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***Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.***

**2 Corinthians 9:7-8**

Dear Cathedral Family,

Saint Paul wrote these words to the church in Corinth as he was encouraging them to give generously to the collection for the Christians in Jerusalem who were suffering from a terrible famine. It was a call to give cheerfully and bountifully. This was not an exaction, but a charitable request for a charitable bequest, and rooted in the deep assurance that God would meet the cheerful and bountiful giver with his even greater bounty of grace.

Throughout our Cathedral Commons Campaign to raise the funds needed to repair the front portico of our worship space and to make it safe for our generation and generations to come, I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the cheerful and bountiful giving of our people. I know that the gifts and pledges that have been made were not made without sacrifice and do not come with guarantees for how God will meet each giver or our church as a whole. There is, however, the promise that God will make all grace abound to us and give us what is sufficient as we seek to do this project that we believe is a good work.

Well, I am very pleased to inform you all that God's faithfulness to his promise has been shown to us in a very exciting way. Yesterday we received word that the National Park Service, through its [Save America's Treasures](#) program has awarded us a grant of \$750,000.00 for our portico project! We thank the Lord for his miraculous provision. We also give thanks for the great work done by our Cathedral Commons Campaign Grants Team and the members of the staff at Meadors Conservation to get our application prepared so effectively.

Having received this grace from God, I pray we can all rejoice, and with renewed faith and confidence, lean in more fully to every good work that is still before us.

Peace in Christ Jesus,

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