

CHOOSE TO LOVE

This year's stewardship theme, *Choose to Love: Lifting Up by Letting Go*, challenges us to examine our choices in life.

Jesus tells us, *"If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* (Matthew 16:24) These words are not meant to frighten us or burden us. They are meant to help us think about our choices in life and to turn us toward a life shaped by love rather than self-indulgence.

By denying ourselves, we create more space for love to grow. A few less cups of expensive coffee can become scholarships in Tanzania. An hour reclaimed from screens becomes time spent building relationships with our family or neighbors. An evening freed from distraction becomes an opportunity to volunteer or spend time with God.

Stewardship is not about guilt or obligation, but about love made visible through how we choose to use our time and resources. When we choose to deny ourselves and to share, we are choosing to love our neighbors, our community, and the mission God has entrusted to us.

Together, we can generously and wholeheartedly *Choose to Love!*



CAMPAIGN EVENTS

October 4

- Campaign kick-off as we focus on how we at Abiding Savior *Choose to Love* as we lift up others by letting go of what pulls us away from God.
- **Choose to Love Hearts of Love:** Stop in the Narthex and grab a heart from the *Choose to Love - Hearts of Love* basket. Inside each heart is a chocolate treat and a piece of paper with a small act of love for you to complete that week - if you choose! Stewardship is not only about our resources, it's about how we live. These small choices are not random acts of kindness, they are **intentional acts of stewardship**.

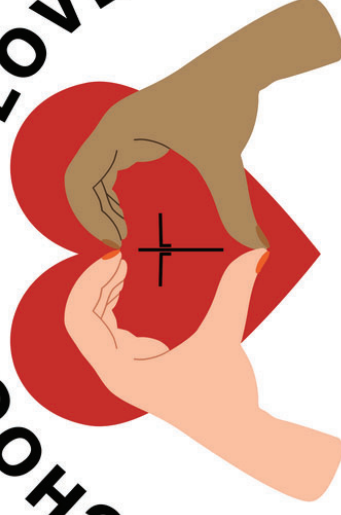
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- Stewardship includes the choices we make with the resources God has provided to us. That includes how we are stewarding our time and our skills. We can *Choose to Love* others by letting go of habits that drain us and instead experiencing the joy of sharing our time and skills to lift up others.

October 18

- **Celebration of Sharing Sunday!** This Sunday focuses on how we can *Choose to Love* by sharing our resources in order to lift up others. During our festive worship we will bring forward our offerings and our pledge cards in a processional offering.
- **Celebration of Sharing Brunch** Stay after worship for brunch served free of charge as a thank you for your continued generosity.

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**WHY DO
YOU CHOOSE
ABIDING SAVIOR?**



"The people here are kind, caring, and considerate."



"Stories and lessons from the Bible that apply to real life."



"Service to our community."

"The comfort I feel within these walls reminds me of the love of God."



"I feel like I belong."

"I feel safe when I am here."



"I can just relax here, it's always been my home."

**WHY DO
YOU CHOOSE
TO SHARE?**



"I really believe in the church as an organization and an institution being a force for good in the world."

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"The more we serve God, the more our hearts are filled."



"Volunteering makes you feel good and other people feel good."



"When people come to our house, our church, we make a meal for them. It's not unlike what you would do in your house."



"It makes me feel good to share. We receive back more when we give."

"Sharing benefits others and makes the world better."

**WHY DO
YOU CHOOSE
TO VOLUNTEER?**



"I volunteer because Jesus can use me as an instrument and I can show that love toward others because I feel that love."