# River Valley Alliance Church The Journey of Generosity Transformed by Grace. Empowered for Generosity.

At River Valley, we believe following Jesus is the only journey that brings true fulfillment in this life. It is a journey of being transformed by God's grace, His undeserved, unearned love and favor, And empowered by the Holy Spirit for His Kingdom purposes. (Matthew 6:33, Ephesians 2:8-10)

The outflow of this transformation is a new understanding: everything we have (including our time, talent, and treasure) comes from God. Therefore, we trust that He can care for us in every situation. But He does not stop there. God does not just provide *for* us; He equips and empowers us to provide *for others through us*. We are generous because God has first been extravagantly generous to us in Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 8:9, Ephesians 2:8-10)

God's lavish giving and Jesus' example in His life and death inspire our own generous living. Therefore, we serve and bless others as we are empowered to be...

### **Generous with Our Time**

We joyfully dedicate our time and prioritize our days for Kingdom purposes, whether in daily routines or special opportunities serving Jesus in our homes, church, community, and the world. (1 Peter 4:10; Colossians 3:23-24)

# **Generous with Our Talents**

We joyfully use our unique, God-given abilities and gifts in creative ways, from local ministries to global outreach. We see every use of our talents as an opportunity to participate in the good works God has prepared for us to do. (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 2:10)

# **Generous with Our Treasure**

We joyfully contribute our financial resources because we believe that building His Kingdom on earth has an eternal impact. We encourage each person to prayerfully decide what to give, being cheerful givers who give with joy and purpose. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8; Matthew 6:19-21)

### The Journey of Generosity

Living generously is a journey of development. We encourage you to start where you are and then ask God to empower you to take the next step in your journey of generosity, trusting fully in His provision. This statement is more than a belief; it is our prayer. We are asking God to build our church family at River Valley where generosity with our time, talents, and treasure is the natural and joyful overflow of hearts transformed by the grace of Jesus.