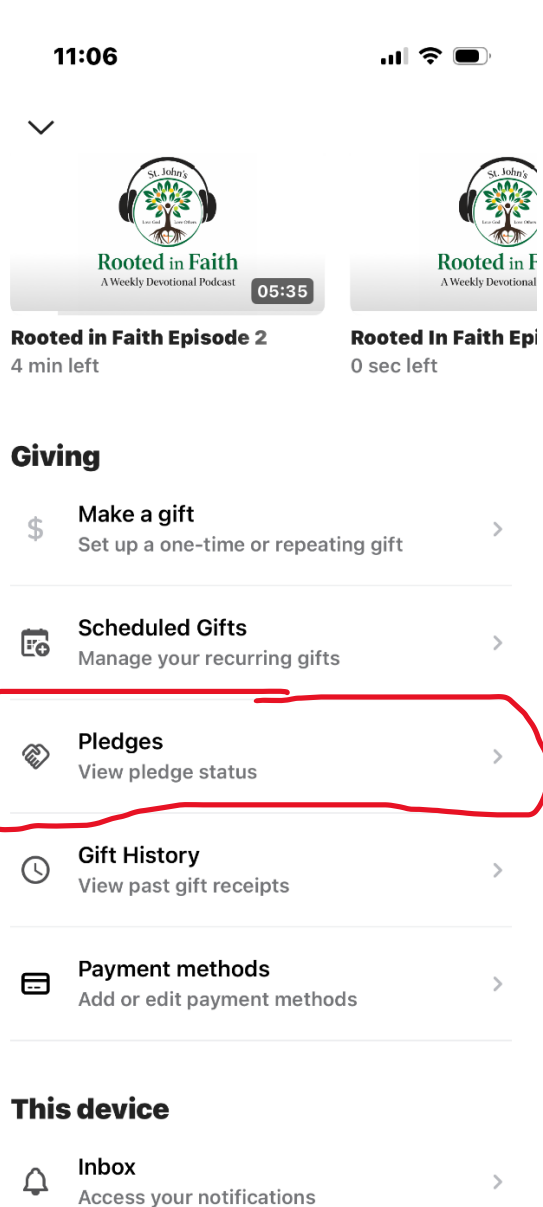
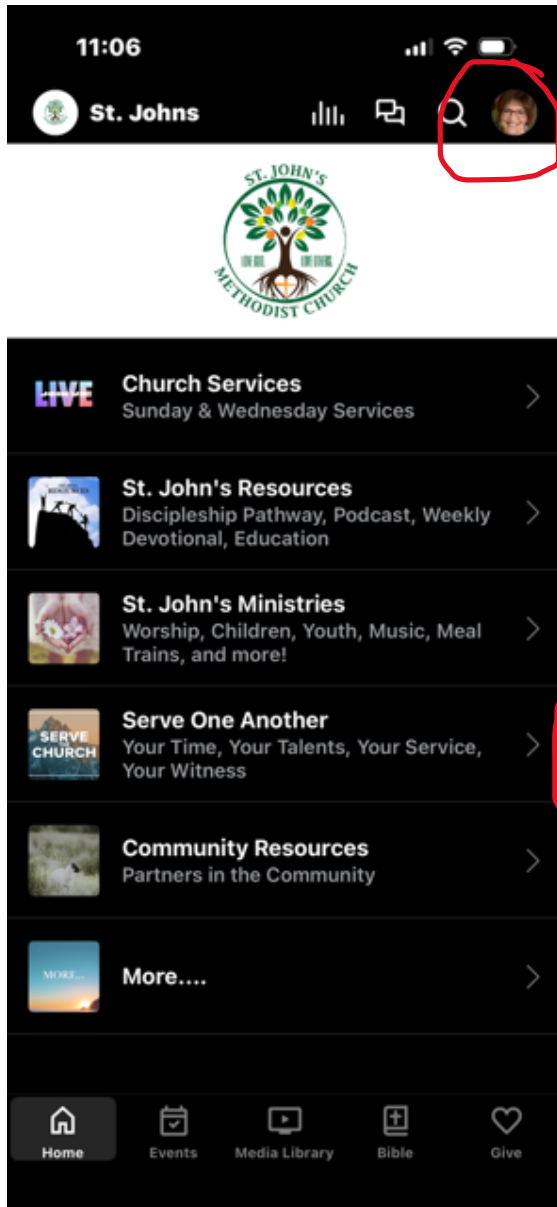
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You can edit your pledge anytime you wish through your profile on the app





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## **2027 Time/Service/Witness Commitment**

**When we become members of St. John's Methodist Church, we voice our response and commitment as Christ's disciples in the vows we take. "Will you be loyal to St. John's Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?"**

**Please take a moment and prayerfully consider where you can serve at St. John's from the variety of areas on the back of this form.**

**Please return it to the church office or in the offering plate. If you have questions regarding this card, e-mail Michelle Cousineau at [admin@stjohnsgtowntx.com](mailto:admin@stjohnsgtowntx.com).**

**To serve in one of the many ministry opportunities we have, scan the QR code to download our app and click on Serve on the homepage or fill out the back of this form and return to the Church office.**



PLEASE SELECT YOUR 2027 COMMITMENTS

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Name (Please Print)

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Email

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Phone

Preferred Communication: \_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_Phone  
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TIME Every Week

\_\_\_\_Attend Worship    \_\_\_\_Sunday School Class    \_\_\_\_Small Group  
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SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_Every Week    \_\_\_\_\_Twice a Month    \_\_\_\_\_Seasonal

\_\_\_\_Worship Ministry    \_\_\_\_Children Ministry    \_\_\_\_Youth Ministry  
\_\_\_\_Music Ministry    \_\_\_\_Missions Ministry    \_\_\_\_Evangelism Ministry  
\_\_\_\_Hospitality Ministry    \_\_\_\_Prayer Ministry    \_\_\_\_Administration  
\_\_\_\_Congregation Care Ministry  
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WITNESS Every Week

\_\_\_\_Invite People to Worship    \_\_\_\_Invite People to Church Events

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date