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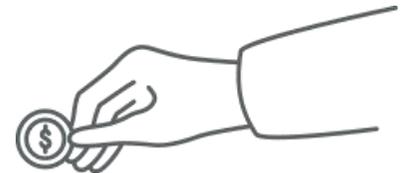
THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Your generosity has the potential to make a big difference during the holiday season.

START GIFTING

EVERY DOLLAR MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE

Your gift, no matter how large or small, makes all the difference.



Dear Faithful Members and Extended Members of COGS,

At this sacred time of year, we are particularly mindful of the Love of God for His cherished chosen people. Advent season is upon us again and accordingly, we take great Joy in sharing gifts of love with our family members and friends. As you are well aware, Christ's church is also part of this sacred family of faith.

As we mature and advance in our lives and careers, we invariably take new paths that may result in physical separation. However, we are never actually spiritually separated from the many Christian souls that have endeared and blessed us by their love and fellowship throughout the years. How often do we reminisce and talk about the good old days and the many friends we may see much less frequently?

Gratefully, The Chapel of the Good Shepherd (COGS) is still active in the Yeadon Community after nearly 38 years of ministry. Over that time, much has changed. Preaching of the Gospel has not changed and still remains strong under Pastor Hepkins, who succeeded Pastor Briggs and Pastor Birch and has now logged 22 faithful years of consistent pastoral oversight.

Like many churches beloved, we do face challenging changes such as declining attendance and collections. This follows a recent trend in spiritual apathy as a result of secularism, changing economic times/needs, demographics, world conditions, an erosion of faith, spiritual awareness and the like. COGS has not been immune to this trend that famous Christian social scientist George Barna passionately warns us, continues to encroach upon our American ideals.

Consequently, we have been forced to drop Missions support due to our current financial state. It is our sincere hope that we can resume that support in the future with your help and commitment. In addition, our precious church building is in desperate need of substantial repairs if we are to maintain the integrity of the edifice and Worship experience. Listed below are some of the major capital needs that we are currently trying to fund, but lack the current funding to sustain:

- Boiler Replacement and Repair (approx. \$80,000)
- Rain Gutter Repair and Maintenance (approx. \$10,000)
- Fluorescent Lamps Ballasts and Bulbs (approx.. \$10,000)
- Roof leak above Sanctuary (approx. \$ 10,000)
- Outside and inside painting needs (approx. \$40,000)

- Fellowship Hall Sump Pump & Trench & Wall collapse stabilization (approx.. \$20,000)

This is just the major current capital expense needs. If we listed all that is actually needed, it would approach some \$200,000. We love our church and want to help maintain its beauty and strength. The Lord has given us a wonderful edifice. Let's work together to show God how grateful we really are.

Consequently, as you have been blessed by the ministry at COGS, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a special year end tax-deductible offering and perhaps also a commitment for continual support throughout the coming years by clicking on the "COGS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN" OR "Start Gifting" links below:

"COGS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN"

We encourage you to sincerely seek the Lord on this matter. God established the Chapel with a purpose – to bring healing and restoration to His people. We have been called for a “such a time as this”. Now is the time to say, “This is my church and my family - this is important.”

God bless you as you consider this request. Blessings and Love to each and all,

**Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop.
But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.
You must each decide in your heart how much to give.
And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.
“For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”
And God will generously provide all you need.
Then you will always have everything you need
and plenty left over to share with others.
As the Scriptures say,
“They share freely and give generously to the poor.
Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”
(2 Corinthians 9:6 – 9 NLT)**

Signed,

The COGS Leadership Team