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Dear Member,

I read a chapter from the book of Proverbs almost every day. I recently read Proverbs 20 and came across a challenging truth in verse 6, which reads, "Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find?" (ESV). The point of the verse is obvious. It is easy to declare our steadfast love for others, but the true test of our love will be seen in whether we follow through by living faithful lives. Our actions either confirm or undermine the authenticity of our words.

On Sunday, October 26, our congregation voted unanimously to approve our 2026 budget, which totals \$4,096,277. This congregational vote followed unanimous votes by our Finance Committee and Deacons. We have declared with one voice our support for this budget. We now enter a season in which we are challenged to follow through as individuals and families. In a sense, the easy part of the budget process is complete. Now, we must decide if we will act in a manner consistent with our words. Will we follow through?

The Stewardship Committee has planned an exciting stewardship campaign. In the weeks ahead you will hear stories of how our church has impacted people in our community and abroad with the love of Jesus Christ. And everyone in our congregation, from the youngest to the most seasoned saints, will be encouraged to consider how the Lord is calling them to give their financial resources to support the growth of our church's mission and ministries in the days ahead. You will notice an art installation in the Narthex that will serve as a picture of the spiritual growth we long to see in our hearts and lives during this season.

I want to challenge you to consider responding in two ways.

First, if you have never given a financial offering to the church, would you consider doing so between now and Sunday, November 16? Your initial offering may seem small or insignificant in your eyes, but it will signal something very important in your desire to walk in greater faithfulness. To date, 25 families have made a financial contribution to the church for the first time in 2025. We are hoping that number will double to 50 by the end of this stewardship season.

Second, we are hopeful that families will prayerfully consider how they will support the church financially in 2026 and complete and return the enclosed commitment card by Sunday, November 23. Our goal is for 250 families to complete and return a card. There can be something powerful about writing down a commitment and signing your name. It provides an opportunity to make our congregational vote more personal, while providing accountability and inspiration in the year ahead.

Thank you for giving to make possible the mission and ministries of Mountain Brook Baptist Church. I am grateful for each of you and thankful for the privilege to be your pastor.

Yours in Christ,

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