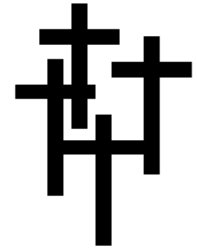


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From the Pastor

This past Sunday we began to display three numbers in our announcements. They represent the amount we have received this fiscal year, the amount we have spent, and the amount we had budgeted.

As you can see we are running a little behind what we have received, and we are running even more behind what we budgeted.

I encourage you to use those numbers as a reminder to give regularly, with careful thought, and with faith.

On another occasion I will give you some of the lofty spiritual reasons why you ought to give. They are serious, but this time I want to appeal to you to give for a much more mundane spiritual reason: because we can, and we will feel better about our work if we meet the budget this year.

For the past few years we have come in just below the budget. The amount by which we miss it could usually be made up by a few of us simply remembering to give! Or it could be well exceeded if all of us sat down, and made a deliberate, faithful decision of how much we want to give to God's work through our common ministries.

Money represents power to act. Imagine how empowered we would be if, at the end of this fiscal year, we had exceeded our budget. The thing is, I think we can. I do not believe our budget is unreasonable, and I know it represents good work we said we wanted to do together.

Thanks. You are a deeply generous and faithful church. Are you in?

Stan

Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

On behalf of the Youth Minister Search Committee, as its chairman, I would like to invite you, our fellow church members, to this open meeting. Its

purpose is to present a new direction for youth ministry, and more importantly, to invite your consideration and discussion. (No action is to be taken.)

To begin, I am happy to report that attendance in Youth Sunday Bible Study and at the youth group is growing and there is a good spirit. Thus, we are impressed to find an experienced youth minister with a minimum of delay. Finding the right person is important, lest we miss the opportunity to build on the blessings received.

Basically, there are two models for a Church Youth Minister:

- Traditionally, you employ a young man or woman to direct the youth program. Most often, this person has been in a youth group, but has little experience as a Minister of Youth. In addition, he or she is unknown to the church's youth. Once on the scene, the new Youth Minister must win the trust of the youth, learn how to motivate and relate to adult volunteers, discover the church's expectations of his or her role, and become a church staff team player. This is asking a great deal of an in-experienced, part time employee! Such high demands often lead to burn out somewhere between year one and year three, and the cycle of beginning again is repeated.
- The sustainable youth ministry model calls for finding a person who has good past experience as a youth minister, feels called to this ministry on a long term basis, and is able to make more than a part-time commitment. This person sees his or her ministry as a special calling and not a stepping stone to "real ministry" in a future staff position. The church that calls such a minister has come to realize that its youth are worth more than a part time commitment. This congregation sees adolescence as the age of basic decisions and impressions that last a life time. This

vision calls for the church to own responsibility for its youth ministry as opposed to consigning it to someone that has been hired to do the job. It avoids the trap of allowing anyone to think that whatever happens to the youth ministry, the Youth Minister gets the credit or the blame, because that his or her job.

- We would like to adopt the second model because it is the best for our youth ministry. This means that we would not pursue a candidate search for someone outside the church. Rather, we would ask our pastor, Stan Wilson, who has good experience as a youth minister, to assume responsibility for the youth ministry. We have examined the idea closely and prayerfully, and now would like to present it to you. Granted, it would be good for the youth, but would it also be of value for our Staff and the other members of the congregation? Certainly, it would bring more of us into the youth ministry and other aspects of the church's work. So, it may cost us more time and effort than we are ready or can possibly handle. It may challenge our comfort zone! Yet, it may be that the challenge is outweighed by the valued results? Either way, our committee has tried to flesh out the idea to say how we think this would work for the congregation:
- Stan would continue to be our pastor, but his responsibilities would be reconfigured to include time for youth ministry.
- This would not be possible without the agreement of Susan Meadors, our Minister of Family Life. To free Stan's time for youth meetings, and contacts, Susan would accept some of his pastoral responsibilities
- Since our church is largely administered by the Staff and church committees, those who chair committees would have to be more proactive depending less on Staff support. Some administrative duties would need to be done by volunteers.
- Both Stan and Susan would need to evaluate such a change in pastoral roles as a positive, i.e. an opportunity for them to use their gifts and calling in a more fulfilling way without causing them to experience overload.
- The congregation would need to fully embrace the sustainable youth ministry idea, seeing it as a win-win decision that ideally

would not shortchange any group in the church at the price of another. We do not lose our pastor to the youth; Stan and Susan's pastoral duties are redefined to build on the growth and spiritual renewal we are seeing in the youth ministry.

- Hal Lee,
Youth Minister Search Committee

Youth Group Sundays August 15-October 3 "The Strange Things We Do"

The first 8 Sunday night youth groups will be led by Cliff Johnson, and will look at 6 odd things we do (as Christians). Along the way we will be writing a covenant. Come find out what makes us who we are.

Youth News

The next Fifth Quarter Gathering will be on Friday night, **October 2**, after the football game, the youth of Northside Baptist Church will host the youth of the Church of the Creator for snacks and drinks and good fun. It will be over at 11:30 p.m.

Thanks to Jamie, the Music Committee and Northside Baptist Church

I want to thank you for your recent gift of former Northside hymnals to the Department of Pastoral Services at UMC. We have placed them in our chapel and will use them at the Rehabilitation Center. They will enhance the worship experience for our patients, families and staff. They will also enable us to be better stewards since we will no longer have to copy music for our services.

Music certainly brings healing and I am grateful for this gift. I also want to thank Susan for delivering the hymnals to the hospital. This was no easy task and her efforts demonstrate her willingness to go the second mile.

Linda Snell McComb
Chaplin UMC

Have Prayers. Will Travel

When I spent August in the rehab facility in Madison, I learned that Northside truly is a home away from home because several Northside caregivers traveled up the Trace to visit me with prayers, encouragement, and gifts. Knowing that I was being prayed for before and after the surgery gave me courage, strength, hope and peace. I give thanks to Northside's family and friends for their ministry to me and to others. Have prayers and will travel soon.

Sue Thayer

A Message from Wisconsin

Dear Friends at Northside,

I am returning to my Wisconsin home. The reason for my secretive departure is my intense objection to "good-byes."

I want to thank you for your warm welcome and friendship. I have fond memories of worshipping with you

along with the inspiring and thought provoking sermons, the beautiful music and social events. My prayers are with you as you pursue your outreach. God bless you all
Jo Hess

New Addresses

Jo Hess
860 Autumn Bath Lane
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Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Michael Williamson and family in the death of his grandmother, Tina Matheny Williamson.

From the Wellness Committee

Here are five unexpected triggers for heartburn:

- 1) **Pain relievers**, such as aspirin, headache powders, , and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as Ibuprofen, Motrin, Naproxen and Aleve. Some of these agents can be found in cold and flu medicines
- 2) **Tight clothes**, such as jeans and undergarments that squeeze your abdomen.
- 3) **After dinner peppermint**. Peppermint relaxes the muscles of the digestion system which includes the muscle that keeps acid in the stomach.
- 4) **Tobacco**. Tobacco weakens the lower esophageal sphincter allowing acid in the stomach to rise up

Extended Session

September 19

Infants	Frances Chisolm
Toddlers	Mary Anne Greene
Preschool	Buddy Wagner

September 26

Infants	Trina Cobb
Toddlers	Morgan Young
Preschool	Trey Jones

Sunday School for Babies

September 19	Lesa Meaders
September 26	Deborah Fry

Caregiving Concerns

Joshua Brewer
Jim Newton

broken arm
broken pelvis

On-Going Caregiving Concerns

Jim Bowie, brother in law of Thelma Basley
Geri Bowie, sister of Thelma Basley
Roy Bratton, Mary Lea Nations' father
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Shirley Campbell, sister of Jo Ann Pope
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, in a coma, friend of Sara Campbell
Jamie Franks, daughter of Lynda Cook
Marjorie Gore
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard in Ridgeland
Lake Jones, in Seattle, WA
Harold Lee, friend of Ben Randman, cancer
Reilly Montgomery, 9 year old girl, stage 3 cancer, friend of Beth Dickinson's family
LaDeane Moore, mother of Jenta Boone
Mary Sue Nations, at Trinity
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Clayton Powers
Bernice Rook, charter member, leukemia
Linda Stark, sister-in-law of Bill Stark
Margaret Stephens, John Marquez' sister
Bill Strum, receiving chemotherapy
Merle Thomas
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks
Roy and Gladys Williams, grandparents of Graham Carner
Margie White, (wife of former State Senator White) She has lung cancer.

Members at Home

Clyde and Wilma Hemphill
Mrs. Margaret Hensley
Chrys Ray



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