

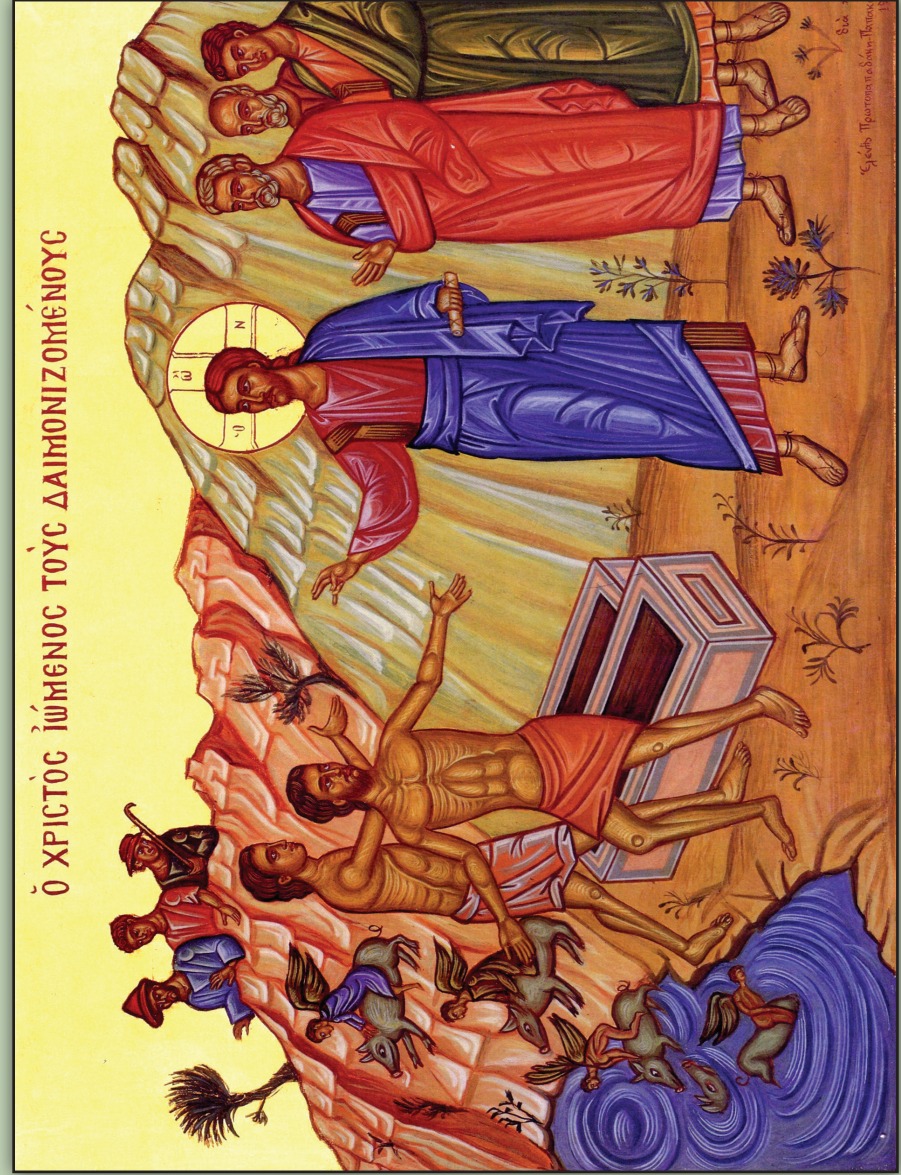
Warfare Within Us

The whole warfare of the demons against us is waged with the one purpose of alienating those who obey them from the glory of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit. But, as I see it, we have already deprived ourselves of such a gift before they even attack us, because we have forsaken the commandments of God and have not been eager to seek Him with all our soul. Had we sought Him we should not have lived so idly and carelessly! Had we been concerned for the things of heaven we should not have shown such great eagerness for the things of earth. Had our thoughts been on things incorruptible we should not have gaped greedily after the things that are transitory and corruptible.

Had we striven for things eternal we should not thus have pursued things temporal. Had we loved God we should not thus have turned away from those who guide us to Him. Had we sought to acquire virtues we would not have abhorred the teachers of virtues. Had we gladly embraced fasting we should not have complained of the lack of food and drink. Had we fought to gain control over our passions we should not have given ourselves unrestrainedly to pleasures. Had we a right and firm faith we should not have performed the works of faithlessness. Had we been found worthy to attain true love we should have known God.

St. Simeon the New Theologian

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs

ST. GEORGE ROMANIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle Rom 10: 1-10

Gospel Matt 8:28-9:1

Next Sunday: Epistle Rom 12:6-14

Gospel Matt 9:1-8

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 7/6

No Liturgy

Tuesday 7/7

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian

Wednesday 7/8

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Magdalene Florian by Family

Thursday 7/9

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Bishop John Michael Botean -
Happy Birthday!

Friday 7/10

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +George and +Rodica Suma

Saturday 7/11

No Liturgy

Sunday 7/12

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Church Bulletin donated in July 2020 by Earl and Amparo Adkins for health.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at stgeorge.click2stream.com. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

Sunday Collection: June 28, 2020

Loose	\$28.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,550.00
Candelabra sponsor	50.00
Candles	<u>\$66.00</u>
Total	\$1,694.00

Online Donation

\$100.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention for Family	Doru Jacobs
H/S of loved ones	Mihai Florea
Special Intention	Mihai Florea
+Dean Jurebie, father	Simeon Jurebie
H/S Stella Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Suzie Dragos and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Drew, Suzie, Aurora, Xavier Xeloures Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Edna Robinson and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian and Family	Mircea Cristea

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Rebecca Walsh and Brandon Baumgartner – upcoming wedding; William Galida and Ana Heim -upcoming wedding, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#130), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for July 2020 is donated by **the Craciun Family for the health of Mrs. Georgeta Barcutian and Mrs. Mary Cornea.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for July 2020 is donated by **David Gallagher.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for July 2020 is donated by ...

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for July 2020 is donated **in honor of Gabriel and David Marginean birthdays by Family.**

If you would like to sponsor a candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for July 2020: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements



Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

The **Small Hall bathrooms are being remodeled** in the new wing. They will be brightened and refreshed. They are still out of use this Sunday.

For the sick and homebound, St. George Cathedral offers a **live stream** of the Divine Liturgy which can be found at the following website: stgeorge.click2stream.com. Please make sure that you turn on the sound at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to smile.amazon.com. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you for using smile.amazon.com!

Parish events:

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30pm.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, July 16 at 6:30pm.

St. George Cathedral will host a **curbside Romanian Heritage Festival on Sunday, August 23**. More details will follow when they are decided. There will be no booklet, no raffle. Sponsors for the Festival would be gratefully accepted! Please consider how you can help to make this the best Festival yet while maintaining social distancing!

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

The pastor had a problem; he had to ask the congregation to pledge more money for the church repairs than they anticipated. On his way to the chancel, he asked the organist to be ready to play something suitable for the pledging. At the appropriate time, the pastor announced, “Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. Our roof repairs have run \$5,000 over the estimated cost. That means we must raise that amount this morning. Any of you who are willing to increase the original pledge, please stand up.”

At that very moment the organist tore into The Star-Spangled Banner. And the whole congregation stood.

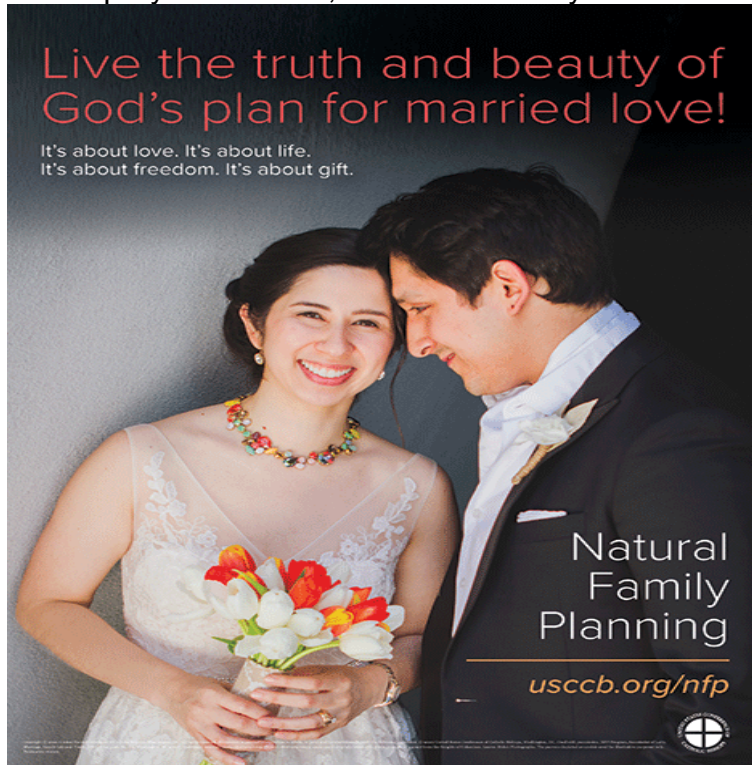
Word of Life

“O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Prayer for Religious Liberty”

For our nation:
May our laws protect
the right to life of every human being,

from conception to natural death;
Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.



Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!*

David Marginean – July 5th **Happy 16th Birthday!**

Bishop John Michael Botean – July 9th

Fintan Heatherly – July 9th

Valerie Trevino – July 10th

**Birthdays, St. George Cathedral Calendar, Typikon,
Holidays in United States**

Mon Jul 6 – Sun Jul 12, 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

	Mon 7/6	Tue 7/7	Wed 7/8	Thu 7/9	Fri 7/10	Sat 7/11	Sun 7/12
	Ven. Father Sisoos	Ven. Father Thomas	Great martyr	Bishop John Michael	Valerie Trevino's	Euphemia, woman	Proclus & Hilarion,
			Abstinence	Fintan Heatherly's	45 Martyrs in		6th SUNDAY AFTER
				Hieromartyr	Abstinence		
6am							
7am							
8am							
9am		Liturgy: H/S Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Magdalene Florian by Family 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Bishop John Michael Botean - Happy Birthday! 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: +George and +Rodica Suma 8:30am - 9:30am		
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							
12pm							Coffee: 11:30am - 12:30pm
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							

Steward of the Month

Love Knows No Bounds

Submitted by: Louise Eastlake OH

In these days of economic stress and turmoil many turn for help and guidance to our St. Vincent dePaul Society. They place a call and leave their stories and requests on our answering service. They are pleasantly surprised when their requests are answered by the patient and compassionate voice of Beverly Pecjak. Sometimes she receives many calls a day and has to call them back numerous times before she gets in touch with them. She listens as they tell of their hardships and time after time she consoles them and tries to help them as much as she can. Some of the requests cannot be answered due to monetary limitations and she helps them understand other ways to meet their needs. If there were an angel on earth, Beverly would be that person. She never angers, is slow to judge and quick to help.

One would think that after doing this for several years one would get bitter and just quit. Not Beverly. She has taken this on as her ministry and for that we are all blessed. Beverly never wants any recognition and day after day she calls and checks the voice mail, returns calls, helps get the needed food, and the list goes on and on. I can't think of anyone that could ever take her place. Please consider our quiet angel as a person who is truly sharing her gifts and talents, day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute to help others in the name of the Lord. ☩

"Steward of the Month" is an exciting way to recognize exemplary stewards. If you are aware of someone who has exemplified Christian stewardship, please tell us about it at stewardofthemonth.com. Once a month, one submission will be chosen to be published in *Stewardship*. In addition, if your story is chosen, \$100 will be given to the church or organization of your choice.

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Ted Knutson grew up...

we make a pledge when we don't know what our income will be?" To his surprise she answered, "When we bought the new tractor we signed a promissory note to the bank agreeing to pay \$22,000 in three different installments. How could we do that without knowing what our income would be?" He then raised another question: "How can we make weekly pledges when we don't sell our crops until fall?" This time she responded, "We have many other obligations to meet before our crops are harvested and we pay them. Why should we neglect the church? Besides, didn't you say that you agreed with the speaker when he said that our giving really should be a part of our worship of God?"

Out of the discussion came the conclusion that the question of the stewardship of their means had never been a subject of prayer with them. They agreed to pray about this until the end of the week when they would again attend church. On Sunday morning at breakfast he said, "Today we are going to give an offering in the spirit of worship. Let's ask our pastor for a set of offering envelopes, too." Knutson had learned through prayer and honest soul-searching that the most important thing with stewardship is not the support of a church budget. Real stewardship rather demands a dedication of all that we have to the Lord. Like the Macedonians, we must give ourselves unto the Lord. ☩

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Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

July 2020

Stewardship

Ted Knutson grew up on a farm in a rich agricultural community. When he married, he operated a farm a few miles from his father's farm. A short distance away was a rural church where he worshipped regularly with his family.

Knutson was a sincere Christian who had served on various boards in his congregation. He had always gone to this rural church and was unfamiliar with the stewardship programs in other churches. In his congregation the support came from the "membership dues." When the crops had been harvested and sold, these "dues" were collected. The church finance committee would then retire their obligations hoping there would be enough left in the bank to keep up expenses until the next fall. If they ran short during the year they would borrow from the bank, or else visit the members to collect the amount they were short.

Mr. Knutson was confused and perplexed when he listened to a visiting speaker at the men's group in his church. The subject was stewardship. The speaker said that in many town and country churches, the standard of giving was abnormally low. He also said that Christian people ought to make weekly pledges in support of the Lord's work in their parish and throughout the world. He stressed emphatically that pledges should be based on a proportion of one's income, and that they should be given regularly.

As he listened to the speaker many thoughts went through his mind, such as: "How can a farmer make a pledge when he doesn't know what his income

will be?" "How can a farmer make weekly payments when his income does not arrive until the end of the season?" "Wouldn't it be easier to write a check that would cover his annual pledge right after he received the money for his



harvest?" "Why should the congregation give so much for World Missions when they have so many needs in their own church?" "Why should a farmer be expected to contribute as much as city folks who had a much larger income?"

These and many other thoughts kept continually going through his mind, but having learned as a Christian that he must talk things over with God, he went home that night to meditate on what he had heard.

He could not go to sleep until he decided to talk the matter over with his wife the next day. After breakfast he started asking his wife some of the questions that had troubled him the night before. Having told his wife about the guest speaker, he asked her, "How can

Bring the tithes into the treasure ... Put me to the proof, says the Lord of Hosts, and see if I do not open windows in the sky and pour a blessing on you as long as there is need. Malachi 3:10

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15. Trust
 12. Servant
 10. Income
 9. Dedication
 8. Membership
 6. Pledges
 3. Proportion
 2. Regular
Down
 18. Faithful
 17. Giving
 16. Joanna
 14. Tithes
 13. Offering
 11. Macedonians
 7. Steward
 5. Worship
 4. Robbery
 1. Generous
Across
Crossword
Answers



Love and Stewardship

A wise man named Richard Braunstein once made the following statement:

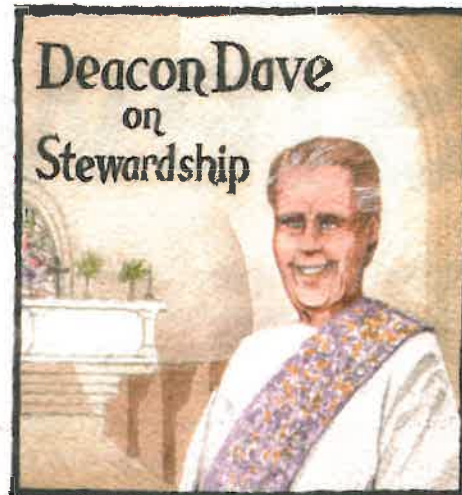
“It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving.”

Because God’s nature is to love, God constantly reaches out to us with grace we do not merit and love which is without restraint.

In fact, God’s love is so unrestrained that God gave the world the best gift known to humankind. As the Gospel of John puts it: “God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have everlasting life.”(John 3:16)

In short, God’s love inspires us to love and give even as God has given to us. That is how stewardship comes alive within ourselves. As Braunstein said, “It is impossible to love without giving.”

Traveling through old Jerusalem with a tour group, I noticed that a doctor’s wife could not pass by a beggar or handicapped person without showing love to them in one way or another. A small monetary gift, a warm smile, a show of concern came easily, even eagerly, from her loving body and spirit. Seeing her love and caring was a memorable exhibit I can never forget. It truly was impossible for her to love without giving, without practicing stewardship. ☩



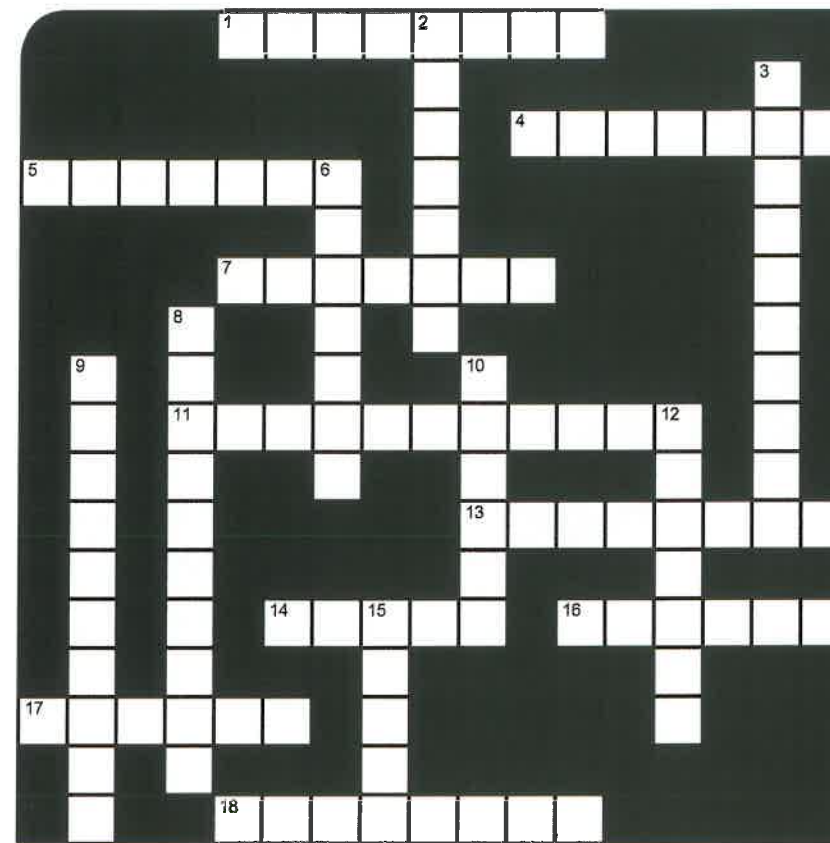
The Tie That Binds Us

Christian commitment is the tie that binds us to the purpose and power of God. The Apostle Paul describes the commitment of Christ: He “humbled himself” ... “unto death, even death on a cross.” God still did this because of the commitment to enter our world and reveal God’s love and our need of God.

Now you and I are challenged to be of this same “mind” or commitment. Sometimes the tie that binds us to God’s purpose is a sort of slip-knot arrangement, allowing slack for our own desires. Paul urges us to tie our commitment tightly and squarely as Christ.

A real test of our commitment is stewardship. Paul says, “Let each of you look not only to his interests, but also to the interest of others.” When we consider how Christ humbled himself, how the needs are just as desperate today, and how we are called to have the same mind ... even a tithe seems small, doesn’t it? The discipline of tithing is the square-knot by which God blesses the tie that binds us to him and to others. If, as a Christian, you haven’t tried tithing, do it now and ask God to bless you! ☩

STEWARDSHIP CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1. Attitude of a faithful stewardship. (Luke 6: 38)
4. An unfaithful steward is guilty of this sin. (Malachi 3:8)
5. Giving is an act of _____.
7. Manager of God’s property.
11. Living in extreme poverty, they made others rich through their giving. (2 Corinthians 8:1-2)
13. Your freewill gift to God.
14. 10% of your increase belongs to God.
16. A woman steward in the Bible. (Luke 8:3)
17. An act of worship.
18. Characteristic of a good steward.

Down

2. Frequency of your giving.
3. Giving as God has blessed you.
6. Faith commitments to stewardship.
8. Belonging to the body of Christ.
9. Demonstrated in our consistency to ministry.
10. An increase in our wages.
12. The most common word in the Bible for a steward.
15. The essential idea of stewardship.

When we trust in the Lord, we receive the name tag “Child of God.” No one is excluded from that. God’s plan is to bring everyone to him. God loves everyone so much, and desires that all accept Jesus Christ to be made fully whole in their lives. But that only happens when all of us are involved.

When you know that you are loved and special, and when you realize you have unique talents to give to God, then you can see that your involvement in winning the world to Christ is crucial. When we begin to do that as a church, as a people, and as a congregation, hell cannot prevail in our lives or anyone else’s.

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

*Yours are the eyes through which he looks
compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet with which he walks to do
good.*

*Yours are the hands with which he blesses all
the world.*

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