

THE BULLETIN

THE MANY DIMENSIONS OF STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship means more than money and material possessions, Romans 12:6-8 (NRSV) - 'We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.'

Following are some other dimensions of life that we should give back to God:

1. **Time.** We are all rich here. You may be on a fixed income, but no one has more time than you. Every ministry takes time. Every prayer takes time. Every witness takes time. Every act of worship takes time. How much time will you commit to God?
2. **Talent and ability.** Look at all the things you can do! You have talents of all kinds. Some are big and some are small. Have you made them available to God? Can you be enthusiastic for Christ? The abilities you use daily are of great value where you work. Can the Lord use them? Don't wait for someone to ask before putting your talents to work for Christ.
3. **Creation.** God did a wonderful job in giving us our world. How are we taking care of it? This commitment means we should be careful not to litter or otherwise spoil God's beautiful world. It also means we should take care of the body God has given us; it's the temple of the Holy Spirit. Will you use wisely all that God has given you through his marvelous creations?
4. **Possessions.** This is more than money. It includes the tithing, but it also covers what we do with the nine-tenths that remains. The way we manage our resources is a part of Christian stewardship.

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Regularly Scheduled Services

Sunday worship: 9:30am
Sunday Bible class: 11:00am
Sunday evening: 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible class: 7:00pm

*Faithful witnessing can
produce tremendous
results. Tell someone
about Jesus - leave the
results up to God*

Our Family

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household," Ephesians 2:19, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb our minister (the really tall guy) or any other church member.

WHAT'S GOING ON?



Families stay in touch!

Thank you for all the updates. You can still turn them in & ask either Kathy F

or Mark to take a picture. You can send a .jpg file to the church for inclusion.

Labor Day Picnic - Sept. 5 - Sign up sheets in the back. Come share the fellowship & food at the Potter's. There are sign-up sheets for more than just food - need help with set-up and clean-up. Bring your own meat, too

Gander Brook Retreats:

Sept 9-11 - Teen Retreat - see Mark

Sept 15-17 - Ladies' Retreat - information at back

Sept 22-24 - Men's Retreat - information at back

Family Workshop: October 21-23 the church will host a family workshop with Dr. Joe Brumfield from Harding University.



WED NIGHT SUP-

PER: It's about time for our Wednesday night suppers to begin. We will need cooks, lots and lots of cooks. Many ways to help!! There is a sign-up sheet at the back. If you are willing to be put on a list of substitutes for last minute emergencies, GREAT. Cooking for the group is, a 'real learning experience', but the fellowship is super! Get a friend, sign up to try and you'll like it.

LAWN MOWING: This building belongs to all members we need people to sign up and mow the lawn. Bring the children and make it a family service project.

LORD'S SUPPER to shut-

ins: There is a need for someone to take the Lord's Supper to the shut ins during the months of November & December. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

MNFM Cooks are needed.

Sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

4&5 yr. old class - need a helper

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL:

Need someone to take the lead. It's a great opportunity to teach the Good News from home.

LIFELINE: Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Manchester Church of Christ on 10/27/2016. See foyer for sign-up sheet.



We are adding media to the library. There is a case with CDs arranged by topics. Please come use our assets.

PRAYER CORNER:

CASEY JONES, MALACHI NORRIS, PEDRO LEBRON & HIS BACK PAIN, THE ROUKEY FAMILY



CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Good Works: current Bible studies, our website, MNFM, food pantry, Penny Ranger's online evangelism

Health: Dick Potter, Marge Simon, Susie Peacock, Casey Jones, Tamera Silva, David Lovering and for Barbara as she cares for him and has Parkinson's herself. Darlene Chamberlain's continued recovery, Judy Diaz's neighbors sorrow, David Skerry's brother-in-law (Eddie), Tom Jones, Lynn Millette, Penny's niece Chelsea, Mary Jane Parker, Natalie Cleavitt, Linda Tetrault and her brother Bob, John Matthew and Anni

Struggles: Tamera Silva and her children; Jim Kenison; the spiritually weak.

Thanksgiving: It's been great to see the Potter's and Marge Simon back in services

Leadership: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be;" Matthew 5:14, NAS95.

A Word of Encouragement

"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13, NAS95.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND FALL 2016

Well, Labor Day is just around the corner. On the one hand, that means that summer's almost over (*sigh*). But on the other hand, there are a lot of sweet things to look forward to this fall in the spiritual realm.

On the near horizon, we've all got an invitation to go to the Potters' house for a cookout and great fellowship on Monday, September 5. Dick won't be able to do as much this year, but that just leaves an opening for the exercising of joyful set up, grilling skills, and the camaraderie of working together for this annual church feast and fellowship. And then we get to enjoy the time together—food, chatting, sharing, games, relaxing, and even a little guitar plucking. If you don't have a previously scheduled family event on your calendar for Labor Day, you need to put this in, for sure.

And as September starts the retreat season begins, too. First, there is our annual teen retreat (Sept. 9-11). Now, you might think that this encouragement belongs more on the teen calendar than here, but the teen retreat needs adults, too. We'll need cooks, chaperones, etc. Ask Mark about what you can do to build up our precious young people with this important annual retreat that kicks off the youth program for the next 12 months.

Then there's the Gander Brook women's (Sept. 15-17) and men's (Sept. 22-24) retreats that are refreshing escapes from the usual routine to focus on spiritual matters and deep fellowship with brothers and sisters from around the region. If you've never been, you've just got to try it. If you have been, you know how great they are. Plan on going.

There's the Family Workshop in October (21-23). Dr. Joe Brumfield of Harding University will be our speaker. This is a big deal. Dr. Brumfield is a favorite professor at Harding and a much sought after speaker in the area around Searcy. His teachings are practical, straightforward, Biblical,

and insightful. We'll be inviting VBS families and pantry patrons, too; but this workshop will be successful only if you invite others. You'll be glad you came; and be even more glad, if you invite a friend.

Lifeline Screening in October (27th). We've allowed this medical outreach community organization to use our facilities for several years now. Each time it gives us an opportunity to greet community people and distribute Gospel material. But it takes a lot of workers (chair movers and greeters) to really make this a successful kingdom work. Pitch in and reach out.

And then on October 30 we have our congregation's "Trunk or Treat". We did this for the first time last year, and had a wonderful group of neighborhood children with their parents come by and get to know us—a key element in future sharing of the Gospel. We all had such a good time last year, and we have plans for an even better event this year. Talk with Mark and find out more about this now, so you can be preparing how you'll decorate your trunk.

But why are we doing all of this? Almost everyone these days lives a really busy life and finding time to fit these things in won't be easy. But the church and its work are not just a social club with its "busy work" where people without much else to pass a little time. We are the Kingdom of God here in Manchester, and we are given the task of expanding the borders of the His Kingdom. We are in a spiritual war against the powers of sin and death for the minds and souls of mothers, fathers, children; of singles and the married; of the old and the young; the busy and the idle; the religious and the disinterested. We—you—must get involved (spend and be spent) for the sake of obedience to the Lord, yes; but also for the eternal welfare of the lost.

Let's roll!

Park Linscomb

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*September Calendars are in

*Thanks to all who came to
Devo & Movie Night

Upcoming Events

*August 28 - Lunch at Friendly's

*Sept 4 - Labor Day picnic set up - Food will
be provided if you help

*Sept. 5 - Labor Day Picnic @ the Potter's

*Sept 12 - MNFM - 6-8pm

*Sept. 9-11 - Teen Retreat at Gender Brook -
Forms are due 9/7. Cost is \$10 + food mon-
ey for Friday night. Plan to return on the 11th
by 3pm

*Sept 21 - Goldenrods for ice cream

*Sept 24 - Teen movie/game night

*Sept 30 - Oct 2 - Edgewood Youth Rally -
plan for it & watch for information

*Big thanks for all the help with VBS

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			August 28	AM	PM	August 31
Sunday	Aug 28	Jeremiah 20-21	Call to Worship	<i>Gerry Millette</i>		
Monday	Aug 29	2 Timothy 4	Song Leader	<i>Doug Paul</i>	<i>Park L</i>	<i>Mark Casella</i>
Tuesday	Aug 30	Jeremiah 22-23	Scripture	<i>Phil Gould</i>		
Wednesday	Aug 31	Titus 1	Lord's Supper	<i>Will Hamel</i>		
Thursday	Sep 1	Jeremiah 24-26	Closing Prayer	<i>Mark Casella</i>		
Friday	Sep 2	Titus 2	Coordinator	<i>Ken Simon</i>		
Saturday	Sep 3	Jeremiah 27-29	Worship Tech	<i>Rich Therrien</i>		
			Devo			<i>Phil Gould</i>

Our Congregational Calendar for August 28 - September 10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm	29	30 Randall Chaffin - BD	31 Ken Bell - BD	1	2	3
Will & Kathy Hamel - Anniv	5	6 Randy & Candy Chase - Anniv Kris & Jolene Karafelis - Anniv	7 Randall Chaffin - BD	8	9	10 Mark & Kerstin Dumas - Anniv
