

## A Prayer for Stewardship

*Father, your Son taught us to pray "Thy will be done." Help us in our daily life to understand your will and to be obedient. Make your children responsible stewards of the gifts you have given us in your earthly kingdom, and fill our hearts with joyful thanksgiving when we use our time, talent and treasure to show forth your love in the world. When our faith falters, remind us that we need not fear for the future, for you will always care for our needs.*

Dear Parishioner:

Following the success of last year's Stewardship Campaign, we will again ask everyone to join our Stewardship Committee. Each member will take individual responsibility for prayerful reflection on what God is calling him/her to share as his or her "Caring Heart Pledge" of time, talent, and treasure.

On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>, pledge packets will be available at both services. Each packet will contain information about our budget, a "Caring Heart Pledge" card and an envelope to return your pledge. We ask that pledge cards be returned by Sunday, October 14, 2007. For this campaign to be a success, we need the participation of each and every individual in our parish. The Vestry asks that you prayerfully consider what you are being called to return to God to continue His work. After October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will contact members we have not heard from by phone, letter, or a visit to encourage all members to become faithful stewards of God's gifts to them.

Your pledge envelope can be returned to the church either by placing it in the Sunday offering plate by October 14<sup>th</sup> or by mailing it to the church office at 1608 Baker Court, Panama City, FL 32401 to arrive by October 14<sup>th</sup>. If your family members prefer to pledge individually, additional pledge cards are available in Byrne Hall or in the Church office. Please write pledge on the outside of the envelope.

The Tithe is the minimum Biblical standard of giving. While many have not reached the goal of the tithe, we encourage you as you grow in your walk in faith to strive to reach that goal in support of St. Andrew's Mission.

In His Name,

The Stewardship Committee