



Loves, serves and worships with **PASSION**

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

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October 22, 2017

Stewardship Reflection Message

We become Christian stewards by following the five Ts of Christian stewardship.

Time is a gift from **God**! He gives us each second, minute, hour, day! How we use them reflects our stewardship of **God's** gift of life!

Talent is a gift from **God**! Every one of us has some! **God** gives talent in great variety. Discovering, developing and deploying those talents is a matter of our stewardship....individually and collectively.

Treasure - money is a gift from **God**. **God** owns it. **God** lets us earn and use it. As Christians, we are **God's** stewards. We are managers. Our gifts to the church support all of the wonderful programs we have and the work of our outstanding staff.

Testimony - it's a privilege to share the love **Christ** has given us! We are the stewards of the gospel and we have **his** story to tell and to testify about **his** life-giving forgiveness, peace and hope.

Temple - our bodies are a temple of the **Holy Spirit** within us given to us by **God**. We are to touch the lives of others with **Jesus's** compassion, care and love. We should use our bodies to glorify **God**.

It is clear that stewardship is more than just the *management* of everything in our life, it is also the *investment* of everything in our life. Stewardship is better defined as investing in every aspect of our lives for the glory of **God**.

Stewardship should be a mindset, so set your mind to stewardship.



October 22, 2017
 Lot and Abram Divide the Land
 Genesis 13
 God wants us to put others first.
 The Grove - Sunday 6 pm (5K-6th)
 Wednesday - Alleluia Choir - 4 pm
 Joy Choir - 4:15



Oct. 22, 2017
 Supper & SNY - 6 pm
 Confirmation - 6 pm
 Youth Choir - 5 pm in the Choir Room
 BBB Tuesday - 7 am - Atlanta Bread
 HS Girls Bible Study Wednesday - 7 pm
 HS Guys Wednesday - 7 am - Bojangles

St. John's Missions News



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY
 "I was in prison and you visited me".
 Matthew 25:36
 Feedback from prisoner participating in this prison ministry:
 "The Kairos team loved me at a time I felt most lost"
 Pray for the **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY**.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 You should have received your year-to-date financial statements this week.
 Please take the time to carefully review these statements. If you find an error or have a question, or if you did NOT receive your statement, contact Nancy Fairgrieve in the church office (803-648-6891).
 Please do not put off this important task. The earlier you notify us of an error, the easier it is to correct.
 Thank you!



Want to have a lot of fun and provide a lot of fun for our kids?
 All you need to do is decorate the trunk of your car, buy some candy and show up in the parking lot on Friday, October 27 at 6 pm.
 If you are interested, you may sign up outside Stephanie Lord's office or just give her a call at 803-648-6891.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct. 24 - Church Council
- Oct. 25 - Intro to St. John's and the UMC 1
- Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 4 - Apple Fest
- Nov. 5 - Healing Service
- Nov. 5 - All Saints Day
- Nov. 7 - Charge Conference
- Nov. 8 - Intro to St. John's and the UMC 2
- Nov. 19 - 50th Anniversary Members
- Nov. 17-19 - Asbury Hills (Youth)
- Dec. 17 - Christmas Cantata (8:30 & 11)
- Dec. 24 - Worship services (9:02 & 11)
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve services (5,7,11)
- Dec. 31 - Church-wide communion & Wesley Covenant Service
- Jan. 27 - Saturday of Service

WELCOME VISITORS!

The members of St. John's welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to return often.

Announcements

The flowers within the chancel are given to the glory of God by **Arthur Smith & Susie Graven-Smith** in memory of Susie's parents, **Buell & Florence Graven**, and by **Nick & Nancy Martin** in memory of Nancy's parents, **Fraser & Lib Sofge**.

There are banners in the Sanctuary and Faith Center entrances that will be used in our November 5 All Saints services. Feel free to place a bell on one of the banners in memory of a loved one.

The United Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 pm on October 26 in Ward Hall 1 (section farthest from the kitchen). The meeting will begin with a pot luck supper followed by a program on the symbolism in St. John's UMC. If you would like to learn more about the many symbols placed around our church, this is an excellent opportunity to do so.

St. John's would LOVE to have you join our Welcoming Ministry! If you are interested in being an usher, please contact Harry Sampson in the church office (648-6891).

GriefShare will meet Wednesday, October 18, at 4 pm in The Faith Center, Room 214. Call Rev. Nancy for more information.



On Monday, Oct. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 31 the children in the SEED program will trick or treat in the church. All you need to do to participate in this FUN event is purchase enough simple treats (no nuts or peanut butter, please) for 150 children and show up at the church at 8:45 am either one or both mornings. Let's show our love and support for this wonderful ministry. Suggested treats: Smarties, plain M&Ms, Hershey Kisses, individually wrapped candy corn or stickers.

News of the Family

**Welcome to our newest member:
John Church**

**Our sympathy to
Brian & Ann Jones** on the loss of their grandson, **Wesley Michael Neel**. Wesley was the son of **Chris & Shayla Neel**.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, support, and food donations for our family and, Nancy Reed for the beautiful service. Everything was greatly appreciated. We are so grateful to be a part of such a loving, kind, giving, and thoughtful congregation.

Ann and Heather Jones,
and the family of Wesley Neel

Mark your calendars for the reception honoring our 50 year members and those members who joined this year. It will be held on November 19 from 9:30 to 10:30 in Ward Hall.

Wednesday Night Supper 10/25/2017

Ham & cheese croissants, potato or tomato soup, chips and pickles
Ice cream and cookies for dessert.
Reservations must be made no later than noon on Tuesday.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Oct. 22, 2017

Sunday AM	Michael Rollins
EVENING	
Sunday	Rocky Lord
Monday	Dave Felak
Tuesday	Matt Beckum
Wednesday	Jim Wert
Thursday	Tom Brown
Friday	Mark Mahoney
Saturday	Mark Nadeau

Attendance

10/15/17	
8:30	134
9:02	210
11:00	475
Total	819



October
Pasta

Collection bins
located in the
narthex and
The Faith Center

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,596,288.73
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,445,245.42
Year to date variance: \$ **151,043.31**
We thank you for your generous support of the ministries of St. John's!

2016/17 Faith Promise Carryover \$ 10,357.64
Year to date offerings for what God is asking us to do in missions: \$ 124,980.31
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **113,320.00**
We thank you for your generous support to the missions of St. John's!

Previous Loan Balance \$ **604,000.00**
10/13/17 Loan Payment \$ 4,000.00
Current Load Balance \$ **600,000.00**

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Andante

GF Handel

Let us silence all cell phones and quiet our voices as we give our attention to the presence of God in our midst.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 73

O Worship the King

Lyons

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious Lord, send your Holy Spirit into this place today, that by your presence, we will remember that all things come from you, and what we give to you is already yours. In Jesus name, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

My Money

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

Simple Math

Dr. Tim McClendon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

CONGREGATIONAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

God So Loved the World

Stainer

*Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle.
If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. Pass the pad down the row to others.
When the pad reaches the end of the row, please pass it back so we may learn each other's names.*

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.*

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 453

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More Love to Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Heavens are Telling

Marcello

*Please stand, as able.

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Texts used with this service permission granted under CCLI #2220845.

Please silence all electronic devices during the service. This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 pm. One week delay.

Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

GREETING

PRELUDE

Andante

GF Handel

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Majesty

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS P. 38

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

My Money

ANTHEM

Fight the Good Fight

Gardner

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OFFERTORY

Nothing Left to Say

Martin/Angerman

Carol Fraser, Solo

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praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 171 **There's Something About That Name**

That Name

Children K3-2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the chapel.

Thank you to the choir members who also participate in the 8:30 Sunrise Choir and are now leaving.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

Simple Math

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*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 45

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More Love to Thee

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are now available! You may pick them up outside Michelle Pearson's or Stephanie Lord's office. The labels and brochures are located on the tables near the boxes. Once you have them filled, you should return them to the church.

The deadline to drop off filled boxes is Sunday, Nov. 12.



Applefest Reminders

Twice Loved Treasures will begin accepting donations of household items, with the exclusion of TVs and computers, the week of October 30 through November 3. Monday—Thursday hours are 8:30 am - 5 pm and on Friday items will be accepted from 8:30 am until 2 pm. All items should be brought to the gym.

Apple Seed Café is requesting donations of canned drinks and bottled water. Watch for the sales and bring your purchases in to the UMW room at the church. More info: Robin Meese 803-642-3852

Frozen Features needs your casseroles, soups, stews, chili, etc. You can make them now, put them in your freezer and be prepared to bring them to the church the Friday before Applefest or the Saturday morning of Applefest.

Please list the ingredients on each item.



Somebody is having a birthday on Monday, October 23.

Can you guess?

Take a moment to wish him a happy day.

ST. JOHN'S AND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INTRO

If you want to know more about St. John's, or about the United Methodist denomination, or both, Dr. Tim will hold two sessions from **6-7 pm**, on **Wednesday, October 25**; and **Wednesday, November 8**, in the **Fellowship classroom, (room number 116-118)** on the main floor.

You are welcome, whether you are thinking of joining, or have been a long-time member.



Hungry? How about some SOUP?

The Friendship Sunday School Class will hold its semi-annual Soup and Salad Luncheon immediately following Sunday School at 11:00 and again at noon today (Sunday, October 22) in Ward Hall. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support their local and global missions projects.

SERVING THIS WEEK

8:30 – Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Nancy Reed; Music Director & Organist-Christopher Nash

9:02 – Dr. Tim McClendon; Worship Leader-Harry Sampson; Music-Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

11:00 - Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Nancy Reed; Choir Director-Tom Calhoun; Organist-Christopher Nash

Crucifer-David Ray; Acolytes-Camille Day and Ella Dietzel

October Worship Support-Debbie Alvanos, Jane Fogle, Marsha Mikes, and Sandra Shelley



*Psalm 9:02
I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praises to Your name,
O Most High.*

October 22, 2017

Gathering

I Surrender All

Greeting and Announcements

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Song of Praise

Days of Elijah

Bethel Live

Affirmation of Faith

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Children's Sermon

Harry Sampson

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Lord, I Need You

M. Maher

Reception of New Members

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Your Money

Scripture

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Closing Song

He Reigns

M. Maher

Benediction

Sending Forth