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Dear Members and Friends of Pinehurst United Methodist Church,

Celebration Sunday is on November 1st. It is a day for our congregation to rejoice and give thanks to God for all He has done for us and pledge our financial support to the ministries He works through PUMC.

I am thankful to belong to a church where faith is not only taught but also nurtured, practiced, and shared across generations. I have been overjoyed to see this in the lives of my children. As they have grown from adolescence toward adulthood, they have been surrounded by people who encouraged them, prayed for them, listened to them, and helped them recognize God's presence in their lives. They have been given meaningful opportunities to serve, lead, worship, ask questions, study Scripture, and put their faith into action. Through these relationships and experiences, they have learned that following Christ is not simply something we inherit from our families; it is a faith we are invited to claim and live out each day.

What I have witnessed in my children reflects the broader life of our church, where the Holy Spirit uses small acts of obedience and love to cultivate faith and bring about a far greater harvest in God's kingdom.

Paul's words to the Galatians remind us of the calling we share as the body of Christ:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Faithfulness is expressed not only through financial gifts but also through our time, encouragement, compassion, and service. Even small acts, such as a prayer, a kind word, a shared meal, a helping hand, or an invitation to participate, can make an eternal difference when God uses them.

As Celebration Sunday approaches, let us give thanks for God's blessings and prayerfully consider how we can support our church through our giving and service. Our faithful stewardship of what God has entrusted to us helps nurture faith across generations, creating opportunities for people of all ages to encounter Christ, grow as His disciples, discover their gifts, and serve others in His name. We may not see the entire harvest, but we can trust God to use our faithfulness for His purposes.

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