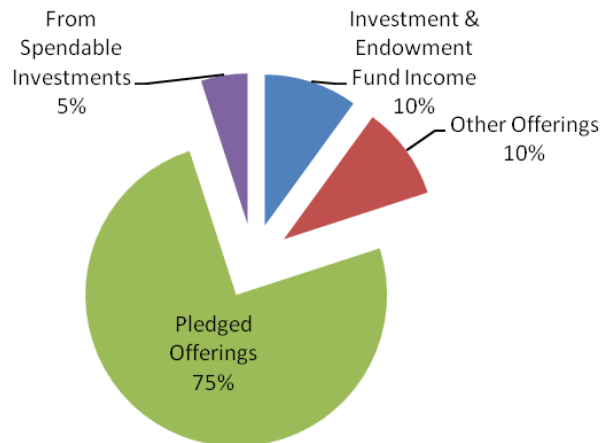


## Mission Goals

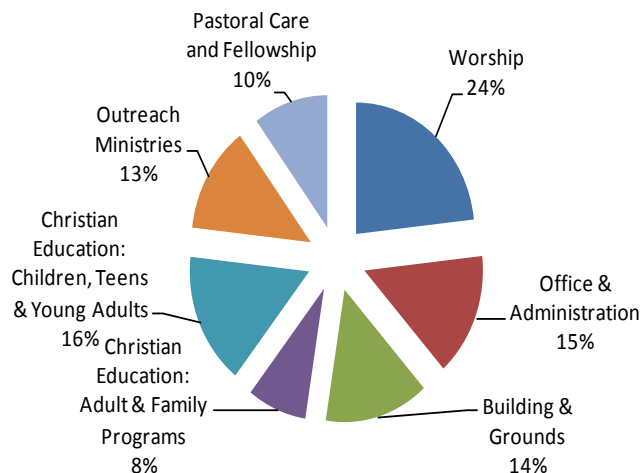
- To proclaim the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
- To give people the chance to know that living hope.

The Bible makes it clear that Christians are called to support the mission and the ministry of the church. Together we are a proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by way of our living witness, and one aspect of that is by way of our financial commitments.

### 2017 Income Sources



### Allocation of 2017 Operation Expenses



## What is a Pledge?

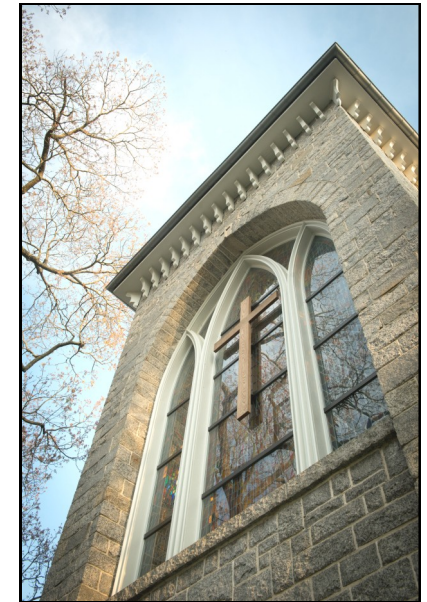
A pledge is a promise to the church of financial support. It is a commitment of faith and honor, and it is not a legal obligation. The pledges we receive give the church's leadership a sense of what it can expect from its parishioners and facilitates the creation of a responsible mission and ministry budget. All Christians are encouraged to be working toward a Biblical standard of a tithe of 10% of their income. Many people pledge a certain amount and then add to it whenever they come to services by contributing money to the collection basket or plate. This is done as a tangible sacrifice, and is a part of the worship experience. All contributions support the ministry and the mission of the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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STEWARDSHIP 2018

### CHRIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT  
IS REAL AND INSPIRES US TO  
BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN  
OUR COMMUNITY AS A  
REFLECTION OF GOD'S LOVE.

## We Believe

- We believe in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe that God's love for all of his creation is life itself.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the grace of grace and the reason for hope.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit is God's presence, wisdom, strength and peace given to us.
- And we believe that we are called by God to be sent by Jesus Christ:
  - As servants and living witnesses of the Holy Gospel;
  - To be a faithful community of the love of God;
  - To encourage all people in their Christian life and discipleship, and;
  - To be a bold witness of the glory of God for the sake of all humankind and the world.



## The Mission Calling of Jesus Christ and Our Ministry

In pursuit of our calling in Christ we will:

- Offer inspirational worship services;
- Raise up leaders and ministers in our midst to serve and lead;
- Offer relevant programs of Christian education and spiritual development for adults, teens and children;
- Continue and expand a strong pastoral care presence;
- Identify, prepare and support parishioners in their own unique callings and ministries;
- Grow a dynamic and relevant youth and young adult ministry;
- Establish a comprehensive and supportive Family Ministry;
- Take our place as a community leader in Talbot County;
- Reach more people with the living hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- Continue to build a holy and joyful community of faith, hope and love;
- Support those seeking God to find and enjoy the fullness of life as God has given it to us;
- Continue to work for healing, justice and peace and support outreach missions.



## All Christians

Faith and money: Few things make people more serious than talk about God and money. In this case, being serious is a good thing; especially once we accept the reality that having a faith in God means making tangible commitments in support of the Gospel. A faith that is not put into practice and stops at the conceptual level is an idea or an opinion. A faith that has no works to show for it is no faith at all.

*"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say that you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill.' And yet you do not fulfill their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith." (James 2:14-18)*



Therefore for Christians, being serious about our physical, financial and prayerful commitments to the mission of God in the world is very good and most important, because it means we are taking our calling in Christ seriously as well. Who we are as Christians determines what we are to be and do as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world. And a church, our church, is a true community of servants; gathered together for a time to engage the will of God and advance it into the world through our lives.

And serious is truly good when it acknowledges that making a financial commitment is a matter of faith and one very real way we are partners in God's work in the world; because what happens with your gift or pledge to the church is something devoted to that unique, good and holy work:

Therefore we ask you to pray about your commitment to the work of Christ taking place in the context of this church community and make your tithe of a financial pledge to support it.