

Testimonial of Ben and Clara Watson Announcing Support for the “How Firm Our Foundation” Capital Campaign

Leah Watson, Ben and Clara’s mother:

One evening, after Mark and I made our commitment to the building campaign we had a conversation about our decision with the kids over dinner. We explained how pledging works, why it was important to us to give in addition to our normal tithing and we all discussed why we love All Saints and its people. By the time the meal had ended both Ben and Clara had decided that they wanted to make a pledge on their own to support their church home.

Ben:

I want to give because it’s important for the church to have a strong foundation and not collapse in case of a natural disaster. All Saints is my special place of worship and I want to know that it will be here for future generations.

I’m excited that I will be able to give \$5 a month from my allowance. I know it may not sound like much, but over a five-year span it will equal \$300 dollars. And there is also a matching grant right now, that will turn my gift into \$600 dollars.

And my sister is doing the same exact thing, so with the matching grant, it will equal \$1,200 dollars. We made the decision to make payments twice a year, the church will send us a bill to remind us. This is one of the longest commitments I’ve ever made – I will be fourteen when my pledge is complete.



You can also give in honor of someone special. And I chose to give my donation in honor of my grandparents Juju and Fuzzy, who you might know better as David and Judy Neunuebel. I chose

them because they care for me, they help me make decisions, they encourage me and they love me.

We are excited that the little we give will turn into so much.

Clara:

Churches are home to everyone, even if you don't speak the same language. All Saints is important to me because this church welcomed me with open arms and helps me understand more about the glory of God.

I decided to make my commitment to the building fund because it's important to keep the church stable so if there were an earthquake the beautiful artwork and building would not be ruined and the people would be safe from harm.

It's important to give because you can be part of keeping our history alive for generations to come. The magic of this place touches me, I can let go of all the worries of life and learn about our creator and leave ready to love.

I chose to give in memory of my cousin Grace Watson. It is a way for me to show love to my Aunt & Uncle so they know we will always remember Grace. Maybe there is someone special that inspires you to give to the building fund.

I'm so honored to be a part of this beautiful church, All Saints By the Sea.

Ben and Clara - together:

We hope you will join the cause to support the church for generations to come!