

# *GREAT IDEA SWAP* **SAMPLES**

# **Financial Communications**

**Special Edition for  
ECC Members**

*from  
church communicators  
for church communicators*



*Ephesians 6:7*

*“Serve wholeheartedly...”*



*Giving  
God  
our  
Best*



**Q. Do I have flexibility in making my financial commitment?**

- A. Yes, there are three general categories under which you can make the commitment.
1. Immediate gifts from accumulated cash.
  2. Regular weekly or monthly gifts of a designated amount over the next year.
  3. Non-cash assets such as property, stocks, bonds, etc.

**Q. How will commitments be received?**

- A. Your financial commitment will be folded and placed in the offering plate so that the confidentiality of your commitment can be maintained.

**Q. How will the commitments be reported?**

- A. Your commitment form will be received, opened and recorded only by DeLane Graber, who serves as our Building Fund Treasurer. Only the total dollar amount committed by the whole congregation will be reported.

**Q. Can I divide my present giving between the General Budget and the Capital Campaign?**

- A. We strongly encourage you to make your commitment “over and above” any other giving to the church. The present ministries and missions that we have implemented and support also need to be funded.

**Q. When do the commitments begin?**

- A. We anticipate the commitments beginning on January 1, 2010. Of course, we recognize that not everyone receives a weekly paycheck; therefore, you may begin honoring your commitment at the time you designate in accordance with your income schedule. For many, previous commitments are still anticipated through the end of December 2009. You may want to consider a one time cash gift prior to January 1 for tax purposes.

**Q. How will my commitment constitute a permanent investment?**

- A. That which we keep for ourselves can be lost, but that which we willingly give away can never be lost. The gifts you give for the purpose of expanding God's Kingdom here will flourish and bear fruit as God adds His blessing to your faithfulness.

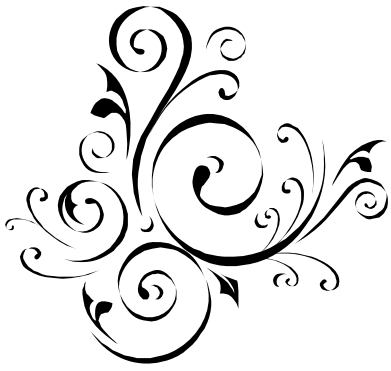
# Program Vision

We believe that God has called us to the work of building and expansion not as an end, but as a means of inviting others to Salvation in Jesus Christ, to nurture faith in one another for a lifetime of obedience, and to pour out the spiritual and material blessings of God while we are here on earth. Our program theme, ***Giving God Our Best***, comes from the deep conviction that God calls us to be givers in the same pattern of Christ who gave everything, even his life, that we might know the glory of heaven and bring as many as we can with us.

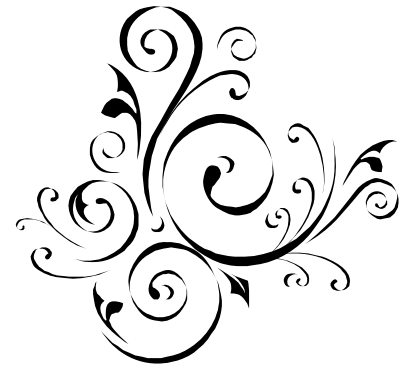


Therefore the purpose of this program is threefold: **1) to be able over the next year to meet our mortgage obligation, 2) to reduce our debt load, as soon as possible 3) to continue to enable our spending plan to support our ministry and mission funding.**

Our hope and prayer is that as we focus on this vision together God will “enlarge the harvest of our righteousness.” (2 Corinthians 9:10) May we continue to place our trust in God knowing that he is able to accomplish his work in us.



**Sunday, October 18**  
***Giving God Our Best***



Joshua 24:14-27; Ephesians 6:1-9; Mark 9:33-37

Stewardship includes the commitment of time, talents, and money to God's use. More than that, though, it involves our total lives. The standard set for us in God's Word is high. God wants us as his followers to **give God our best** so that all people will *"be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4). Through grace, which meets all of our needs, we are to tell others of his love and his mighty deeds and give our lives to him in joyful service. In stewardship, we offer ourselves for the accomplishment of Christ's work in the world.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:17, *"Do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."* Through study and meditation in his Word and through prayer, God reveals his will for our lives. *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will"* (Romans 12:2). Out of gratitude for Christ who gave us his all, we devote ourselves to doing his will. Through the reading of his Word and participation in the Sacraments, God strengthens and equips us so we can fulfill his purpose for our lives. *"I can do everything through him, who gives me strength"* (Philippians 4:13). God calls us to *"be strong in [Him] and in his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10). By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can **give God our best** in service and commitment to the Lord.

**Q. Will God help me make a commitment which right now seems beyond my means?**

A. Making a commitment that you know for certain is unrealistic might be detrimental to you and the church. However, sometimes things that seem beyond reach are actually closer than they appear! Priorities may need to be rearranged in order to participate at a sacrificial level. We do ask that your commitment be separate from your giving to the regular offering so our other ministries and mission programs will continue to be well supported.

**Q. How much money are we trusting the Lord to supply in this stewardship program?**

A. We have set a goal of \$225,000 plus any special gifts. This will allow us to meet our monthly debt obligation during the next year for 2010. It will also enable us to pay off a portion of the principle, continue to look for growth of present ministries and new opportunities for missional outreach.

**Q. Is there a certain amount of money that I will be expected to commit to our stewardship program?**

A. No. After asking God for guidance in the decision, each person will decide his particular commitment. The goal is not equal gifts but equal sacrifice.

**Q. Why do we ask for a written commitment?**

A. The total amount of commitments are carefully analyzed to forecast future income, and to establish a realistic building fund budget and timetable for our payments.

**Q. May I give assets other than cash?**

A. Yes. There may be tremendous tax advantages to giving assets other than cash. One of the members of our committee will be happy to discuss this with you, or you may choose to consult with your personal tax advisor.

**Q. What is the debt?**

A. The current amount we have borrowed is \$2,219,639.33 through a bank loan and private loans. The congregation originally approved a debt load of \$2.4 million or \$23,000 per month for 15 years. Our current monthly payments are \$15,572.96.

**Q. What is expected of my family in making a financial commitment?**

A. Every family is being asked to pray about their commitment. No one will be pressured. As a fellowship, we want everyone to pray about what they believe God would want to do through them. If God owns everything and we are simply managers, then we believe that God will provide everything we need to effectively do His work.

**Q. Will I be asked for a commitment publicly?**

A. Absolutely not! Your commitment is a private matter between you and God. We will not make these commitments a matter of public knowledge in any way, shape or form.

**Q. If I should fall behind, will the church take steps to make me pay?**

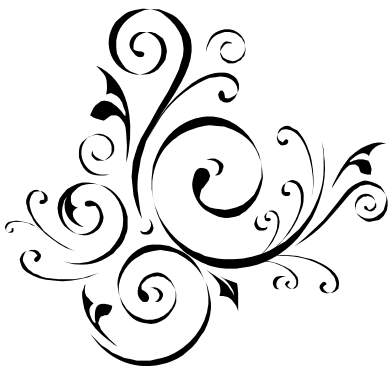
A. Since we are not in the business of building buildings or raising money, we will most certainly **not** take any action to collect on a voluntary financial commitment. Our purpose in this program is to provide adequate facilities so that we can continue to make forward progress in accomplishing the mission of our church. We are simply asking that you pray and seek God's guidance as to what He would have you commit to Him. We have provided commitment forms in order for us to plan wisely.

**Q. I already tithe to the general budget and feel like that is all I can do. Am I wrong?**

A. Only you and the Lord can decide how much you can give. This program has been designed so that everyone can give something, no matter what the size. No gift is too small to count! If each one does as God directs, then victory is assured.

**Q. Can we make one commitment for our entire family?**

A. Yes, you may. We strongly urge that you involve your children in some way, either by individual commitment or by their participation in the family giving.



**Sunday, October 25**  
**Go and Make Disciples**



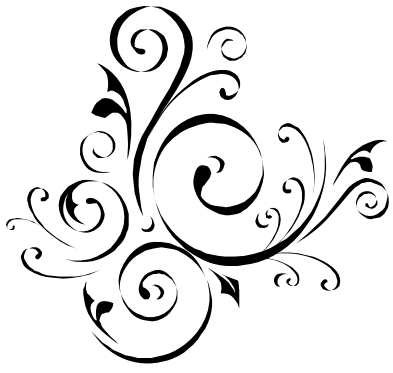
Isaiah 62:6, 11-12; Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 28:16-20

In Mark 8:34, Jesus tells us what is expected of those he chooses as his disciples, *"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."*

**Deny ourselves:** By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are changed from self-centered to God-centered people. As John the Baptist said, *"He must become greater; I must become less"* (John 3:30). As disciples who deny ourselves, we become focused on Christ. We keep our eyes on Jesus without thinking of ourselves.

**Take up our crosses:** By God's grace, we are capable of overcoming pain, obstacles, and disappointments so we can carry our crosses for Jesus. Through Christ's presence and strength, we become oblivious to ourselves and our burdens become light. By teaching us first that we must deny ourselves, Jesus has prepared us to carry our crosses. Just as we did not choose to be disciples (Jesus chose us), we do not choose the crosses we will carry.

**Follow Jesus:** A disciple is a follower of Jesus. Just as Jesus chose his twelve disciples, he chooses us, by his grace, to be his disciples. When we follow Jesus, we leave any attachments that we have to the things of this world. Jesus said, *"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be My disciple. And anyone who does carry his cross and follow Me cannot be my disciple"* (Luke 14:26-27). When we follow Jesus, we die to self and live for him.



# Sunday, November 1

## ***Using Our Spiritual Gifts***



Isaiah 5:1-7; 1 Peter 4:7-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Spiritual gifts are a divine enablement given to believers by the Holy Spirit for the building up of God's Church. A spiritual gift is a God-given ability or skill which we do not deserve, cannot earn, and cannot achieve through our own efforts. Each of us is given at least one gift, and we are responsible to **give God our best** when using it in our service to the Body of Christ. *"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good"* (1 Corinthians 12:7).

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compared Christians who are given different spiritual gifts to members of a human body. Each member has a different function, but all are needed for the health of the body. All parts are needed for the body to function. The same concept is seen in athletic teams. Each player on a basketball team has a specific position and responsibility. The guards are chosen for their quickness and agility to dribble the ball down the court. The forwards and centers, gifted with height, are responsible for rebounding and blocking shots from the opponent. All of them desire to get that ball through their basket and combine their talents in that endeavor. Each team member plays a unique role and is valuable to the team. If one of them fails to contribute, the whole team suffers.

The same is true of each Christian. God has given us each a spiritual gift (or gifts), and that gift is important to the Body of Christ. God has given us gifts so we can use them to his glory in his Church. When we do not use what God has given us, the whole body suffers.

**Q. *How did the congregation decide to expand to new and remodeled facilities?***

A. Great question. Ten years of planning preceded the recommendation from the Long Range Planning Team. During that time, many options were considered. Discussions with our ministry groups, Church Board and staff were ongoing. We remained focused on mission and ministries, not building plans. In 2002 the congregation approved the proposed expansion with a 95% affirmation. Our goal was to facilitate ministry by our mission statement to "call and prepare everyone to be fully committed followers of Jesus Christ." Only when we concluded that we would not be sacrificing ministry, rather we would be enhancing the proclamation of His name, did we recommend expanding our present facility. We want to be prudent in stewardship yet always pursuing God's vision for our ministries.

**Q. *Why is our church involved in a stewardship program again?***

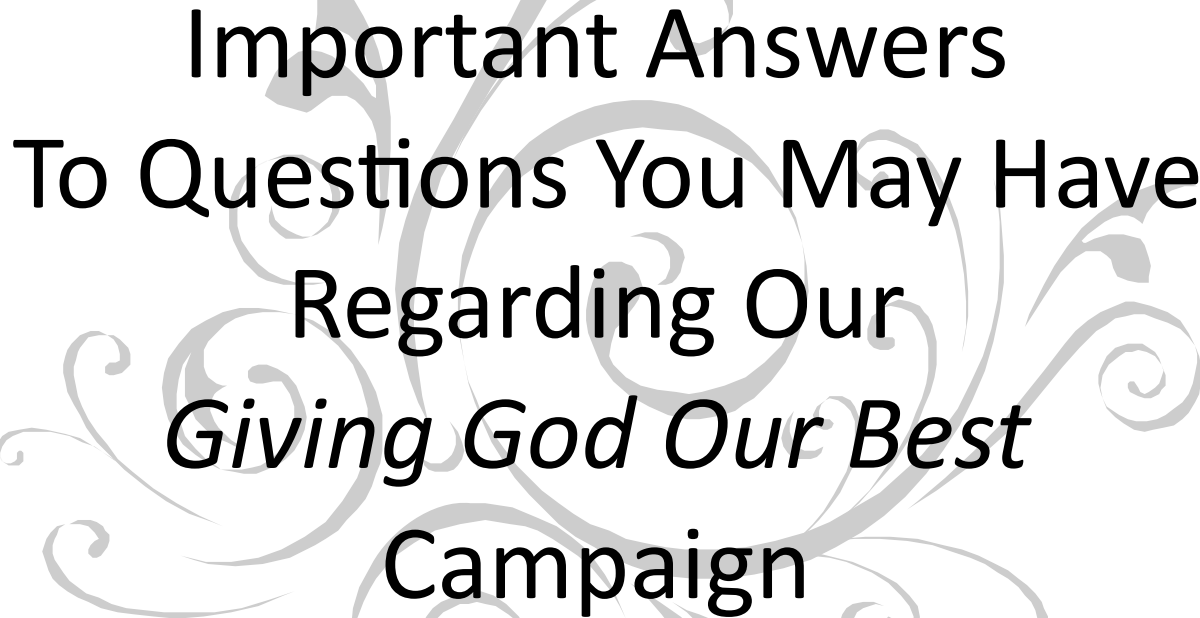
A. This stewardship program provides us with an opportunity to challenge one another to prayerfully consider our individual involvement in the commitment of our time, talents and treasures. The finances committed will enable us to cover our mortgage payments in order to free up our operational giving for ministry. We also want to focus on reducing the principle in order to pay off the loan ahead of schedule which will free more funds for our ministries.

**Q. *When and where will the commitments be made?***

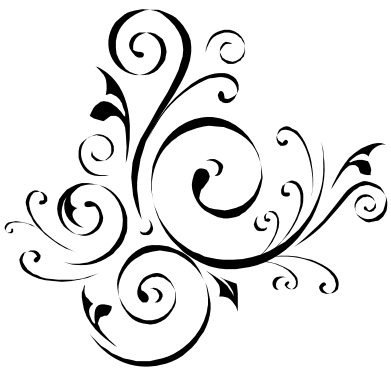
A. Most commitments will be made on Commitment Sunday, **November 15**, during our church service; a special offering is planned for us to bring our sacrificial gifts and commitments to the Lord.

**Q. *Isn't this stewardship program just a front to get more money for the new building?***

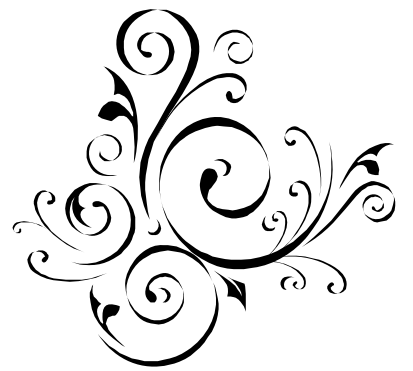
A. While it is our prayer that the Lord will use this emphasis to provide resources for debt payments on the new facility, the stewardship program is a time of teaching that God owns everything - our time, our talents, our treasures. We are simply managers. When we understand that, the rest takes care of itself. Our goal is that through the stewardship program, each of us will surrender everything to Jesus Christ.



# Important Answers To Questions You May Have Regarding Our *Giving God Our Best* Campaign



**Sunday, November 8**  
***Making the Most of our***



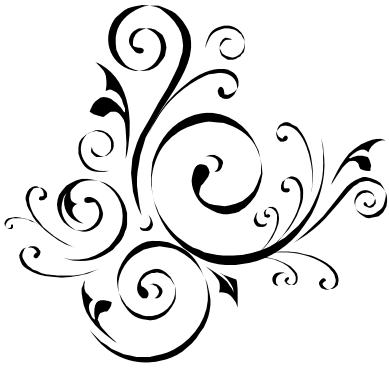
Ecclesiastes 3:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; Matthew 11:15-30

One thing most people agree upon is that “time flies!” A common complaint is, “There just aren’t enough hours in the day!” Although these expressions are true, we all receive the same 24 hours in a day and seven days in a week. The difference is due to how we spend our time. It isn’t the lack of time that is the problem but rather how we spend it. To give it all we’ve got, in our stewardship of time received from the Lord, we must be careful in what we do with the time God gives us. It is our responsibility not to waste time and to use it for God-pleasing purposes.

Time is one of God’s most precious gifts to us. Our time comes from God, and it is in his hands (Psalm 31:15). Are you using your time wisely? We can’t add years to our lives, but we are, for the most part, in control of what we do with the time God gives us. To get productive use of our time, we need to get time under control. The keys to controlling time are setting goals, deciding on priorities, and making plans. If we do not plan wisely, we will ask the question, “Where did the time go?”

How we spend our time shows what is important to us. Whatever we enjoy and value as being important will take up our time. Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). If we were to examine our calendars and/or daily planners, they would demonstrate what we value the most. What we do with our discretionary time speaks volumes about our interests and what we view as important..





**Sunday, November 15**  
***Growing a Grateful***  
**&**  
***Generous Heart***



Genesis 13:1-18; Philippians 3:7-11; Mark 8:31-38

In Acts 20:35 Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Jesus knew that the act of giving returns more to us than what we give. We reap what we sow (2 Corinthians 9:6). He uses our generosity to build his kingdom and to strengthen and bless us as givers. Giving is a privilege and a joy that can change our lives. When we practice firstfruits giving and give generously, we give it all we've got.

What we do with God's money demonstrates our spiritual maturity. Some of us share sacrificially with God and others, others give proportionately from our incomes, and still others hoard what we receive. God wants us to be channels of his blessings, and he enriches us so we can be blessings to others. *"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11).

Those who do not share, but hoard, become terminals, rather than channels, of God's gifts. They get no satisfaction except for fleeting happiness in possessing the things of this world. Those who do not share will never experience the joy of giving. Remember the Rich Fool who amassed great wealth strictly for his own pleasure. He died before he had time to enjoy the products of his labor. All he left behind was his wealth for others to use. He never experienced the fulfillment of helping others nor the joy of being a channel of God's blessings. His memory lives on, not as a gracious benefactor, but as a selfish fool, a terminal of God's gifts. Lasting happiness and contentment come from employing our lives and possessions in service to God and others. *God loves a cheerful giver* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

## Giving God our Best

Helping to define your sacrifice

1 year goal - \$225,000

The following information is provided to help us think about our individual commitment and the impact of our total congregational commitment. The amount of our current loan principle is \$1,731,799 at an interest rate of 6.25% with a monthly payment of \$15, 573 for 14 years. If we do nothing but meet that commitment we will pay \$2,616,264 (total loan & interest) which come to \$186, 876 per year. However the following chart shows the amount of money saved if we could pay more than our monthly payments.

<b>Paid Per Year Payoff</b>	<b>Yearly Extra Amount above loan requirement</b>	<b>Savings in loan &amp; interest amount</b>	<b>Date of Loan</b>
\$215,000	\$28,124	\$451,617	April, 2021
\$225,000	\$38,124	\$576,201	August, 2020
\$235,000	\$48,124	\$716,358	November, 2019

\*Please note that the Giving God Our Best stewardship goal is at the \$225,000 level.

The following shows the breakdown per giving unit, per month and per week.

Based on 200 giving units.

$\$225,000 \div 200$  giving units = \$1,125 per giving unit  
 $\$1,125 \div 12$  months = \$93.75 per month, per giving unit  
 $\$1,125 \div 52$  weeks = \$21.63 per week, per giving unit

We recognize that some will be able to give significantly more and some will not be able to give as much. It will take all manner of gifts in order to reach our goal.

As you consider your gift to this stewardship program, please consider these questions:

1. What is God saying to you about giving a sacrificial gift for this stewardship program?
2. Have you spent time in prayer and discernment, personally or with others, seeking to **Give God Your Best?**



**YCMC**

# My Faith Offering

Fold Here

Please return to Yellow Creek Mennonite  
Church

## What do I do now?

- Pray** That God would lead in your decision to make a commitment that represents personal sacrifice.
- Discuss** Your commitment with your spouse and/or other members of your family.
- Commit** Complete the commitment sheet on the other side.
- Respond** Bring the commitment sheet with you on **Commitment Sunday, November 15, 2009** and participate in a special ceremony.





# My Faith Offering for the Yellow Creek Building Fund

*“Giving God Our Best” “Serve wholeheartedly . . .” Ephesians 6:7*

- I (we) promise to be faithful in our worship and prayer.
- I (we) commit to diligent study of God’s Word.
- I (we) will commit to the giving of my/our time and talents.
- I (we) will faithfully and cheerfully give the following gift amount to the building fund beginning January 1, 2010:

Weekly \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Annually \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Cash Gift**

Description of item: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to be given: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I (we) can’t make a financial commitment at this time but will support and pray for the work of the Lord in our congregations ministries and missions.

Please detach and keep for your records.



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Lord, grant me your power to *Give my best* in service to you.

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NAME(S) (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this part on **Commitment Sunday**, November 15, or mail it to the church office.

# Tithing

We all know about the blessings we receive when we tithe our money, but how often do we think about tithing as applied to other parts of our lives?

What would happen if we all tithed what some would consider our most valuable asset...

## OUR TIME

Here are some ways we could grow in this area:

- \*spend quality time in personal Bible study & prayer
- \*pray with other Christians
- \* study God's word with other Christians
- \*encourage one another in our spiritual walk

**spiritual discipline**  
**spiritual commitment**  
**spiritual accountability**  
**spiritual growth**

Need some encouragement?      Consider joining one  
of our . .

## SMALL GROUPS

Coming this fall to a home near you.  
For more info contact:  
Teresa Wolfert - 740-3457

## Coker United Methodist Church Tithe Calculator

	Annual Income									
	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$100,000
Tithe \$ per year	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	9,000	10,000
Tithe \$ per quarter	250	500	750	1,000	1,250	1,500	1,750	2,000	2,250	2,500
Tithe \$ per month	83.33	166.67	250.00	333.33	416.67	500.00	583.33	666.67	750.00	833.33
Tithe \$ per week	19.23	38.46	57.69	76.92	96.15	115.38	134.62	153.85	173.08	192.31
Tithe \$ per day	2.74	5.48	8.22	10.96	13.70	16.44	19.18	21.92	24.66	27.40

# Stewardship Campaign

Christian stewardship is grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Stewardship is lived out in:

- living and telling the Good News;
- sharing God in seeking justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in an interdependent universe;
- wisely employing God-given human resources, abilities, and relationships;
- sharing the material resources we hold and giving them in service, justice, and compassion;
- providing for future generations, sharing in the life, worship, and responsible stewardship of the Church and of its mission

Both for the individual and for the community, stewardship is a joyful act for the sake of God's world.

Now that we are settled into our wonderful new home, we need to determine what we can expect from our members in the way of financial support and volunteerism. With that in mind, there will be a Stewardship Campaign this fall kicking-off on Sunday October 31st. At that time, those present will be given a package which will contain an intention form that we hope everyone will complete in the following week.

It is imperative that each and everyone of us support Jubilee in whatever way we can. ■

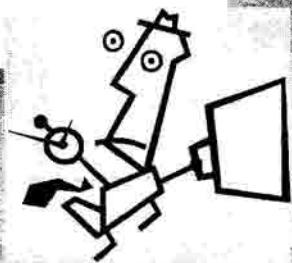
Bob Nicholls

## **What's a Horrible Dream!**

I dreamed that the Lord took my  
● Sunday contribution and multiplied  
it by ten, and this became my  
weekly income. In no time at all I  
lost my color TV, had to give up  
my automobile – I couldn't even  
make a house payment. What can  
a person do on \$10.00 a week?

● Suppose the Lord took your  
offering and multiplied it by ten  
and made that your weekly  
income.

**HOW MUCH WOULD YOU MAKE?**



# Obituary

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Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list: "Let Someone Else do it."

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results: "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person - sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember - we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

- Author unknown



## **An explanation of why the next piece:**

This is one of my very favorite Financial pieces ever and I thought it might need a bit of an explanation why.

It is a calendar and was used as a primary fund-raising piece for a Catholic school.

It not only accomplished the goals of fund-raising, but the pictures of the Sisters who worked at the school and their obvious joy of life and care for their kids does a lot to help people see the ongoing value of the school.

Effective financial pieces should do more than raise money and the heart communicated in this does a great job of it.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

Yvon Prehn

# Recreational Habits

2005  
Calendar



*Salesian Sisters West*



*Sr. Thuy Huong Nguyen, FMA*

“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Mt. 19:14

# JANUARY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY Feast of the Mother of God
<b>2</b> Epiphany	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Comm. St. M. Mazz.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Feast of Blessed Luigi Variara
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Inauguration Day	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Feast of Blessed Laura Vicuna
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Feast of St. Francis de Sales Comm. MHC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Feast of St. John Bosco					



“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Mt. 18:20

## FEBRUARY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Presentation of the Lord Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Ash Wednesday	10	11 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13 Comm. St. M. Mazz.  First Sunday of Lent	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20  Second Sunday of Lent	21  <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>	22  Washington's Birthday	23	24  Comm. MHC	25	26
27  Third Sunday of Lent	28  Comm. SJB					



Sr. Nora King, FMA

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor 5:7

## MARCH 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Fourth Sunday of Lent	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Comm. St. M. Mazz. Fifth Sunday of Lent	14	15 Blessed Artemide Zatti	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Feast of St. Joseph
20 Palm Sunday Spring Begins	21	22	23	24 Comm. MHC Holy Thursday	25 Good Friday	26 Holy Saturday
27 EASTER SUNDAY	28	29	30	31		



*Sr. Teresita Delgado, FMA*

“And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” Mt. 18:5

# APRIL 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Begins	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Comm. St. M. Mazz.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24 Comm. MHC	25	26	27 Administrative Professionals' Day	28	29	30 Comm. SJB



*Sr. Jane Sanchez, FMA*

*Sr. Assunta Sanchez, FMA*

*Sr. Josephine Sanchez, FMA*

“They send forth their little ones like a flock and their children dance.” Job 21:11

# MAY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Ascension Thursday National Day of Prayer	6 Nurses' Day  Feast of St. Dominic Savio	7
8  MOTHERS' DAY	9	10	11	12	13  Feast of St. Mary Mazzarello	14
15  Pentecost	16	17	18  Pope John Paul II's Birthday	19	20	21
22  The Holy Trinity	23	24  Feast of Mary Help of Christians	25	26	27	28  Armed Forces Day
29	30  MEMORIAL DAY	31 Comm. SJB  Visitation of Our Blessed Lady to St. Elizabeth				



Sr. Lucy Yuen, FMA

"Whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him." 2 Cor. 5:9

## JUNE 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Feast of Corpus Christi	13 Comm. St. M. Mazz.	14 Flag Day/Army Day	15	16	17 Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus	18
19 <b>FATHERS' DAY</b>	20	21 Summer Begins	22	23	24 Comm. MHC	25
26 Resident Camp Opens in Corralitos	27 Day Camps Begin	28	29	30 Comm. SJB		





*Sr. Adela Lozano, FMA*

“This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you.” John 15:12

# JULY 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7 Feast of Blessed Maria Romero	8	9
10	11	12	13 Comm. St. M. Mazz	14	15	16
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24 Comm. MHC	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Comm. SJB Jubilee Celebrations San Antonio 11:00 AM Mass						





*Sr. Maria Luong, FMA*

*Sr. Theresa Jones, FMA*

"Rejoice on that day and leap for joy!.... Luke 6:23

# AUGUST 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Feast of Blessed Augusto Czartoryski	3	4 Renewal of Vows	5 Feast of Our Lady of the Snows First Profession and Perpetual Vows	6
7 Friendship Day	8	9	10	11 World Youth Day Cologne, Germany	12	13 Comm. St. M. Mazz.
14	15 Feast of the Assumption	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Comm. MHC	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Comm. SJB			



*Sr. Rosann Ruiz, FMA*

"I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14

## SEPTEMBER 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY	6	7	8 Blessed Mother's Birthday	9	10
11 Grandparents' Day	12	13 Comm. St. M. Mazz.	14	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16	17 Constitution/ Citizenship Day
18	19	20	21	22 Feast of Blessed Amparo Carbonell and Carmen Moreno Autumn begins	23	24 Comm. MHC
25	26	27	28	29	30 Comm. SJB	



Sr. Celine Lomeli, FMA

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” Mt. 5:12

## OCTOBER 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8
9	10 COLUMBUS DAY (Observed)	11	12	13 Feast of Blessed Alexadrina Maria da Costa Comm. St. M. Mazz.	14	15 Feast of St. Teresa of Avila
16 Bosses' Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Comm. MHC	25	26 Mother-in-laws' Day	27 Navy Day	28	29 Blessed Michael Rua First Successor of St. John Bosco
30 Daylight Saving Time Ends	31 Comm. SJB Halloween					



*Sr. Mary Link, FMA*

"You have made me rejoice, Lord, by what you have done; I will shout for joy of the works of your hands."  
 Psalm 92:4

# NOVEMBER 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day	9	10 Marine Corps Day	11 <b>VETERANS' DAY</b>	12
13 Comm. St. M. Mazz  Sts. Versiglia & Calavario <i>Salesian Martyrs</i>	14	15 Blessed Magdalena Morano	16	17	18	19
20  Feast of Christ the King	21 Presentation of the Virgin Mary	22	23	24 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> Comm. MHC	25	26
27  First Sunday of Advent	28	29	30 Comm. SJB			



“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” Luke 2:14  
*The month of December is dedicated to ALL the children God has entrusted to us!*

## DECEMBER 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Second Sunday of Advent	5 Blessed Philip Rinaldi 2nd Successor of St. John Bosco	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10
11 Third Sunday of Advent	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Comm. St. M. Mazz.	14	15	16	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24 Comm. MHC
25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Comm. SJB

## Salesian Sisters West

### Special Feast Day Celebrations

January 31st - Feast of St. John Bosco, - Founder of the Salesian Sisters  
 May 13th - Feast of St. Mary Mazzarello, Co-Foundress of the Salesian Sisters  
 May 24th - Feast of Mary Help of Christians

### Special Days Commemorating Feast Days

The 13th day of each month - Commemoration of St. Mary Mazzarello  
 The 24th day of each month - Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians  
 Last day of each month - Commemoration of St. John Bosco

### Mission Statement

We, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, (Salesian Sisters), are a Religious Community of women founded by St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello. Our Mission is: to provide Christian education and formation to the young, especially the poor, and women at risk; joyfully proclaim the Good News to all cultures; and promote the regeneration of a more just and human society.

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