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“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Dear friend,

As our community responds to another devastating flood while recovery from last year's disaster continues, First Presbyterian Church remains committed to serving and loving our community in the ways we are best able.

The latest flood caused tremendous damage throughout Kerr County and beyond. Current reports indicate that at least 490 homes, 100 businesses, and numerous roads, bridges, parks, and public spaces along local creeks and the Guadalupe River have been damaged. The biggest concern is that many more families have been displaced compared to last year. We share this information because behind every statistic there is a person, a family, a story of loss. It is because of these stories that FPC seeks to share the love of Christ in tangible ways to those whose lives and livelihoods have been forever changed.

In the weeks ahead, our work will focus on providing immediate emergency assistance to those in our congregation and our neighbors who have been directly affected. We will begin repairing those areas within our church campus that sustained water damage, especially within our Preschool classrooms, allowing our facilities to continue serving as a place of worship, care, and community. Through our case management, in partnership with the Community Foundation, we will also help connect individuals and families with the recovery resources they need, walking alongside them as they begin the long journey toward rebuilding.

Over the past year, we have learned that lasting recovery is only possible through collaboration and partnership. No single church, nonprofit, business, or government agency can meet every need. Recovery happens when people choose to work together—sharing resources, coordinating efforts, and caring for one another with generosity and compassion.

The Apostle Paul reminds the church, "Encourage one another and build each other up." Those words are more than a comforting sentiment. They are a sacred calling. Every act of kindness, every volunteer hour, every prayer offered, every gift shared, and every hand extended becomes another stone laid in the rebuilding of our community. Together, we will continue encouraging one another, bearing one another's burdens, and trusting that God is at work—even in the midst of heartbreak—to build a future marked by hope, healing, and renewed strength.

Thank you for being part of this ministry of compassion. Your prayers, generosity, and faithful presence continue to make a profound difference in the lives of our neighbors.

With gratitude and hope,



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