

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
 7400 Hampton Boulevard
 Norfolk, Virginia 23505

VESTRY STATEMENT ON STEWARDSHIP

What We Believe

- We will be good stewards of the mission of our Church - *"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known With Joy, Faith, and Service."*
- Stewardship is embedded in everything we do and everything we are.
- We will focus on the theology of abundance. In God's redemptive love, we are confident there is enough of what we really need to go around.
- We invite and desire 100% participation in what we practice as we *Engage Our Gifts and Passions*.

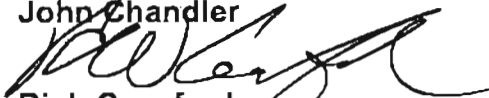
What We Practice as Members of Good Shepherd

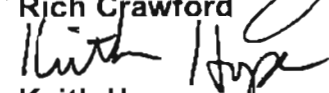
- Involvement in some form of spiritual growth and renewal
- Active participation in public worship
- Service in our ministries
- Promise of financial support to our Parish

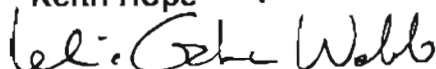
How We Give

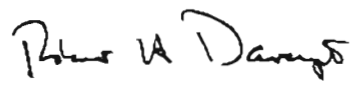
- **Give First Fruits.** Give God the first portions of your income. When we pay our bills, we write our check to the Church first: as an offering and a reminder that all things come from God.
- **Give Proportionately.** We give in proportion to the income we receive, not a specific dollar amount. Proportionate giving challenges both the rich and the poor. The 10 percent tithe is the standard for Christian stewards, but the fact is, a specific percentage does not adequately express our stewardship before God.
- **Give Sacrificially.** Giving sacrificially usually includes a rearrangement of priorities, a change in lifestyle, or a forfeiture of something valued.
- **Give Regularly.** The habit of regular, pledged giving serves as constant reminder of the generosity of God and helps to shape our souls. Pledged giving also allows the Church to plan responsibly our ministries.
- **Give Cheerfully.** Joy, faith, and service are the qualities that form the foundation of proportionate giving. Receiving is wonderful, but the exhilaration is greater when we are able to give to another person. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.
- **Give Quietly.** Our purpose is to please God, not others. The dollar amounts will vary considerably, but each is sharing with God, through the Church, out of what God has provided.
- **Give a Legacy.** The inspired gifts and bequests from people we probably have never met or known make possible the very place we worship each week. Planned giving allows us to ensure ongoing enhancements to our many ministries and provides for the ongoing care of our church. Remember the Church of the Good Shepherd in your will.



 John Chandler



 Rich Crawford

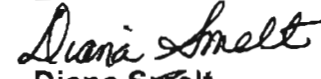

 Keith Hope

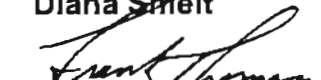

 Lelia Graham Webb

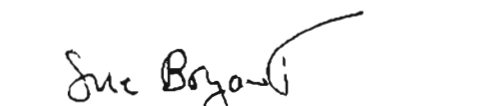

 Robert Davenport

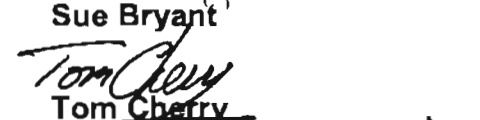

 Woody Duffy

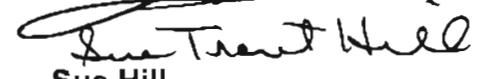

 Bob Starck



 Diana Smelt


 Frank Thomas


 Sue Bryant


 Tom Cherry


 Sue Hill


 Mary McCaffrey