## **Letting Our Light Shine**

For many years, with God's help, you have been making a profound difference in the lives of poor, underserved young children in East St. Louis, Illinois. Through your regular, weekly contributions you have supported the mission ministry of the Christian Activity Center. With God's guidance and wisdom, this center, directed by Reverend Chet Cantrell of Davidson County, has been meeting the needs of some of our country's most impoverished The center works with children children. ages 5-18 each day meeting their physical, mental and spiritual needs. As this nurturing environment takes place, they see children caring for each other, and watch how they grow in time to enrich daily lives and decisions. These children, like all of us, want their lives to matter. How wonderful to see our gifts making a difference for the least of these.

Chet Cantrell will be visiting our church on Wednesday, March 4. We will have a Covered Dish Supper. We hope you can be present to hear Chet share more about this great ministry.

## **Faithful Giving**

There are several ways to give to your church and support our mission and ministry. Offering Envelopes are mailed each quarter. Please let the office know if you are not receiving them. Online Giving is available through our church website. This is a wonderful way to give systematically. You can schedule a weekly, monthly, or one-time gift.

If you are over the age of 70, consider designating part of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) to the church. This is beneficial to you and your church. You can also arrange for the sale of stocks and bonds with proceeds going to the church. This is another way to provide for the church in a manner that is beneficial to you personally. It is a win/win.

But any way that you decide to give is a win/win, because you will be blessed. The Apostle Paul reminds us that "God loves a cheerful giver!"