



# Be Renewed

"...but those who hope in the Lord will RENEW their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear McEachern Family

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am praying for you and the whole church daily as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be aware that, though COVID-19 has affected the way we carry out the ministry of Jesus, it has not stopped the ministry of Jesus through McEachern.

Now, I have information and an invitation. The information is that beginning October 10th the church will be engaged in a campaign titled “Be Renewed.”

**“Be Renewed” is a biblical, spiritual, inspirational emphasis designed to enrich our understanding of biblical generosity. It will also be an opportunity to be renewed in our commitment to give generously back to God.**

“Be Renewed” is not built on the need of our church to fund a budget, but on the need of each person to contribute proportionately as a part of his or her own spiritual maturity and commitment to Christ. Sometimes, we have measured too much of our success on whether or not we could underwrite a particular budget. For this year and for years to come, we will measure success by how much the people of McEachern are willing to take the next step in their generosity journey.

Sunday, November 7, 2021, will be Commitment Sunday for our “Be Renewed” generosity campaign here. We urge you to plan to be in worship that day and make your response.

It will be a special time together made even more special by the Men’s Ministry providing a Barbecue lunch for all who come. I look forward to seeing you there!

I love you all,

Dr. Doug

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## ...AND TAKE HEART

Being renewed is a choice. Sometimes when we're dealing with the chaos, fatigue, and frustration it is easy for those feelings to take root inside of us. But 2 Corinthians 4:16 gives us hope: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. You have a choice to be renewed and take heart!" We have a choice to take heart in our vision as a church and how God is calling each of us to give generously to that make that vision a reality.

## ...IN YOUR THINKING

We cannot allow the challenges that we face right now to corrupt our thinking. Ephesians 4:23 tells us to, "allow the Holy Spirit to renew our thoughts and our attitudes." We can throw off the negative thoughts and be renewed in our thinking. As we each do this together it renews our thinking about our giving and generosity.

## ...WITH A STEADFAST SPIRIT

Psalms 51 talks about being, "renewed with a steadfast spirit," Being steadfast means to be unwavering. The idea of renewal is to be reinvigorated. These challenging times can put strain on our relationship with God and our resolve to be faithful in many of the spiritual disciplines, especially giving. We need to be renewed with a steadfast spirit in our relationship with God, His Church, and our giving.

## ...IN YOUR STRENGTH BY HOPE

Isaiah 40:31 says this: "...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." When we hope in the Lord our strength is renewed. Be Renewed is about each of us listening to the Lord and allowing our hope in Him to give us the strength to be faithful in every aspect of our walk with Him...including our giving. That may mean giving for the first time or taking a step of faith and grow in your giving. But if we will all respond to Be Renewed, just imagine the vision we can bring to reality through McEachern Memorial UMC.

# Will you Be Renewed?

Will You...

Be Renewed and take **HEART**?

Be Renewed in your **THINKING**?

Be Renewed with a **STEADFAST SPIRIT**?

Be Renewed in your **STRENGTH** powered by **HOPE**?

Be Renewed isn't about giving more for the sake of giving more or to just start giving. It is about God changing you... speaking to you...and growing you spiritually to give and be generous in the way He wants for you.

Be Renewed isn't a transactional decision...it's a transformational response. God doesn't need our money, nor does He want us to give out of obligation.

God brings money into our lives so we can give and be a part of the life changing ministry He wants to do here at McEachern.

We are blessed to be a part  
of a life-changing blessing to others.

Join us for worship each week of Be Renewed as we learn at an even deeper level how to be renewed. Start praying now each and every day of how God will ultimately want you to respond to Be Renewed on November 7th, 2021.

