

The Midmonth Connection



Quest for Joy ~ Stewardship

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ENJOY GOD AND INVITE OTHERS INTO THAT **JOY!**

The Westminster Catechism says, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Whatever else we are doing at Conference Baptist Church, if we do not enjoy God, then we are missing the highest and most important thing in all of life. Our vision to SEEK, SERVE and SHARE the gospel loses meaning if we do not enjoy God because we cannot invite others into joy that we ourselves are not experiencing. I feel stirred by God to lead people into the joy that may only be found in the presence of God, and then to invite other people into that joy. This passion will keep me going until my last breath on earth.

As you know, the leadership of Conference Baptist Church seeks to make an investment in our corporate worship services by hiring a full-time Associate Pastor of Worship Arts. We believe this is a mission critical step because worship and the arts are important evangelistic "hooks" in our community. An investment in an Associate Pastor of Worship Arts will strengthen the quality of our corporate worship services, bringing our generations together and building confidence in our services as a point of entry for seekers and new believers. If we do not do this, I could see our generations increasingly polarized and our church becoming more and more ingrown. Hence, this is a matter of great urgency.

God willing, we are going to do this by raising the equivalent of two years salary (and related expenses for supporting the Worship Arts ministry) over and above regular giving. Our financial goal is \$170,000. This project is in the spirit of Jesus' parable about building a tower, counting the cost ahead of time and securing the needed resources so the project can be completed. We believe this approach honors God and

man, securing funds in advance so no urgent or frantic appeals need to be made.

We are going to invite every regular attendee of Conference Baptist Church to pledge toward a "Stewardship" account that will fund the above-mentioned vision of Conference Baptist Church. This pledge period will last for one year, beginning July 1, 2010 and extending through June 30, 2011. We have begun by challenging our leaders to pledge toward this fund at a leadership banquet held June 8. After we have secured these pledges, we will share with our whole church on June 20 the progress we have made toward our \$170,000 goal. We will then invite the balance of our church family to pledge toward this fund on June 27, seeking the participation of all. Finally, on or around July 4, we will celebrate the generous giving of God's people toward this fund, thanking God for the results. Effective July 1, people may begin fulfilling their pledges by giving to this stewardship fund.

Admittedly, this is a huge step of faith for our church, and not one to be taken lightly. I call upon our entire church family to make this a matter of earnest prayer. Without God's help, we do not have the spiritual strength and hope we need to trust God in this most personal of areas. Further, the direction, health, and strength of our ministry will be greatly influenced by the generous giving of God's people. May He be glorified in this step of faith, for the health of His church and the advancing of the Gospel in our community and around the world.

Warmly,

Dr. Jeffrey Clark,
Pastor/Teacher

STEWARDSHIP

Ways to Give

Quest for Joy~STEWARDSHIP is about making investments in eternity; investments which will help people come to know Christ personally and grow into fully devoted followers of Him.

You can give from the many blessings that God provides in several ways:

- Cash gifts—one time or ongoing over the one-year period of the campaign
- Stocks or Mutual Funds
- Property
- Paid-up Whole Life insurance policies
- Other physical assets such as jewelry, cars or other items of value.

It all adds up. The following chart shows how a weekly or quarterly gift over the course of a year can add up to a substantial amount.

Giving Chart

WEEKLY	QUARTERLY	1 YEAR
\$10	130	520
\$20	260	1,040
\$25	325	1,300
\$50	650	2,600
\$70	910	3,640
\$100	1,300	5,200
\$200	2,600	31,200

Conference Baptist Church is blessed to have a diverse family, some of whom are able to make large gifts and some who are able to give only a small amount. However, if each gives as able, we should reach our goal. The following chart demonstrates the importance of the participation of each and every one.

A place for Everyone

# Giving	1-Year Commitment	Total Commitment
1	\$20,000 or over	\$20,000
1	\$15,000	\$35,000
2	\$10,000	\$55,000
4	\$5,000	\$75,000
10	\$3,000	\$105,000
20	\$2,000	\$145,000
25	\$1,000	\$170,000
Many	Under \$1,000	Celebration

Where do you see yourself?

A Biblical Model

Scripture tells us that David was so committed to building the temple that he gave his entire personal treasure to the endeavor and then appealed to the people for their voluntary gifts. The willing response of the people aided the building of both the tabernacle and the temple. David began by telling the people of his Vision.

1 Chronicles 29:2 “Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze...”

1 Chronicles 29:3 “Moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple.”

But he knew he needed more and asked for donations.

1 Chronicles 29:5b “Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?”

The people responded generously.

1 Chronicles 29:6 Then the rulers of the fathers’ households, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king’s work, offered willingly.

Verses 7 and 8 spell out the specifics of their generous giving and their generosity was cause for great celebration

1 Chronicles 29:9 Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

Verse 10 goes on...So David Blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, “Blessed are you, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.”

We desire to be able to bless the LORD with our giving. The result of our gift will enable Conference Baptist Church to hire the man God has chosen to lead us to the next level of worship.

Quest for Joy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How will I make my commitment?

During Worship on June 20, 2010, you will be given a commitment card. You will be asked to pray about your decision during the following week and on June 27, we will gather the commitment cards. There are several ways to fulfill your commitment described in other sections of this newsletter.

2. Will my commitment be made public?

No, your commitment will be between you and God. You will seal your card in the provided confidential envelope prior to placing it in the collection plate. Your card will then be given to the Treasurer and/or his assistant. Not even the pastors will be aware of the amount of your commitment.

3. Will I be billed or receive a statement concerning the commitment I make?

No; you will indicate on the card the frequency of your commitment, but there will be no billing statements sent out. You will receive your end-of-year giving statement as usual for tax purposes. Please note that the campaign will be for one year, but it will cover two calendar years, six months in 2010 and six months in 2011. This may help in your planning.

4. What if I am unable to make a financial commitment at this time?

We sincerely desire the participation of our entire church family, but we also realize that there may be some who are not able to give over and above their usual amounts. If this is the case for you, we ask that you return your commitment card but mark it that you will be supporting us in prayer at this time. If, over the course of the next year, you find you are able to commit to a greater amount, you may request a new commitment card or just indicate on your check that the new amount is for the Stewardship campaign.

5. Who should give?

Our desire is that our entire church family would commit to this important ministry opportunity. You may make an individual or family commitment. This might be a good time to teach your children about giving by allowing them to complete a commitment card and then encouraging them throughout the campaign to fulfill their pledge. We are asking each person who attends Conference Baptist Church to consider what he/she could give up, do without, postpone, or change over the next year in order to give to God's church.

6. What if I'm not at church on June 20th? Or June 27th?

If you aren't able to be at church on the 20th, you may pick up a commitment card and confidential envelope in the church office. If you aren't there on the 27th, you may return your commitment card sealed in the confidential envelope to the church office at any time.

Quest for Joy Stewardship Calendar

June 7-25—Daily messages will be sent via e-mail with prayer requests or related Scripture for reflection.

June 8—Leadership Dinner with opportunity for advance pledges from Church leadership.

June 20—Announcement of advance pledges and invitation to church family.

June 27—Ingathering of church family pledges.

July 4—Celebration and announcement of total pledged amount.

Conference Baptist Church has a history of stepping out in faith:

- 1965—First Bible study held
- 1966—Officially organized as a church and incorporated with State of Colorado
- 1967—Ground breaking for building at corner of Highway 73 and North Turkey Creek Road
- 1974—Annex built
- 1976—Parsonage built
- 1988—Office addition and Fellowship Hall added to building
- 1988—Church plant on I-70 corridor
- 1998—Celebration Center and Kid Zone added to building
- 1999—Church plant on 285 corridor

Now it is time to step out once again in faith.



PRAYER CORNER

As we enter the last few weeks of our series on Quest for Joy ~ STEWARDSHIP, our need for prayer becomes even more evident. We are taking a huge step of faith and knowing that God answers our prayers, we ask for you to pray for:

- **The Worship Arts Search Team.**
- **The man God has selected to serve at Conference Baptist Church.**
- **The candidate's family in transition.**
- **The ministry of the Worship Arts Pastor.**
- **The Stewardship Campaign.**
- **Unity within the body as we move forward.**
- **Unity within our Pastoral Staff.**

In taking our requests before the Lord, we please Him and we support the ministries of our church to further the Gospel and reach out to the lost. Our most fervent prayer should be that we might fulfill the mission that God has for *Conference Baptist Church*.



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