

# PASTORAL LETTER

*Dear Pearce Family,*

Pearce has faithfully proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1861. **Free to Serve** is our vision for a new day to reach our world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The main components of the campaign are eliminating our debt, providing for capital projects, and giving a tithe to compassion needs outside of Pearce. But the ultimate purpose is to enable us to be **free to serve** beyond our walls to impact our community and world. We will be **free to serve** our generation more effectively and to see lives of children and youth transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Free to Serve is an opportunity for accelerated spiritual growth that will require significant prayer, faith, and commitment. Everyone will want the privilege of being involved in the special way God wants to work. This will be a spiritual journey, more than a financial one. Ultimately, God wants more *for* us than he wants *from* us. He promises to meet our need and respond to our generosity.

He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20). In this journey, we must honestly ask God:

- What do you want me to do?
- What do you want me to trust you for?
- How will you provide for the “**Free to Serve**” campaign through me?

God directed the Israelites to cross the Jordan River at flood stage to enter the Promised Land. Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you” (Joshua 3:3). When they stepped in, God stopped the flow of water so they could cross (vv15-16). May we also enter the waters of **Free to Serve**, trusting God will do amazing things among us today. May the light of Christ continue to shine through Pearce with increasing glory.

*Free to Serve,*



*Pastor Todd*

