



Stewardship Commitment Sunday

January 27, 2008

A steward is someone responsible to wisely manage resources entrusted into his care on behalf of the owner. The Bible teaches that God has made us all His stewards. We ask that you prayerfully consider the stewardship commitment God would have you make in using your financial resources for ministry this year. Stewardship Commitment Card(s) will be mailed to you. The information you return on these cards will be used to help determine our expected income for 2008.

An opportunity will be given during the morning worship services on Sunday, January 27th for you to bring your Stewardship Commitment card to the front, as an act of worship and commitment, by placing it in one of the secure and confidential offering boxes on the Lord's Supper table. Without any pressure, this will serve as a way for people who find it meaningful, to voluntarily express their commitment to support the ministries of the church. Additional cards will be available at the church this Sunday. The Financial Secretary will confidentially process the information gleaned from the cards and will share only summary data with the church leadership.

Ultimately your commitment is between you and the Lord, but the church is the Body of Christ. One of the ways we commit to Christ is through a commitment to His church. Prayerfully consider what your commitments should be. Let's also pray that Stewardship Commitment Day will be a very significant time of worship.

MISSION TRIPS 2008

Czech Republic – March 20 - 28 (team solidified by Jan. 20); July 21-31; December possibly 1 - 8 – contact Randall Wood

Puerto Rico – June Senior class trip – contact Scott Huber.

Puerto Rico VBS – late June – contact Linda Fisher.

Benin, West Africa – with Haitian Pastors – May 16 - 31- contact Randall Wood.

Uganda - Medical mission - possibly May - contact Danny Stowe

CHANGE OUR WORLD

International Friendships, Inc. a ministry that reaches out to the international community at OSU, is looking for Christians who are willing to show the love of Jesus to international students through hospitality. Volunteers are needed to prepare and bring food for yourself and 8 - 10 internationals. Bring a friendly smile and a heart to enjoy fun and interaction with international students. This is a family activity - children are welcome. The potluck will be on Friday, March 7 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the Indianola Church of Christ, 2141 Indianola Avenue. To register: <http://www.ifiusa.org/vlntr/index.htm> , recruit@ifiusa.org , or 614-294-2434. You can also call Rita Jones for more information at 294-2434.

THE BAPTISM TEAM IS AN IDEAL WAY TO SERVE

Are you looking for a ministry that will bless you? The Baptism Team might be the ministry for you. Members (hopefully a couple) serve for a quarter, and they have the blessing of aiding those being baptized in services. They help wash and dry the baptismal robes afterwards, using the church's laundry facility in the Preschool Wing, so that you don't have to take any wet items home. For more info, please call Karen in the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008 – OUTRIGGER ISLAND

JULY 14 - 18, 2008

It is time to choose an area to serve in this summer's Vacation Bible School. **You are needed! See sign-up sheets in the Children's hallway, in the Main Office Entrance, or at the Children's Desk.** There will be a V.B.S. Worker Luncheon immediately following morning worship on Sunday, March 9, 2008. You and your family are invited if you are volunteering in VBS 2008 or if you are interested in volunteering. Mark your calendars now!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the Hispanic Chapel's Christmas Outreach party by donating gifts and/or volunteering in some capacity. This year's party set an attendance record of 419. It also set a record on responses for follow-up, with 50 families marking a request for follow up on their attendance registration form. The best record is that 20 of these marked that they want to know more about how to receive Christ as their Savior! Please be in prayer for "fruit that endures" as we schedule visits in these homes.

Thank you to all who volunteered and served the children of the Angel Tree Program. We were blessed to have had the opportunity to minister to 66 children of incarcerated parents this year. In serving these children, the caregivers and parent(s) in prison were also shown the love of God. Thank you for your time and sacrifice.

DBC LADIES SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us on Saturday, February 23, 6:00 -7:30 p.m. for our annual Ladies Spaghetti Dinner. Our guest speakers will be Susan Davis from Pregnancy Distress Health Center and Julie Schofield from the Dublin Food Pantry. The cost is \$5.00 per person and the proceeds are split between the Pregnancy Decision Health Center and the Dublin Food Pantry. It is a great way to warm your tummies and your hearts on a cold winter day. Sign up today at the Women's Ministry table.

AUDITIONS FOR ADULT ACTORS WHO CAN SING

The Easter Musical, "Calvary's Love", to be presented on Sunday, March 16, has a couple of parts for adult actors that sing, and one for an adult male who doesn't sing. This is an opportunity to be a part of the Easter Musical and not have to join Adult Choir. If interested, please pick up a script and demo CD outside of the Adult Choir room and sign up for an audition time.

ON-GOING TRAINING FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

AND SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Randall Wood will begin offering "*Sunday School Done Right*" by Allan Taylor on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. as of January 30th in room 135. Join Randall for a time of training for reaching, teaching, and ministering more effectively in your classes. This will be helpful for all of those involved in Sunday School or Small Group leadership. The course will last through April and will be structured to allow you to drop in as your schedule allows. It is understood that you may not be able to make it weekly – but some of us will be there each week.

NEXT OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The next observance of the Lord's Supper will be in the evening service of Sunday, February 3. We hope that you will plan on joining us for this important ordinance.

FROM THE PASTOR

I have encountered a lot of people recently who are burdened by the struggles, concerns and disappointments of life. Let me share with you a verse that has been a source of encouragement for me. Psalm 55:22 (NKJV) says, "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved."

This little verse contains an invitation and two promises. First of all, we are invited to cast our burdens on the Lord. Remember, He is the one who inspired these words, so the invitation really comes from the Lord Himself. He wants you to release your burden to Him. By faith, give it to Him. And every time you are tempted to pick it back up and try to carry it yourself, catch yourself doing this, and immediately, through prayer, reaffirm your commitment to leave it with the Lord. Yes, we have a personal responsibility to do what we can and ought to do with regard to the burdens of life, but at the same time, we must face our limitations, and believe God is able to handle any burden we give Him.

Now, when you do this, He has promised to sustain you. Through the sufficiency of His grace, the power of His Spirit, and His providential care, He will strengthen and direct you. In His way and time, and according to His will, He will uphold you and work all things together for your good and His glory. This verse also promises that the righteous shall not be moved. Through your faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, you have been justified. This means that through Christ you are righteous in your standing before God. And so, God will not allow you to be ultimately defeated or destroyed. You are standing on a firm foundation. God's word has promised that what He has started in your life, He will finish. This doesn't mean you will never face any pain, but you will prevail. You will not ultimately be moved. Jesus said in John 16:33 (NIV), "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Amen!

Why don't you pause right now, and through a prayer of faith, "Cast your burden on the Lord." He can handle it.

NEW KROGER CARDS AVAILABLE

If you shop at Kroger and would like to support our "Building the Vision" campaign AND our Hispanic Chapel, please contact Linda Fisher at dbclaf@141.com, or call 889-2307 ext. 122. If you shop at Meijer, please pick up a "Community Rewards" flyer from the Welcome Center. Both companies rebate a percentage of our total purchases to our church, but you must use the cards that are linked to our organization in order for us to benefit. If you have questions, please contact Linda for more details.

CZECH MISSION TEAM FORMING

Our next short-term trip to the Czech Republic will be March 20 - 28. The team is now forming. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 27 at 5 p.m. in Room 213. Contact Randall Wood for more information.

WORKSHOP OFFERED

New Directions Career Center is offering a free workshop to support job seekers with financial concerns. Entitled, *Money Matters: How to Maintain Fiscal Health During an Extended Job Search*, the 2 hour program addresses handling financial challenges caused by unemployment.

Presenter Reggie Thomas of Huntington Bank will share how to prioritize financial goals and obligations, talk with creditors when you cannot pay bills, maintain housing and insurance, effectively employ strategies for spending less, and much more. Information on community agencies that offer assistance during lean financial times will be provided to participants.

The workshop, open to women and men, will be held on January 29th from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at New Directions Career Center. The center is located at 370 S. Fifth Street, Suite G-1. There is no charge to attend the event but participants must register by calling 849-0028, extension 100.