



Raising Up Faithful Stewards

Dear Calvary Family,

Christian stewardship is not the Church's way of raising money; it God's way of raising Christians.

Stewardship has, in the past, been about how we share and why. Today, a proper understanding of stewardship in an age of abundance and choices, must involve a theology of how we choose and why.

Talking to people about stewardship is often like trying to sell swimsuits in the Arctic.

The aphorisms above pretty much capture how most of us finally get to the bottom line of the amount on our pledge card. What all reflect is the condition of our relationship with God and our understanding of ownership: is it all His, or is it all ours? I suppose that if we could straighten that issue out correctly there would never be the need for a church "stewardship campaign". Alas, many Christians still have to be sold each year about who is Number One and what Number One commands! We need to be invited, educated and reminded to be good stewards.

As parents, many of us overlook one very important aspect of life as we seek to instill virtues and values in our children's hearts: generosity - love that finds joy in giving itself to others. Do we teach our children early on to be godly givers, or do we primarily teach them to be receivers and hoarders of abundance? Do they hear and are they shown the message of Christ's sacrificial love for us on the cross, and if so, how are they encouraged to imitate that love with what they have? Have they ever heard of the Biblical Tithe and have they been given their own pledge card and offering envelopes?

Stewardship is everything we do with our life after we say, "I believe". It is about how we order our whole life in ways that glorify God, build up His Church and serve the world's needy in His Name. That the Church is where, through worship, education and fellowship, we raise up faithful members is why we need to get specific about tithing to the church. Our (God's) money is muscle: it makes ministry happen when and where we cannot be. For example, consider how our pledges and other income were allocated this year:

***22% - Church Life:**

Fellowship, Lay ministers, Facilities, operation and maintenance, communications, parish picnic, and monthly luncheons

***27.3% - Worship and Music:** All worship services, Blessing of Pets, 7 funerals, 3 marriages, 6 baptisms. 5 confirmations, choir, altar guild, and support for worship ministries

***24.4% - Pastoral Care:** over 1400 hours devoted to the pastoral needs of parishioners by our rector; LEM visits to homebound; crisis counseling and in-hospital care.

***21.3% - Mission and Outreach:** Support of Community Kitchen, 12-Step Programs, CARES, Diocesan support and outreach

***4.4% - Christian Formation:** Sunday School, Adult Education, Children's Chapel, Pageants, Vacation Bible school, Camp scholarships

What these percentages do not show is the vast number of volunteer-ministry man hours given by our members, projects which are often funded at their own expense! We are indeed a very giving parish!

In spite of declining demographics which are impacting all congregations in Ashland, Calvary continues to follow God's call to worship and serve in the crossroads of downtown. How can we continue to follow this call? By each of us making sure that God is "Number One" in our life and in our families. It's all about raising Christians. It's all about making correct choices. And for God's faithful it's never like selling swimsuits in the Arctic!

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good thy vows unto the Most High" (Psalm 50:14)

For an Abundant Harvest,

The mission of **Calvary Episcopal Church** is to seek and serve Christ through **Worship** which invigorates and challenges, **Education** which equips every member for a ministry, **Fellowship** opportunities which nurture all ages, and **Giving** of ourselves for the sake of those who do not belong.

We Care - Let Us Know!! Please let us know ASAP when a family member goes to the hospital or nursing home or is scheduled for a procedure. We want to help you share the burden. Call the office at 325-2328 or chip@calvaryepiscopal.com.

New Directories Are Available! They may be picked up in the ambulatory. However, if you are unable to attend church, phone Melissa at 325-2328 and she will mail one to you.

Children's Education and Programs

Started September 14, 2008

9:30 - 10:15 Youth Sunday School

10:30 Morning Eucharist

Sermon
Children's Chapel
"Godly Play"
Stories of the Bible shared
through loving messages of
the heart.

Youth Service Sunday, October 26, 2008
"Love and Prayer"

Christmas Program Sunday, December 14, 2008
"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

Vestry Highlights - September

The Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church met on September 29th and:

- Received a provocative devotional on daily discipleship choices by Patsy Cochran.
- Heard a special presentation from Carol Greene requesting that we purchase 125 copies of The Chalice Hymnal to provide more singable music for worship. Cost (\$2621) would be offset by members' memorialized gifts and the Seaton sanctuary fund. Motion to implement unanimously passed.
- Noted from rector that the 4th annual St. Francis Day service with First Christian Church will be October 8 at 6:00 at FCC; thanked Ray Franks for 13 years of faithful service and our regret at their move to NC.
- Learned that Peter and Donna Yacoe are this year's stewardship Campaign co-chairmen.
- Heard report from Bernard O'Nan that copier lease is up and a decision how to proceed is required soon.
- Reported from Richard Ford (via O'Nan) that outer doors are being repainted and that repairs to bathroom fixtures and garth area are needed.
- Learned from Pastoral Care that food has been taken to CARES and Operation Christmas Child will commence 10/15/08.
- Noted from David Stewart (Education Committee) that 14 are attending Disciples Course on Sunday mornings, 11 ladies at-

2008 Fellowship Hosts

- Oct. 12 Martha Dodson
19 Dr. and Mrs. John Jones
26 "Trick or Treat" - Honor Youth
- Nov. 2 Bill and Betty Lou Moore
9 Sharon and Chip Valentine
16 David and Lori Slagel
23 Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
30 Mary Riley
- Dec. 7 *
14 Tina and David Mussetter
21 David Stewart
28 Kathy and Don Setterman
*No luncheon in Dec. The people that decorate the church will bring potluck for this date.

Kroger Cards

Don't forget the Kroger Card program when honoring loved ones. "Gift" your family and friends with Kroger cards. You will not only be providing them with a useful gift, you'll be helping our church earn rebates as well. Call Tina Mussetter at 232-2336 for your special Calvary-keyed card!

Magazine Drive

Please don't forget that we still need your used magazines for the area nursing homes. See Pam Womack for more details.

Community Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Father John Noe, Pastor
900 Winchester Avenue
Ashland, KY**

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast will be served

**A love offering will be accepted for
The Community Kitchen.**

Please bring a friend.

tended Ladies Night Out event and Book Club, with thanks to Leannah Leslie and Tina Mussetter.

- Thanked Diane Zwick for handling the Greenbrier trip service and Tina Mussetter for conducting morning prayer and Poage Landing service on September 21.
- Encouraged all parishioners to attend youth Sunday service at 10:30 on October 26; noted that some surveys distributed at Parish Picnic are still outstanding.
- Learned that the parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be held after services on November 23 and that the Community Service will be that evening.
- Received Treasurer's report that pledges are on line YTD but total income is down \$5000 primarily due to the slow market. Calvary's interest in a Martin County mineral rights lease will be reviewed by Ernie Pitt.
- Adjourned at 7:50 with benediction .

Next meeting: October 20, 2008.

For Your Information

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost - October 12

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14
Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
Psalm: Ps 106:1-6, 19-23

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost - October 19

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel Matthew 22:15-22
Psalm: Ps 99

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - October 26

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46
Psalm: Ps 90:1-6, 13-17

Prayers Are Requested for:

For the Sick and Those in Need

Bill Moore, Betty Lou Moore, Brian and Becky, K.C. Donnelly, Eric, Erin, Jon, Chrissey, Danielle, Janet, Bobby, Jay Fuhro, Martha Dodson, Larry Meek, Molly, Judy Gearhart, Chuck Wessel, Pearl Coleman, Herb Parsons, Cindy Lambert, Linda Hood, Larry Craycraft, Doug, Paula, Alex, Barbara Stokes, Drew, Bruce Leslie, and Jeanne Martin

Shut-in/Convalescing

Nell Hutchinson, Marie Kephart, Tootie Morefield, Lucille Kazee, Phyllis McKenzie, William and Betty Brown, Duane Chapman, Martha Compton, Chuck and Linda Hood

Anniversaries

11 Thomas and Bola Blunk
15 David and Tina Mussetter
19 George and Rosemary Fleshman (1962)

10 Reasons to Invite People to Follow Christ Every Week At Church

1. Someone may be at church only once.
2. The Holy Spirit may have been working on them for months or years.
3. Even some church people don't understand the gospel.
4. Many trust in the church for salvation instead of trusting Christ.
5. Seeing others saved gives believers another reason to worship and motivation to witness.
6. New Christians can "light a church on fire."
7. Angels in heaven get to party when one person meets Christ.
8. Heaven is the goal, Hell is hot and life is short.
9. You care deeply about people.
10. Families, workplaces, neighborhoods, cities, and generations could be different when one person meets Christ.

DISCIPLES COURSE

The new adult education course continues this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. It will run for approximately 7 more weeks and is entitled "Invitation to John." Session 1 was called "Come and See," Session 2 was called "How Is It Possible," Session 3 was called "Taste for Yourself," Session 4 was called "To Believe or Not to Believe," Session 5 is called "Are We Blind," Session 6 is called "I Couldn't Believe My Eyes," Session 7 is called "Would You Believe It," Session 8 is "What Time Is It," Session 9 is called "Look Out," Session 10 is called "Believing Without Seeing," and Session 11 is called "Do You See Him."

Each session will include a 15 - 20 minute video followed by discussion. The sessions will be facilitated by the Adult Education Committee of the Vestry in the Parish Hall.

2008-2009
Calendar of Events

The Little Disciples (20 months – Preschool) and **The Get Along Gang** (Pre K - 2nd grade) offer our children an opportunity to gather every month for a time of Bible stories, crafts, refreshments and fellowship. We will follow our summer 2008 VBS curriculum, *Rainforest Adventure*, at First Christian Church, 1930 Winchester Avenue.

Schedule of Events

Sun., Oct. 5	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 26	Fall Festival	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 30	Xmas Gift Workshop	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 4	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 1	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., March 1	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., April 5	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., May 3	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

We are pleased to lift up special needs and thanksgivings related to loved ones. Names are carried for one calendar month unless otherwise requested. Thanksgivings change weekly. Please try to be as concise and specific as you can.

PLEASE BLOCK PRINT

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

NAME OF PERSON(S) TO BE PRAYED FOR:

Their Need (healing, hospital, convalescing, dying, etc.):

Thanksgiving for:

Today's Date: _____

Your Name _____
(important)

Please place form in offering basin or mail to the office.

The Chalice Hymnal

Calvary members and friends are encouraged to help us provide a new hymnal for use at our worship services. The Vestry unanimously agreed that we need to provide better, singable music and that the congregation be encouraged to memorialize or honor loved ones by donating toward the purchase of these books. The Chalice Hymnal would not entirely replace the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal, although it would become our primary sourcebook for worship. Gifts will be recognized with a suitable memorial plate on the inside cover of the Chalice Hymnal. Cost per book is \$21.00. An inscription with the Calvary name and address will be imprinted on the blue cover. Blue was the chosen color to distinguish it from the red Prayer Books.

Consider the following facts about the Chalice Hymnal:

Chalice Hymnal - a musical mosaic, rooted in tradition and new as tomorrow like a mosaic, in which pieces of all shapes, shades, and sizes come together to form a beautiful whole, Chalice Hymnal brings together old favorite hymns and new discoveries to enrich the worship life of congregations of all denominations, raising voices in song and spirits in worship.

A People's Hymnal

Chalice Hymnal was developed by a 15-person committee and congregations all over North America. Responding to ongoing surveys and questionnaires, people told us what they sing, what they want to sing, and how they want to sing it.

As a result, the mixture of music in Chalice Hymnal appeals to a wide range of ages, traditions, and ethnicities. Music from a variety of ethnic traditions is included, especially African, American, Hispanic, and Asian.

For easier singing, many tunes are set in a lower key, and many of the newer hymns include guitar chords.

A Unique Feature

The Chalice Hymnal contains a special section for individual daily devotions, using a three-year cycle of Scripture readings along with selected hymn texts.

Lord's Supper

With 40 hymns in this category, the Chalice Hymnal contains more communion hymns than any hymnal in current use.

CHALICE HYMNAL

_____ # copies at \$21.00 each. _____ check attached

Your name _____ phone _____

Name of person to _____ honor (living) _____ memorialize (deceased)

Please print clearly:

Note: One name per book. Use additional forms as necessary.

News from Allison Leslie

Last year ended with high excitement and 13 students from 10 different fraternities and sororities committing to being part of the Core Group. We met for a planning retreat before classes started. We planned many events and spent time talking about our vision. This past month we held an interest meeting (had over 42 students show up) and had our first monthly large group event (had 52 students attend). We were blown away by all that interest. It was amazing to see God has used these original 13 students to grow this ministry right away. We then invited these new students to come and be part of our Core Group and we now have 25 students involved in that. This Core group is now meeting weekly to study scripture together, build community with each other, and support, encourage and challenge each other to actually do ministry in their own fraternity or sorority. We are continuing to grow this group of students as they are truly the "investors", so to speak, of this ministry. In mid September I also trained 15 students from 13 different sororities and fraternities on how to start up a ministry in their own fraternity/sorority. I am in the process of helping get many of those started at this point. I am praying for at least half of those chapters to take the risk and get something going by the end of this semester.

So as you can see, things are definitely off and running. Some of you heard my sermon this summer about how hard last year was and all that God taught me along the way. The difference between last year and this year is night and day, and I have been enjoying every minute! I know I grew spiritually last year so much as I walked in the valley of life, but I have to tell you this year is quite a bit more fun! I have just been absolutely amazed (and I am not sure if that is even strong enough of a word) of what all God has done. He has provided so many students and so many open doors for this ministry. In fact we have already seen one student come to faith through this ministry, so join me in praising God for what he is doing with Greek students at the University of Virginia. Below are some specific prayer requests and I would be honored if you would be willing to stop for just 2-3 minutes and offer up some prayers on our behalf!

1. Pray for these 15 students that received training on how to start a ministry in their chapter. For those that haven't started yet please pray that they will be motivated to take that leap of faith and start things up. For those that have started please pray that they will persevere as the beginning parts can be very hard at times. Pray that they would look to God for direction and guidance.
2. Please pray for our Core Group. The group really needs to gel more and come together in a stronger way. Pray for opportunities for true community to happen. We also need prayer in regards to our vision. Please join me in praying that as our ministry grows and changes over these next few months that we would all remain on the same page and remember what God has called us to.
3. Please pray for me as I seek God's direction as I lead these students. I desperately want this ministry to be what God wants it to be, so please pray that God would give me the wisdom I need.

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ~ Galatians 6:9

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You are invited to “Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace” with Miroslav Volf

Miroslav Volf, the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School and Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, will be at Christ Church Cathedral on October 25 & 26.

The cost of registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch for Saturday. Please make checks payable to Christ Church cathedral with “Volf” in the memo-line. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 22. Registration at the door will not include lunch. Please send checks along with this registration form to:

Christ Church Cathedral
Attn: Volf
166 Market Street
Lexington, KY 40507

You may register online at www.ccclex.org and bring your \$20 fee to the conference.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Conrad at elizabeth@ccclex.org or 859-254-4497.

Godly Play

October 15, 2008

6:30 p.m.

To: All Parents of Young Children

Godly Play is a Sunday School curriculum that tells many Bible stories through props and carefully scripted questions of “I wonder”. Because the children are personally involved with each story, their faith is nurtured. Deacon, Lois Howard, has been training teachers in the use of the Godly Play materials for 20 years. Diane and I got certified last spring, at a workshop in Danville, Kentucky. Deacon Howard is coming from Lexington to meet with parents of our Sunday School youngsters as well as any other interested parishioners.

A light supper will be served. Babysitting will be provided. Please plan on attending.

Debbie Braun

Diane Zwick

Quotes of the Past & Present

“Do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of.” - Benjamin Franklin

“Sometimes we’re so intent on praying that it becomes all talking and no listening.” - John Jones, July 9, 2008

“When we ask God to do something *for* us, He generally wants to do something *in* us.” - Anonymous

“It’s a Scriptural truth that without love we are just making a bunch of noise—and it’s not the joyful kind. It’s the earplug kind.” - Major Keith Welch

“Love is not only something you feel. It’s something you do.” - David Wilkerson

“God is not to be thought of as ‘out there’ or ‘up there’ but as ‘always here.’” - Harry Dean

“I could open a rosebud, Lord, but I would spoil the flower. I can move the hands of the clock but I can’t change the time.” - Virginia Talmadge

“Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans.” - Robert Balzer

“If you’re not doing something with your life, it doesn’t matter how long it is.” - Peace Corps Commercial



“Okay Father, where’s the bingo game?”

Birthdays in Our Parish Family in Oct. and Nov.

October 02 Samantha Jo Sparks and Sharon Valentine,
03 Katie Braun, 09 Suzanne Blunk, 12 Don Maxwell, 14 Trish Pitt,
18 Jerri Rupert and Lisa Pullem, 19 Chip Valentine,
20 Rachel Craycraft, 21 Brent Clark, and 28 Libby Adams

November 01 David Stewart, 04 Miles Mussetter, 08 Jim Adams,
11 Ryder Riggs, 14 Martha Ross, 17 Brian Gunnoe and
Charles Watson, 19 George Fleshman, 22 Thomas Blunk, and
26 Ray Franks

The deadline for the next Crucifer is October 20. Please have all articles for submission in to the office by the above date.



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