



Dear Members and Faithful Partners of Grace Methodist Metroplex,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce a faith project that we are proposing for the months of September through December of this year. It's called the **"Children's and Youth Ministry Endowment Project."**

Simply stated, our leadership team has determined that the Children's and Youth Ministry of Grace Metroplex should receive our highest priority and support. We are endeavoring to create a ministry of excellence in this area because studies show that our children and youth should be a top priority. We believe this!

Therefore, we propose and expect to fully fund the **Children's and Youth Ministry** in its entirety for 2024. The current budget and line item for the ministry, which includes; *Children's Church, Children's and Youth Faith Enrichment Classes, Children's Outreach, Vacation Bible School, the Technology-enabled Discipleship (TED) Initiative, Summer Reading Challenge, Student's Excellence Awards, Confirmation Classes, Staffing, and the enhancement of facilities*, is estimated at \$14,000 for 2024. We believe this total amount can be raised by the end of this year (2023).

2nd Corinthians says... ***"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."***

In other words, we have the ability to do this because we ***"...always having all sufficiency in all things..."*** The question we must ask ourselves in this context, would be, is this a part of, ***"...every good work?"*** I believe we can all confess that children and youth ministry is a worthy and powerful work!

During the months of September, October, November, and December, we are asking that you give **over and above** your normal giving to fully fund the Children's and Youth Ministry until the goal of \$14,000 is reached. We are able – and we will do it!

I want to thank you for your faithful giving thus far! Remember, we are consistently challenged by our mission statement as we are working together ***"to bring people into a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ, by making disciples through our words and actions in cooperation with God's grace."*** You are the channel through which God will make this happen!

Yours in Christ,

Fred Bates, Jr., Pastor
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