September 1, 2026

Dear Friends:

As the Fall approaches, Big Canoe Chapel is poised for another great season of meaningful worship, spiritual growth, local contribution, and lots of fun. We are fortunate to be in this time of ministry together. Our ongoing impact will largely depend on how committed we are to fulfilling together this year's stewardship theme: **Praying, Serving, and Giving.**

The Chapel has enjoyed another remarkable twelve months. We've witnessed significant improvements to the church property, we have welcomed 32 more new members, and we have given away more than 20% of our contributions to outreach and mission. This chapel community is making a difference in the lives of people who live inside the gates, and we are making a measurable difference in the lives of our neighbors through more than $200,000 given to local non-profits in Pickens and Dawson counties. Next year, we are poised to make an even larger impact for the sake of the gospel if we live into this year's theme: **Praying, Serving, and Giving.**

Prayer. Prayer is what undergirds all of our work. We rely on prayer for discernment about our Chapel's direction. Through prayer, we come to understand our own giftedness and contribution. Through prayer, we see our financial stewardship, in the hands of God's economy, multiply in impact.

Serving. It is my hope that every member of Big Canoe Chapel will find two landing spots within the community. First, I hope everyone finds a place of belonging for deepening discipleship. We all need a small group, a Sunday School class, or a weekly Bible Study where we can find community and deepen our faith. Secondly, I hope everyone finds a place to serve. We each have a unique blend of skills, leadership, creativity and time to give. I hope all find a place to use those gifts to be part of what God is doing in the world. You might join the choir or a committee. You might volunteer leadership with one of our area non-profit partners, or go on a mission trip, or volunteer to drive the golf cart. Whatever the place, my hope is that every member has a satisfying place of service - contributing to the witness of Big Canoe Chapel and God's redemptive project.

Giving. Part of our impact will be financial. Generosity is at the heart of the gospel and as we are moved to greater generosity, as our pledge increases, so will our ministry to areas of need. Please begin praying about what your financial fidelity will look like for 2027. The more generous we become, the more vibrant our ministry. (Consider setting up an automatic payment with your bank – it will "vacation proof" your giving!)

The Stewardship Committee has set two bold and reachable goals this year. First, we want to reach a pledge goal of $1,100,000. This is a 10% increase over last year. Second, we want 50% of our members in a defined role of service. Currently, that number is 42%.

Your pledge card is enclosed. The reverse side of this letter gives several options about how to return this letter to the Chapel office. Next year promises to be a great year of witness and ministry if we all do our faithful part to make it so.

Blessings,

Dock Hollingsworth

P.S. As always, the Senior Chaplain and the Chapel Office Manager will be the only ones with access to your pledge and giving details. These are otherwise kept confidential.

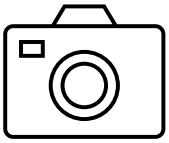
COMPLETED PLEDGE CARDS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- OFFERING PLATE — Place card in on Sunday (Sep 13th, 20th or 27th)
- QR Code — Scan the QR Code on the Pledge Card
- DROP BOX — Drop your Pledge Card into the Chapel Office Box
- ALPHA BOX — Place card in Chapel Alpha Box at Postal Facility
- MAIL — 10455 Big Canoe, Big Canoe, GA 30143
- EMAIL — To valerie@bigcanoechapel.org

HOW TO EMAIL YOUR PLEDGE:

1) Mark your pledge card

2) Take photo of your pledge card



3) Attach your pledge card photo to an email and send it to valerie@bigcanoechapel.org

Thank you for your PLEDGE!

STEWARDSHIP

BIG CANOE Chapel

I am the Lord's Servant.

MY PLEDGE

☐ PRAY regularly.

☐ SERVE the Lord regularly using my God-given Talents.

☐ WORSHIP regularly.

☐ GIVE my 2027 Pledge amount $_____.

◯ Weekly ◯ Monthly ◯ Yearly

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Please print name