



April 9, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he **lavished** on us. (Ephesians 1:3,7-8a)

To lavish is to give in generous or extravagant portions. That is what God has done for us. He has lavished us in the heavenly realm and he lavishes us daily in the earthly realm. As this fiscal year comes to a close we give thanks for how God has lavished us with His goodness. During the past year God has given generously to us through:

- Outreach events, including Night to Shine and Sheridan Story (feeding elementary children at Normandale Hills)
- Launching DiscipleShift quarterly workshops to grow in our faith
- The many Mission of the Month organizations
- Tending to necessary facility projects
- Growth in the Comfort Dog Ministry with Gideon
- Welcoming Power of Gospel Church to worship at our facility
- A Record Breaking 2,000+ boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Preparing to launch the new Brick Oven Ministry
- And much more

Though we can never match God's lavishness we give back to him so that others may know the joy of God's love lavished upon them. Please pray over the enclosed card and ask God to help you to give lavishly. What would need to change in your life to lavishly give back to God?

On the weekend of April 22 bring this card with you to any of the worship services to be dedicated to our heavenly Father as we plan our 2018-19 budget. If you are unable to attend worship that weekend, feel free to mail it in or drop it off in the church office marked Dedication Form.

"See what great love the Father has **lavished** on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Simmons".

Patrick Simmons
Senior Pastor