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Stewardship Bible Study Meditation

"As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these things since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give then money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked

around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'" Mark 10: 17-27

Verse 17: "Good Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

This is a very familiar story and one in which we pause to consider what Jesus really means for us as individuals or for the rich in general. Jesus' initial answer to the young man is in verse 19: "You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "

Almost as if Jesus is setting him up, the young man replies in verse 20: "Teacher," he declared, "all of these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus, knowing his heart, went straight for this young man's god; that is his wealth. Verse 21: "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me."

As we study this lesson, we can all substitute the one thing or things that come between us and our relationship with God. For some, it is envy or greed, which can lead toward the dependency on wealth in order to achieve that which we are envious of. For others, it is selfishness, placing our own desires above those that God has in place for us. We are all guilty of putting things, other people, desires, fame, even pride, ahead of our relationship with God.

This story reveals the tendency of the rich, having already met basic physical needs, to be too self reliant. This allows possessions to act as substitutes for the need that we all have to seek God's love, forgiveness, wisdom and direction in our lives. I think this is why Jesus declares in verse 25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Contrast this statement with Jesus' declaration in Matthew 6:25-27. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Then Jesus promises in Mark 10:29 "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age and in the age to come, eternal life" God does not have a problem with the rich or being rich. God is a jealous God and wants our relationship with Him to come first. The things in our life that come between us and our relationship with God often creep into the picture over time. We do not realize that we are making this separation. This is why God encourages us to have our "Daily Bread." Praying, reading and studying the Bible and time for reflection are all daily activities that serve to bring us closer to that relationship that He wants.

Whether you are poor or rich, God wants to provide for you and to have a relationship with you. We encourage you to use this time of Stewardship to renew your walk with God. Commit to Him daily and allow His blessings to flow.

In Christ's Love, *David and Margaret Macaulay*

Sunday Mornings

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:55 am	Church School for all ages
11:00 am	Worship Service

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 21

A congregational meeting will be held following both worship services to elect elders and deacons, and to vote to form a Capital Funds Committee to seek financial support for a new sanctuary and related space.

Lunch Bunch

Monday, October 22 at 12 noon

The Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group for adults who are free at mid-day. We meet at noon on the fourth Monday of each month for lunch, fellowship and interesting programs. Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 22 at 12 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own sandwich. Chips, drinks, and cookies will be provided. Please join us!

Youth Groups and GC's

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups and GC's will be CROP Walking on Sunday, October 21.

GC's: Meet at church at 2:00 pm; walk at 3:00 pm; dinner at CiCi's in Rock Hill after.

Junior Highs: Meet at the church at 1:45; walk at 3:00 pm; dinner at Mama Mia's in Fort Mill after.

Senior Highs: Meet at the church at 1:45 pm; walk at 3:00 pm; dinner afterwards, location is TBA.

International Dinner
Sunday, November 11, 2007

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual, delicious event. More details on this Junior High Youth Group event coming soon!

Adult Sunday School

- "What's Theology Got To Do With It?"

Taught by Dan Holloway in the Fellowship Hall.

- "Across the Ages"

Study of the Minor Prophets, and taught by Emma Doughty in the Fellowship Hall Parlor.

- "Faithbuilders"

Study of Parables from the Backside, in Room 210 with rotating teachers.

- "Young Adults"

Study of Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt, taught by Jim Boyd in Room 312.

Baby Sitter's Course

Calling all potential baby sitters ages 11 - 15. Unity's Health Ministries Team will be hosting a Red Cross Baby Sitter's Course on Saturday, November 3 from 9 am until 3:30 pm in the Youth Wing. You must pre-register for this class by Friday, October 19. Cost is \$35 per participant, and is limited to the first twelve sitters that register with payment. You may register at www.unityfortmill.org, by emailing dsbutler@comporium.net, or by calling Debbie Butler in the church office (803) 547-5543. Please mail checks made payable to Unity Presbyterian Church. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a packed lunch. For specific course information, please visit the Red Cross link at www.unityfortmill.org or on their web site at www.redcross.org and click on left side "Health & Safety" and then "Baby Sitting." The participants will receive basic first aid and infant CPR, along with other life skills, baby sitting responsibilities, and emergency procedures.

**This course is open to
 boys and girls.**

Stewardship Campaign

Every October, Unity members are invited to consider how they might share their gifts—both spiritual and financial— with the church for the upcoming year. Each of us is called by God to be good stewards of all that God has given us. Prayerfully consider how you might put God first and share the good news of His love for us in 2008. Your financial commitment makes the operating budget possible, while your time and talents make Unity's ministries possible.



United in Christ's Love

There are several opportunities to gratefully consider Christ's love between now and November 11. A four-part Bible study/Meditation guide will be included in the Unity News in October. The second of these is on the first page of this newsletter, and the third will be in next week's newsletter.

There are several events during Commitment Week centered on stewardship and fellowship. You are warmly invited to participate in as many events as you are able.

Commitment Week

Ministries Fair

9:45 am to 12 noon Fellowship Hall

Unity Quilt Dedication

(Please note this has been changed!)

During both services Sanctuary

All Saints Worship Service *Nursery is provided*

7 pm Sanctuary

Prayer Vigil

4-7 pm (Drop in) Sanctuary

Sing-a-long and Congregational Dinner

6-7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Commitment Sunday

Both Services Sanctuary

Sunday, October 28

Thursday, November 1

Sunday, November 4

Wednesday, November 7

Sunday, November 11

IHN

September Hosting

Thank you for another successful week hosting families for the Interfaith Hospitality Network. In September, over 60 volunteers served four homeless families during the week by providing dinner, staying overnight, providing supplies, driving a guest, and for setting up the rooms. The generosity and compassion demonstrated by our volunteers is a joy to witness. Thank you for faithfully demonstrating the love of Christ by giving a few hours to others in need.

December Hosting

Our next host week will be December 9 – 16. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss an opportunity to be blessed by our IHN families.

Again, thank you for your prayers for our program and for the families that we serve and for all of your volunteer time! Thank you for all you do!

Anne Weeks and Robin Morris, Unity IHN Coordinators

Building Fund Memorials

In Memory of: Given By:

Jerry Bootsma Stormy and Chari Young

In Memory of: Given By:

Laura Craven Murray and Joyce White

Hunger Matters - 30th Annual York County CROP Walk



Save the date of Sunday, October 21, for the 30th Annual York County CROPWALK. Thirty years and still walking! Registration and entertainment begin at Dinkins Student Center on the campus of Winthrop University at 2:00 PM (walk begins at 3:00). Canned food will also be collected for two emergency food organizations: HOPE in Rock Hill and the Fort Mill CARE Center. Please support the fight against hunger in our community and in our world. The goal for this year's walk is \$40,000 in celebration of our 30th anniversary. Help us meet our goal! Let's make Unity Presbyterian the #1 church giver this year! See Bitsey Martin (547-6840) or Marilyn Hagood (548-8659) for information, a sponsor sheet, or to make a donation.

Unity's GC's and the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be walking in the CROP WALK.

Sunday Morning Service October 21, 2007

Nursery

Nursery Coordinator: Linda Bunge

8:45 am Infants	Jeff Shouse
2's & 3's	Patrick Wilbanks
11:00 am Infants	Leslee Walser and Cathy Weaver
2's & 3's	Elizabeth Elisha

Children in Worship

8:45 am 4's	Jennifer Bowman and Susie Hinton
5&6's	Becca Bowyer and Gretchen Whitesell
11:00 am 4's	Tammie Welch and Kristain McCabe
5&6's	Brynne Fisher, Layne Fisher and Shawn Coleman

Greeters

8:45 am	Joyce White
11:00 am	Pam Kay and Jo Simms

Ushers

8:45 am	Brenda Marshall, Murray White, Ronnie Dunn, Doris Dunn, Joyce White
11:00 am	Philip McNair, Alex Groot, Barry Wells, Senior High Youth Group

Welcome Center

8:45 am	Kearns Little
11:00 am	Robin Morris

Happy Birthday!

October 29	Mignon Ballard, Brad Barnett, Ashleigh Sheets
30	Caroline Bergvist, Mary Kimbrell
31	Tim Hawkins, Danny Kelly, Mary Palmer
November 1	Stephanie Nix
2	Charles Coles, Bev Cramer, Jody Elisha, Jen Greemon, Billy Hannon, Hiram Shannon
3	Bob Lane
4	Brian Bocholis, Rhyle Duran, Jordan Griffin, Maria Nesselrotte



Prayers of Concern

Susan Bullard's sister; Tim Hawkins;
Brenda Mullis; Harriet Petner;
Hal Rutter; Don Thomas
*Please continue to remember those
with special needs.*

Extended Nursing Care

Ethel Clarke — Alterra Sterling House, Rock Hill
Anne Elliott — Laurel Crest, West Columbia
Dot Hill — Westminster, Rock Hill
Pug & Dot Hollis — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton
Alice Horten — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton
Harry Miller — Westminster, Rock Hill
Sis Moredock — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Summerville
Trudie Robertson — Presbyterian Communities of SC- Clinton

Habitat Work Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 17. Unity will participate in building a home in Rock Hill for Andrea McCullough and her three children. We are part of a York County Habitat for Humanity "community build" financed primarily by Wells Fargo. Volunteers are needed for work and to supply food. Sign up at the Ministries Fair on October 28.

Attendance & Offering October 14, 2007

8:45 am:	128
11:00 am:	208
Unity Hall:	0
Total Worship Attendance:	334
Sunday School:	182
Regular Offering:	\$27,674.50
Debt Reduction:	\$897.00

Unity has no debt as of October 10.

Newsletter Publication

Next Issue: Thursday, Oct. 25
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Return Service Requested

October 18, 2007

Dear Friends,

The session has called a congregational meeting for this Sunday, October 21, for two purposes. We will elect new elders and deacons and we will vote on the formation of a Capital Funds Committee to seek financial support for a new sanctuary and related space. Both votes will be by written ballot.



Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway

Those to be nominated as elders are Toni Rush, Steve Hardy, Mike Jamieson, Susan Bullard, Sandy Rea, and Chappy Bradner. Those to be nominated as deacons are Karen Wright, Tracy Young, Bobby Martin, Mike Mistler, Craig Evans, Debbie Hathaway, and Jeff Shouse. Biographical information on these candidates will be available on the church website at [unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org). Additional written information will also be available for the congregational meeting.

Looking ahead, October 28, will truly be a day of celebration as we share our Ministries Fair in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:45 am. We will also dedicate our church quilt in worship during both services. Be sure and mark this day on your calendar!

In Christ's Service,
Dan