**Missions Faith Pledge**

Next week, December 5th will be our Missions Faith Pledge Sunday. A Missions Faith Pledge is a personal challenge to *“over and above giving”* toward specific local and global missions projects. When you tithe, it goes to support the ministry and function of this local church. When you give to your Missions Faith Pledge, 100% of your giving goes directly to the place where you designate it.

***This year we are excited about 5 areas of giving:***

**Cuba** – financial support for new churches being planted in Cuba.

**Bolivia** – financial support for the construction of new church buildings for church plants.

**Global Missions** – monthly support for missionaries in the Middle East/North Africa, Indonesia, Argentina, Eurasia, Hungary, Germany and India.

**Local Missions** – monthly support for Adult and Teen Challenge of Western PA, Youth Alive - High School Campus Missionary, Sons of God Christian Motorcycle Club and all the local outreaches here in Sharpsburg and the surrounding communities.

**8th Street Bell Tower Repair** – The 8th Street bell tower roof needs to be replaced. This $40,000 repair is crucial so we can continue to use the 8th Street building for the vision of reaching and raising up the next generation of youth, as well as various other ministries.

***Two ways that we will be challenged to give on Faith Pledge Sunday:***

**1. Make a pledge** – pray about what God would have you give for the 2022 projects. Many make a monthly, weekly or one-time pledge. A Designation is not necessary to make a pledge. You can check the box *“where most needed*” and your giving will go wherever there is the greatest need at the time.

**2. Give a Firstfruits Offering** – As we present our pledge, we give an initial amount toward our pledge total called *a ”firstfruits offering.”* You can use the pledge card as a tool to help you decide how much God wants you to give.

I am praying that God will speak to you about how he wants to use to reach the world through giving this year. As we give, we can stand on the promise in Philippians 4:19 *“My God will meet all of your needs through his riches and glory in Christ Jesus.”*

Thanks for your generous hearts!

Pastor Russ