

Condemn Ourselves for Our Sins, and to Forgive Others

Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; and the former for the sake of the latter, that this may become more easy (for he who considers his own sins is more indulgent to his fellow-servant); and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

Let us not then thrust the sword into ourselves by being revengeful. For what grief has he who has grieved you inflicted upon you, like you will work unto yourself by keeping your anger in mind, and drawing upon yourself the sentence from God to condemn you? For if indeed you are watchful, and keepest yourself under control, the evil will come round upon his head, and it will be he that will suffer harm; but if you should continue indignant, and displeased, then yourself will undergo the harm not from him, but from yourself.

For if we be willing, no one shall be able to injure us, but even our enemies shall advantage us in the

greatest degree. And why do I speak of men? For what can be more wicked than the devil; yet nevertheless, even hence have we a great opportunity of approving ourselves; and Job shows it. But if the devil has become a cause of crowns, why are you afraid of a man as an enemy?

See then how much you gain, bearing meekly the spiteful acts of your enemies. First and greatest, deliverance from sins; secondly, fortitude and patience; thirdly, mildness and benevolence; for he that knows not how to be angry with them that grieve him, much more will he be ready to serve them that love him. Fourthly, to be free from anger continually, to which nothing can be equal. For of him that is free from anger, it is quite clear that he is delivered also from the despondency hence arising, and will not spend his life on vain labors and sorrows.

St. John Chrysostom

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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.

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August 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle 1 Cor 9:2-12

Gospel Matt 18:23-35

Next Sunday: Epistle 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel Matt 19:16-26

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 8/9

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 8/10

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S All Parishioners

Wednesday 8/11

8:30am Divine Liturgy: Ad intentionem CCES

Thursday 8/12

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +David and +Mary Ellen Hank

Friday 8/13

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Magdalene Florian by Family

Saturday 8/14

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 8/15

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Parastas: In memory of the deceased members of the Ladies Auxiliary

Church Bulletin donated in August 2021 by Dave and Debbie Murari.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

Coffee hour provided by... Thank you!

Sunday Collection: August 1, 2021

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| Loose | \$1.00 |
| Sunday envelopes | \$2,495.00 |
| Unirea Offering | \$20.00 |
| +Amelia Botean by Darlene Fliger and John Zagan III | \$50.00 |
| Candles | <u>\$223.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,789.00 |

Online Donations

\$105.00

Donations: +Amelia Botean to St. George Cathedral

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|---|-------|
| Ardelean family | \$100 |
| Dave and Deborra Murari | \$100 |
| Denny and Carol Popa and family | \$75 |
| Anthony Orlando | \$50 |
| Mircea and Rita Cristea | \$20 |
| Gregory and Lucretia Bikis | \$25 |
| Helen Bikis | \$25 |
| Rev. Fr and Psa. George Gage | \$50 |
| Anonymous | \$10 |
| Suzie Dragos | \$50 |
| Rick Schen | \$20 |
| Daryl Lupsor | \$100 |
| Irene Pontones and family | \$100 |
| Cindy and Jason Murari, Melissa Scheibe | \$100 |
| Skubiak and Dressler families, Joe, Annette, and Dean | \$20 |
| Dave Anderson and Michelle Lenarz | \$100 |
| Liviu and Mariana Greavu | \$100 |

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| Fred and Lorrie Craig | \$100 |
| (Debbie and Josiah Muntean: card received promising donation) | \$25 |
| Virginia Rogers | \$50 |
| Therese Pollock (already received by Cathedral) | \$125 |

Donations: +Amelia Botean to Sf. Maria Auxiliary

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| Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maciag | \$30 |
| Aurelia Lupsor | \$50 |

We are touched and deeply grateful to our St. George family for all you have done and been for us during a very difficult time. Your support and assistance meant so much while Mom was in hospice care at home and at the time of her burial. We are grateful for the many candles, flowers, and expressions of sympathy that we have received, as well as the generous donations to the Cathedral, Diocese, and Ladies' Auxiliary. In particular, we wish to acknowledge Father Ovi's dedicated attention to Mom, Father Iuliu's presence and support, and the kindness of the visitors Mom received in her last days. Although many people have done many kind things for us in the past two months, Julie Shocksneider's generosity in terms of time, care, and energy made all the difference for us. Thank you, Julie, and thanks to all. We are confident in Mom's gratitude as well.

Bishop Mike and Mark Botean

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

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| In memory of all Zagan Family Members | The Zagan Family |
| +Husband Dan Cseak and Family | +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 Terri Orlando | Amparo Adkins |
| For my problems | Amparo Adkins |
| +Patricia Galida | William Galida |
| H/S Maria | Maria Marcu |
| Special Intention | Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian |

H/S Terri Orlando
+John Dragos, husband
Safe trip for son, Johnny and daughter-in-law, Jill and Family
Happy Birthday Rose Maier
H/S All Family
H/S Special Friend
H/S Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
H/S Virginia Rogers
Health and Salvation
Special Intention for Family
H/S Edna Robinson and Family
H/S Rita Cristea and Family
Happy Birthday Maria Marcu!
H/S Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
H/S Amparo Adkins
H/S Virginia Rogers
+Vasile, father, August 1 Birthday
H/S Terri Orlando
H/S Amparo Adkins
Special Intention
Special Intention
Special Intention
+Petru Vulcu
H/S Friends
Protection from storms
+Stella Lazar
+John Dragos and H/S Suzie Dragos
+John Bikis
+Mary Ardelean
H/S Ann and Max

Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos

Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
Mihai and Elena Florea
Mihai and Elena Florea
Mircea Cristea
Mircea Cristea
Mircea Cristea
Mircea Cristea
Mircea Cristea
Mircea Cristea
Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Aurel Bosca
Joyce Campanelli
Joyce Campanelli
Tony Orlando
Tony Orlando
Tony Orlando
Tony Orlando
Anonymous

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Theresa Orlando, Maureen Fosnaught, Connie McAdams, Maria Marcu, Amparo Adkins, Lance Downey, Sonya Paul, Bryan Pryce, John Contini, Missy Lawver, Veronica Maier, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Sick and/or homebound: Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), 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 August 2021 is donated by **Pete and Dodi Zbuka**.

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2021 is donated by **Danny and Cyndi Ardelean**.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2021 is donated by **Dave and Debbie Murari**.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for August 2021 is donated by **Ana and William Galida** for health and salvation of **Catherine Galida**, daughter's birthday.

If you would like to sponsor 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 2021: Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This Collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule, especially our brothers and sisters in Romania. Funds from this Collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection next week. See the enclosed flier and letter from Bishop John Michael. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Please keep Theresa Orlando in your prayers after her fall at home. She has a broken femur. She has a long road of recovery after surgery. She is home now. More tests are to be done to determine the cause for this break of the femur.

We put in the bulletin a **request for stories about Christmas** – Nancy Maciag is the person to give the stories to, so she can put them all together – to include with our Christmas mailing. So, to jump start our next year project – if you want – please write down what meant Christmas for you **this past year**, and then, we can put all these stories together for our next Christmas!

Use Amazon Smile and choose St. George Cathedral. Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you!

Purchases at **GFS (Gordan Food Service)**. St. George will get points when you purchase at GFS. Share the business name “St. George Cathedral on 44th Street” when they ask or remind them that you are purchasing for a business. Thank you for your help!

Parish events:

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:00pm. The semi-annual audit will take place.

Bishop John Michael will lead the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, August 14 at 7:00pm at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon as part of their **Assumption Pilgrimage**; 2759 N Lipkey Rd; North Jackson, Ohio. All are welcome to attend. See the flier on the bulletin board for other activities for the day.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, August 19 at 6:30pm.

Carpathian Men’s Club will meet on Sunday, August 15 following a 5:30pm social at 6:00pm around the fire pit at the cathedral. All men of the parish are invited!

Our Festival will take place on August 29, 2021 from noon to 6:00pm. More details will follow after Pastoral Council meeting. Volunteers are needed. See P-sa. Gabi, if you are available to work.

Save the Date: Parishioner Appreciation Picnic – September 19, 2021
Parish General Meeting – October 3, 2021

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

When the family returned from Sunday morning service, the father criticized the sermon, the soloist, the organist, and just about everything else. But the subject was quickly dropped when Junior piped up, “But it was pretty good for a dollar, don't you think, Dad?”

Word of Life

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”

For those grieving after a miscarriage:
May they be comforted by Christ’s everlasting love
and His presence amidst their sorrow;
Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Sylvia Stoffer – August 9th

Madison Ardelean – August 10th

Terry Seeberger – August 14th

Advertising Opportunity – business card size:

outside businesses - \$50 per month or \$450 per year

cathedral businesses - \$20 per month or \$150 per year

This is a good opportunity to know the talent in our parish and to grow your business!



Financial strategies.
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| | Dormition Fast - common abstinence Sylvia Helen Stoffer's Apostle Matthias | Madison Paige Patricia Wendt's Lawrence | Abstinence Euplus, deacon and | Photius and Anicetus | Abstinence Leavetaking of | Terrence Seeberger's Holy Prophet Micah Vigil of Dormition | +DORMITION OF THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER Dispensation (Harti) |
| 9am | | Liturgy: H/S All Parishioners 8:30am - 9:30am | Liturgy: Ad intentionem CCES 8:30am - 9:30am | Liturgy: +David and +Mary Ellen Hank 8:30am - 9:30am | Liturgy: +Magdalene Florian by Family 8:30am - 9:30am | | |
| 10am | | | | | | | Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am |
| 11am | | | | | | | |
| 12pm | | | | | | | Coffee: Ladies Auxiliary |
| 1pm | | | | | | | Parastas: |
| 2pm | | | | | | | |
| 3pm | | | | | | | |
| 4pm | | | | | | | |
| 5pm | | | | | | | |
| 6pm | | | | | | Large hall in use 5pm - 11:30pm | |
| 7pm | | | Stewardship Committee meeting & Internal Audit Fr. Ovi office 6pm - 8pm | | | | Carpathian Men's club meeting Outside by the fire pit 6pm - 8:30pm |
| 8pm | | | | | | | |
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ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop

**RESTORE THE CHURCH
BUILD THE FUTURE**

July 20, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak restricted nonessential travel across the globe. Stay-at-home orders, physical distancing, and quarantine practices implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease revealed great and urgent needs, especially in those countries of Eastern Europe still in turbulent transition stages. There, weak economies were made more vulnerable, and those affected included the elderly as well as doctors, nurses, and medical chaplains. In Ukraine, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) came to the assistance of homebound senior citizens in many cities, using Church facilities to organize the work and engaging both local volunteers and assistance from abroad. Using the Lviv Patriarchal Center kitchen, volunteers prepared meals and delivered them to needy seniors throughout the city. In addition, the UGCC mobilized its network of about 120 hospital chaplains and collected and distributed badly needed protective clothing, masks, sanitizer, and other necessities to ensure their safety as they ministered to the sick throughout the country.

“When you know that someone cares about you and that you are not alone in your struggles,” said Fr. Volodomyr Malchyn of the UGCC, “it is much easier to go through all kinds of challenges.” Your participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe expresses your care and support for the people in Ukraine and throughout the region, especially in times of crisis and disruption.

Please be generous to the collection, because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe, especially our brothers and sisters in Romania.

Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ-God,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. George

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SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

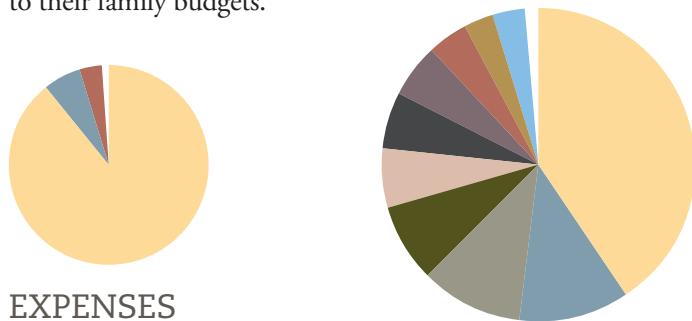


RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Many countries transitioning from the former communist regimes in Eastern Europe continue to be stricken by poverty. In Albania, a country that experienced a particularly harsh form of communism, many young women facing extreme poverty succumb to misleading promises of marriage or work opportunities, drop out of school, and travel abroad. Separated from their families, they often find themselves in the difficult circumstances of domestic violence or even forced prostitution. The Catholic Church of Albania, which is being restored after the fall of communism, is at the forefront of helping young women overcome these risks through tuition support, the arts, faith activities, and culinary workshops that prepare them for work that allows them to support themselves and to contribute to their family budgets.

With support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Laura Vicuña Center and the Rogationist Fathers' high school has provided education, skills training, and brighter futures to 13 young women from the town of Tale. When you participate in the collection, you help to make education and life opportunities a reality for at-risk youth, such as the young women in Tale, and you provide a witness of the faith to a recovering region.

More information about the collection and the projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.



EXPENSES

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| Grants and Donations | 89.2% |
| Program Costs | 6.1% |
| Promotions and Fundraising Expenses | 3.6% |
| Administrative Expenses | 1.1% |
| Total Expenses | \$7,609,151 |

2019 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 339

Total Amount Approved: \$6,842,287

| PROGRAM AREA | GRANTS | AMOUNT | PERCENT |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| Construction | 96 | \$2,787,059 | 40.73% |
| Social Aid | 49 | \$775,722 | 11.33% |
| Operational Support | 39 | \$728,697 | 10.65% |
| Scholarships | 60 | \$545,585 | 7.97% |
| Evangelization | 31 | \$416,358 | 6.09% |
| Education | 11 | \$394,760 | 5.77% |
| Seminary Support | 18 | \$378,605 | 5.53% |
| Equipment/ Accommodation Purchase | 11 | \$294,760 | 4.31% |
| Other | 5 | \$215,208 | 3.15% |
| Vehicle Purchase | 13 | \$211,743 | 3.09% |
| Multimedia | 6 | \$93,790 | 1.37% |



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Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

August 2021

Although Christ obviously shows preference for the poor of spirit and the little ones of this world, he was not giving anyone the right to sanction hatred, envy or dislike of the rich. It is true that the majority have to work by the sweat of their brow, even as the rich seem to get richer, with far more ease. This at times can cause resentment and anger when we see the disproportion all around us.

Steerage and first class

In the movie *Titanic*, those in steerage and those in first class give us a microcosm of the world divided into classes as we traverse the seas of life. We have to keep in mind that it also is true that many rich people are generous and have contributed great amounts for the common good. Therefore, there should be no generalization of the rich as though they were all no better than Dives was, in Luke 16:19-31.

Rather than envy the rich, Christ gives us the warning: First things first. Share what little or largess you have. Do not hoard your possessions ... whatever they are. When we die, all we have is ourselves, bigger and wealthier spiritually for having shared our gifts, or poorer for having settled for the here and now with nothing but the insatiable fires of greed to live with throughout eternity. *There is no bridging the gulf between steerage and first class once we break the thread here.*

There is always a payback

There is another thing to be considered here, largely overlooked. One might

call it a secret: “you can not really give anything away,” or the more familiar perhaps, “cast your bread on the waters, and it always returns.” While an immediate return is certainly not our main reason for sharing our material largess, the Lord shares for those who will see.

As a kind of built-in necessary out-



come of our sharing, we will find that we will receive here and now, in one way or another, a return. We are not speaking of that snugly warm and cozy “what a great boy am I” of a Tom Thumb, or that insistent voice within us that keeps shouting “nice going,” for those things we are only

Who owns our talents and how are we to use them until Christ returns to hold us accountable? You may have a talent sitting inside your heart that you can use to serve your church. Discover what the Holy Spirit is calling you to do with that ability!



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Using Your Potential

The story is told of two men who were caught stealing sheep. Their punishment was to be branded on the forehead, "ST" (sheep thief). One of the branded men unable to deal with his brand immediately moved to another area to live.

The one who stayed in the locality decided that he would show his townsfolk that he could change. As the story is told, many years later a newcomer in town, seeing the branded man, asked another person, "What does the ST mean?" "I don't know," he replied, "but knowing the man I think it stands for 'saint'."

**We are called not to be afraid of small beginnings,
but also not to fail to begin.**

What we have done, or what we have let ourselves become is of little concern to the Lord. What we decide to do with our God-given potential is the only concern. We have the potential, however small we may perceive it to be, to call to life the power of God's Holy Spirit within our lives, that his light and life may shine through our words and actions. 


The work of the church can never be complete without your help as a member of the "team." Everyone must work together to form a beautiful picture of what God can do through the ministry of your church. Each steward can find and fill his or her place.

Take the Time!

I could have walked right by him ... I was leaving church and had several things to do. But there he was just sitting with his head down. I've noticed recently he has the look of someone with a heavy heart.

"Feel like talking?" I asked as I sat in the pew in front of him. He talked about his marriage while I sat there listening. When he finished, I didn't lecture him in Biblical truth, nor did I tell him what he should do. I showed he

mattered by just giving him some time. All the 'important' things I was rushing out to do suddenly seemed less urgent. I remembered a Men's Retreat coming up in a few weeks and invited him to come along. I gently told him he's not alone.

Too often, we get so caught up in the busyness of life that we miss the opportunities God has right in front of us. Ask God to use you in the life of someone else today. Just a little of our time can make a huge difference in the life of a hurting soul. Quite often, they're seated in the pew right next to us. 

Mirrors and Windows

Mirrors and windows are both found in most homes and both made of glass, but differ in one very important way. Mirrors tell us about ourselves, while windows tell us about others.

Look into a mirror for even one minute, and you're almost guaranteed to see something you don't like. (I know I do!) It may be a crooked hair part (easily fixable with a comb) or a need to lose weight (not so easy, even with a gym membership), but our appearances are so important to us that we're likely to at least want to improve what we can.

Windows are different. Through a

window, we see the world around us. If we look long enough, we may well see something or someone that needs help. It may be the lawn of a shut-in that needs mowing. It may be a new neighbor we could invite to church. Maybe it's only a can lying in the gutter, which we could drop in our recycling bin. The question is, do we actually do any of these things?

If we all spent more time looking through windows instead of at mirrors, we could make the world a much better place. ☩

Steward of the Month

Is It Ever Enough?

Submitted by: Maynard Beatrice NE

As I entered the church, I saw a mother and her two children waiting for someone. I visited briefly with them. I knew why they were there. The food pantry was open for "business" for those in need. But, we didn't talk about that even though they seemed a bit nervous in just visiting.

I was there to donate to the food pantry to help pay for the needed food. When I saw the anxious looks in the mother's eyes, and more so in the eyes of her two children, and the smiles they greeted me with, I felt uncomfortable ... like a "meltdown" suddenly had hit me.

As I walked to the church office, I tore up the check I had written and re-wrote it for a larger amount. As I did that, I wondered if it would be enough, not only for the family I just visited with. What about the others that would be going through the same thing that day? Is it ever enough? The "moment of decision," I believe, was the urgency that God laid before me that day, and I am thankful for that faith experience. God did not allow me to say to myself, "I'll give more next time!"

It was an "attitude adjustment" moment for me and made me realize that God allowed me to be in that specific situation at that particular time and moment, and what a difference it made! ☩

As part of their total Stewardship, Christians are concerned about the dedication of their talents. They regard personal abilities to work and to lead as another evidence of God's loving care.

In a spirit of consecration, they desire to have those talents utilized in business, in the home, in church, in such a manner that they will make a contribution to the Kingdom of God on earth. These priorities are important to them, including during the summer months.




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If we look long enough, we may see something or
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Although Christ...

expected to do as Christians, giving and seeking no rewards. The return may not come in the financial area, although we all may have experienced this at times. Indeed it may be in things so unassuming as a surprise thank you from someone, or a smile, or an unexpected release from one of our problems.

More important by far, it will be an awareness that we are truly doing for others what Christ has done and continues to do for us. There is always a payback, although we might not seek it. And all that is required is an openness to God's presence and a humble thank you to the Lord for giving us the opportunity and means to share and so identify with him. Seeking only God, we receive all. Isn't this reward in itself without waiting for later? It most certainly is! 



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