



Bedford Presbyterian Church's 2018 Season of Stewardship
"Our Legacy: Lives of Abundant Generosity"

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

Dick and Betty Godfrey joined Bedford Presbyterian Church on February 4, 1964. From day one, Dick and Betty poured their hearts into every aspect of life at BPC, raising their family here. Dick's passion for the church and for the Lord grew out of his deep gratitude to God for the gift of life. He was an Elder, served on many committees, began the Boy Scout program at BPC, took part in numerous capital campaign projects and shared his vibrant faith with those of us lucky enough to have known him.

In 2012, Dick and Betty moved to Birch Hill. In the last few years, the Godfreys were unable to physically attend services at BPC so the Pastors brought worship to our people at Birch Hill. Nevertheless, the Godfrey's faithfulness to their home church never wavered and they continued to give to BPC at the same level with abundant generosity. In September, many of us gathered at BPC to celebrate Dick's life, a life well lived. A great saint was welcomed into heaven! Surely Dick and Betty's stewardship is part of their lasting legacy!

Like so many of the "Greatest Generation," Dick and Betty's example inspires my own belief about what faithfulness, gratitude, and generosity really look like. It has been my deepest joy to raise my daughters in the faith at BPC. This year my youngest is serving as our Youth Elder. This would have made Dick Godfrey smile as he was a huge supporter of opportunities for youth leadership at church. It has been a blessing to see my children be inspired by all of you, who are living out your faith in so many beautiful ways like the Godfreys.

As your Stewardship Elder, I invite you to partner with me and your church's leadership to create your own legacy, your own life of abundant generosity! I know pledging does not come easily, and I know the challenges of meeting family budgets. Yet, this church has witnessed "Generosity Rising" because of your planning and faithful giving in 2017. Thank you for answering the prayer, "What would you do through me Lord?" with such a resounding positive commitment. Your giving in 2018 will truly make a difference and I believe that together, our legacy to future generations will be lives of abundant generosity!

Grace and Peace,
Alicia Wooldridge
Stewardship Elder