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8:15—9:30 am
Chatterbox Cafe
9:00 AM
Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
English Language
11:45 AM
Karen Sunday School
12 Noon
Karen Worship Service

ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 14

English 74
Karen 192

SEPTEMBER 21

English 87
Karen 182

SEPTEMBER 28

English 81
Karen 169

OCTOBER 5

English 88
Karen 175

OCTOBER 12

English 88
Karen 168



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. These churches consistently ask the question, "What percentage of your income do you feel God is calling you to give?"

This spiritually focused stewardship focuses on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, the church treats people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Spiritually focused stewardship encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving as a *tangible expression of our heart's commitment to God*.

Why ask the question, "What percentage of your income do you feel God is calling you to give?" Percentage giving *increases our awareness* of how much we are actually giving to God. For example, the poor widow who gave 2 pennies gave 100% - all that she had - while the rich around her gave a much smaller percentage out of their abundance. The biblical standard for giving is the tithe or 10% of income. We can all *grow* in giving - some can grow in percentage towards the tithe - some are able to grow beyond it. In percentage giving churches, persons then translate that percentage into a dollar amount, write it on a card, and turn it in.

Why does spiritually focused stewardship work better than fund-raising methods? To quote Herb Miller, "Fund-raising for non-profit organizations is as different from Christian stewardship as a bicycle is from an eighteen wheeler. Both are valid forms of transportation but they are not interchangeable. They accomplish two different purposes. The goal of secular fund-raising: dollars for a worthy cause. The goal of Christian stewardship: faithful management of all that God gives so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually and to extend Christ's transforming love to others.

How is God calling you to give?

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in our stewardship campaign this year.

Pastor Flint



NOTES FROM YOUR
PARISH NURSES
SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S TEMPLE



When we listen to a sermon on stewardship, the pastor typically will challenge us to properly manage our Treasures (money), Time and Talents. I'd like to add one additional "T" - God's Temple, our Body.

God has given us each a body to care for, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. That's pretty clear in scripture. Are you as attentive to caring for the health of your body as you are your treasures, talents and time?

Here are some ways that you can care for your health and body - the Temple of God's Spirit:

1. Practice smart self care. Get regular health checkups
2. Manage your stress
3. Get adequate sleep and rest
4. Be drug and alcohol free
5. Don't drink alcohol in excess
6. Have a thankful and optimistic attitude
7. Exercise your brain
8. Be physically active
9. Eat well. Care for your stomach
10. Drink lots of water
11. Be connected to others. Be in community.
12. Be emotionally and mentally well. Express your emotions.

When we do these things, they favor good health. When you have good health, you're better able to be a steward of your time and talent to serve in God's Kingdom.

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

"You are not your own."

1 Corinthians 6:19

So, I encourage you to be attentive to the care for your body, God's Temple, the fourth "T" of living a life of stewardship.

**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SUNDAY GREETERS
AT WELCOME CENTER**

9:15—10:00 am & 20 minutes after worship

- November 2 Julie & Gary Rodell
- November 9 Mary Zahnley & Kathryn Yocom
- November 16 Sharon Angelo & Donna O'Neill
- November 23 JoAnn Parmley & Donna O'Neill
- November 30 Bettelou & Ron Shipley
- December 7 Marge Mirr & Vera Mathis

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED TO CHANGE THE TIME OR DATE, PLEASE CALL DONNA O'NEILL AT 762-9572.

**COSTA RICA "CHANGE JAR"
REPORT.**

A little "change" here can mean a BIG change there!

2015

Our goal is \$500 by March 1, 2015. Watch our total grow!

April, 2014 \$23.46

May \$20.81

June \$66.86

July \$51.15

August \$66.51

September \$58.31

October 5 \$10.65

October 12 \$16.67

TOTAL - \$314.42

63% OF OUR GOAL

**PLEASE KEEP GIVING!
PAPER MONEY GLADLY
ACCEPTED TOO**



HOSPITAL NOTIFICATIONS:

Due to the privacy act, & confidentiality, hospitals are a lot more strict now when it come to giving out information about their patients. This means that sometimes we are not aware that you or your loved ones are in the hospital. When you are admitted, please let the hospital know

that you would like your church to be called by the Parish Nurse office at the hospital. We will be glad to visit you and also put your name on the church prayer list in the bulletin.

Thank you!

Do you know someone who would like to provide childcare on Wednesday evenings from 5:30—6:30 pm, during bible study time. We are seeking to create a list of persons to call on as needed. The pay is \$15.00. There are usually 2 or 3 preschool children to care for.

Please contact the church office if you know of someone who may be interested.



**WEEKLY BUDGET NEED
FOR 2014**

\$4,215.29

September 21 \$3,295.00

September 28 \$2,341.50

October 5 \$3,563.00

October 12 \$2,093.00

October 19 \$2,119.00





Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Psalm 50:14-15



PRAYER REQUESTS

Wayne McWade	Jim Crawford
Sharon Angelo	Rita Kalb
Brian Anderson	Terry Hodson
Mary Ann Schmidt (Manor Care)	(D. Phillis' Friend)
Jennifer Johnson	Dan Murphy
Robert Lofgren	Jodi Allender
Grace Orton	Helen & Woody Bowling
Don Phillis	Glen Hanftron
Shirley Lofgren	Chris Bivens
Dorose Harrington	Terry Lewis
David Miller	Taylor Gray (13)
Chad Olmsted	Diane Viavne
David Anderson	Hayden Wangler (3—cancer)
Brad Dykeman	Michelle Strader
Cathy McGill	Connie Neill
Jan & Dean Harmon	Jamie Boucher
Chastity Lentz	Carrie Staniger
Dana Smith	Hauzenradar
Jacqueline Lake	Gene Burrows
Kathy Linquist	Ruth Becker Scott
Nathan Meade	Jim Cutler
Fred Leroy Scott (Scotty)	John Barrett

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Betty McBride (Park Vista)
 Pearl Crusier (Rosewood)
 Karl Pearson (Living with Son, Tom)
see left hand column
 Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)
 Virginia Anderson (Lighthouse)
 Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)
 Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)
 Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)
 Cathy McGill (Home)
 Esther Fields (Home)
 Grace Orton (Home)
 Bob Lofgren (Home)
 Wanda Mitchell (Home)
 Elaine Kruckenber (Home)
 June Irwin (Home)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anthony Mathis	D.J. Gladfelter
Tyler Mathis	Lauren Hugel
Galen Ryan	Nick Uzelac
Wm. Robert Crouch	

**REMEMBER ALL OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER,
 ESPECIALLY THESE WITH WHOM WE HAVE A SPECIAL
 RELATIONSHIP**

HAITI

Kihomi & Mabudiga Nzunga - Partner Missionaries

COSTA RICA

Lillian Solt - Partner Missionaries

OKLAHOMA

MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,
 Betty Martin

USA & THAILAND

Duane & Marsha Binkley

Special Interest Missionaries

Taku and Katie Longkumer
 Kristy Engel
 Scott and Tan Coats



IN MEMORIAM:

A life-long deacon, and faithful beloved member of our church, Roy Harrington passed away on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

His funeral was Saturday, October 18th here at the church, with Whitey's Ice Cream and fellowship.

Please remember Dorose, her three daughters and the entire family during this sad time.

Highlights from October 20, 2014 Church Council Meeting

- ◆ Pastor Gabriel and Kossi Dogbe from the local Togo church were invited to the meeting to explore opportunities for our churches to partner. We had a productive discussion.
- ◆ Pastor Miller encouraged the Church Council to read a publication titled “The Five Habits of Highly Missional People” by Michael Frost. This manual describes a “simple, easy-to-adopt set of habits that [unleash] essential missional values like engagement with neighbors, connection with each other, a deeper experience of God’s leading, a stronger understanding of the gospel, and a framework for identifying ourselves as missionaries.”
- ◆ Pastor Miller would like to start weekly prayer meetings for Boomers and Millennial age groups similar to the Monday Word-Centered Prayer meeting.
- ◆ Paula Newell provided an update on pledges received for the 2015 stewardship campaign. In comparison to 2014 drive, only 50% of pledge cards have been returned so far with one week left in the official campaign.
- ◆ Martin Newell requested that the church council members meet midway through the month after the 10:00am Sunday Service for a short “touch base” meeting to drive further communication between the members and to address any issues/opportunities that may present themselves in-between the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Thank You!

David Anderson says thank you a thousand times for all of FBC prayers, concerns, letters and cards. Also a big thank you to Melba and Bob Moody for all of their help. He lets others read those letters and cards to encourage them.

Marilyn Anderson

Dear FBC Members:

We would like to thank our church family for making our 50th Wedding Anniversary very special.

Thanks to all

Glenda & Richard Bunton

FYI

Chris Miller is now off to college—if anyone would like to send him a note of friendly encouragement and support, his address is as follows:

Chris Miller
Kansas City Art Institute
Apt. #206 N
4415 Warwick Blvd



“Bring a Friend” Sunday - November 2

Think of a friend or someone who hasn’t been to church recently, and invite them for an awe-inspiring time of worship on November 2. This is Reformation Sunday as well as Communion Sunday, and we’ll have a traditional theme with favorite hymns played on our magnificent organ. Our Adult Choir will share beautiful special music as well. Plan to be there - and bring a friend!

ABWM CIRCLE MEETING—NOVEMBER 10TH, 2014



For our next ABWM meeting, which will be Monday, November 10th at 9:30 am in the GA room, we will again be working on filling boxes for the “OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE-BOXES.” Bring your items (suggestions are below, listed on the bulletin board in the foyer and individual lists are available in the Welcome Center). We can use our help to fill the boxes. Everyone is welcome, and coffee and refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Suggestions for boxes: You may also donate money if you wish for others to purchase the supplies. If you have any questions, please contact our Parish Nurses, Barb and Sandy.

School Supplies

Journals
Crayons
Colored pencils
Markers
Rulers
Erasers
Pencils
Pencil sharpeners
Pens
Memo pads
Small notebooks
Pads of paper (motels)
Glue sticks
Solar calculators or extra batteries for regular ones
Stationary
Note cards
Stickers
Candy
Tootsie Rolls
Wrapped hard candy
Suckers-
Tootsie Pops
Twizzler's ind. Wrapped
Candy Canes-buy after Christmas
Candy must be individually wrapped

Personal Needs
Small Kleenex packs
Plastic drinking glasses
Water bottles
Sunglasses
Soap (motel-little scent)
Washcloths
Small towels
Toothbrushes
Comb/brush
Lip gloss
Head bands
Pony tail bands
Barrettes
Nail clippers
Clothes
Hats
Gloves & Mittens
Socks
T-shirts
Ball caps
Older Boys
Small hammer/nails
Tape measure
Small screwdrivers
Older Girls
Sewing kits
All ages
Flashlights extra batteries

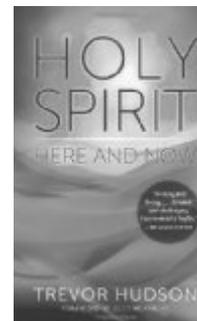
String bags (back packs)
Tote bags, purses for girls
Toys
Play Dough
Coloring Books
Balls, sm. Footballs
Rubber band balls
Tennis balls
Small bouncy balls and other balls
Matchbox cars
Small cars and trucks
Yoyo's
Rubics Cubes
Jump ropes
Jacks
Marbles
Dolls, small baby dolls
Polly Pockets
Barbies
Small stuffed animals
Teddy Bears
Beanies
Small Frisbees
Small animals, dinosaurs
My Ponies
Kaleidoscopes
McDonald's toys
Other assorted small toys



MONDAY EVENING PRAYER

Everyone is welcome to our Monday evening prayer group. It's held every Monday evening at 7:00 pm at different locations. Next Monday it will be at the O'Neill's. Then we skip a week and on 27 October we will be at my home. Sometimes it will be at the church. So watch for the schedule in our Sunday bulletin. It's a wonderful blessing to share needs and praises with our congregation.

THE HOLY SPIRIT In Trevor Hudson's book, Holy Spirit Here and Now, he writes: "When God gives us the Holy Spirit, God gives us nothing less than God's own self. The Holy Spirit is God here today, present with you and me right now. Our understanding of the Holy Spirit in personal terms leads us to recognize how the Spirit enables our experience of God's active and immediate presence."



When most Americans see or hear the word "jihad" we are frightened and rightly so. But not all Muslims see it as violence against the West. I bought a copy of the Quran at Moline Public Library's used book shop. It's translated by Abdullah Yusuf Ali. In the introduction, he says the following:

JIHAD

"Those who are introduced to the Quran only through the media, generally have the impression that the Quran is a book of jihad, and jihad to them is an attempt to achieve one's goal by means of violence. But this idea is based on a misunderstanding. (My underlining.) Anyone who reads the Quran for himself will easily appreciate that it's message has nothing to do with violence. The Quran is, from beginning to end, a book that promulgates peace and in no way countenances violence. It is true that jihad is one of the teachings of the Quran. But jihad, taken in its correct sense, is the name of a peaceful struggle rather than any kind of violent action."

Just as in our own holy word, the Bible, different Christians interpret it differently.

GUEST EDITOR: In November, Nancy Crawford will be our guest editor. A couple months ago, Nancy shared a couple notes with me to put in my monthly column and I didn't get them put in. So I thought it would be good for her to share these thoughts plus any other she might have in her own column. Fortunately she said "yes". In December I'll tell you about a couple of Baptist churches that are important to American Baptists.

Blessings, Barbara

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**"We are a multi-cultural family
seeking to grow in love of God and
neighbor intent on sharing the Good
News of Jesus Christ."**

LOOK

**LOOKING AHEAD
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17
MAILING: NOVEMBER 20
(ONE ISSUE MONTHLY)**



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FRIENDLY REMINDER:

This Sunday, October 26 is "New Consecration Sunday".

**If you haven't returned your 2015 pledge card, today is the deadline. Then following our 10:00 am English Worship Service, we will be having an all-church luncheon. Everything for the meal will be provided, so just bring yourself! Please come and enjoy Sunday services, turn in your pledge card to show your commitment to God, and have a great time with good food, friends and fellowship.
See You There!**