



**Sugar Grove  
Church of Christ**  
FOR GOD & FOR NEIGHBOR

## *Generosity*

### *Theology*

At Sugar Grove Church of Christ, we believe that God is a generous God, and humanity, made in his image, is called to reflect His generosity.<sup>1</sup> Sin has distorted our created image, turning our focus away from Him and placing it on our own desires.<sup>2</sup> Through the cross, God's image is radically restored in the hearts of believers, making ambitious generosity a guiding principle for the believer's life. Any gift in life is understood to be from God's gracious provision, and is to be enjoyed, thankfully celebrated, and generously shared.<sup>4</sup> This generosity born of grace is not measured by time, energy, skills, money, or any other resource but is measured by the sacrifice that such Gospel generosity inspires.<sup>5</sup> Generosity is the outcome of a heart transformed by the Holy Spirit.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, the generosity of the church proves to be a natural response to our generous God and is a powerful proclamation of the reign and rule of Jesus.<sup>7</sup>

1. Genesis 1:1-2:25
2. Proverbs 14:12; 18:1, Romans 3:9-18; I Corinthians 10:24; Ephesians 4:17-24; Titus 1:15-16
3. Romans 3:23-26; II Corinthians 8:7-9; Philippians 2:1-8
4. Isaiah 58:6-11; II Corinthians 9:8-15; I Timothy 6:17-19
5. II Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:6-7
6. Acts 4:32-37; II Corinthians 8:9
7. II Corinthians 8:8, 9:6-8

### *Philosophy*

In response to the cross and through the gifting of the Holy Spirit, the elders of Sugar Grove affirm the calling for Sugar Grove Church of Christ to be a place of abundant generosity.

### *Practice*

At Sugar Grove Church of Christ, we will honor God by remembering that He is the source of all that we have, and we will give thanks to Him by adopting a posture of generosity. We will honor our neighbor by intentionally including in our generosity those who are not yet a part of our family.