



Stewardship Campaign

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
for these important events
OFFERING OUR BEST
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

- Sept 13: Campaign Kickoff Sunday
- Sept 20: Trinity Family Forum, 4 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- Oct 4: Prayer Service
- Oct 5: Trinity Family Forum, 10.30 AM (Parlor)
- Oct 6: Trinity Family Forum, 6:30 PM (Parlor)
- Oct 7: Trinity Family Forum, 3 PM (Parlor)
- Oct 11: Ambassador Training, 12:30 PM
- Oct 15: Ambassador Training, 7:00 PM (make up if needed)
- Oct 18: Gala Celebration, 6 PM (Kansas Museum of History)
- Oct 19-30: In home visits
- Nov 1: *Offering Our Best* Sunday**

Volunteer Teams Gear Up for the OFFERING OUR BEST Annual Stewardship Campaign

A spirit of service filled the church on August 16th as several dozen volunteers gathered at Trinity to begin work on our upcoming annual stewardship campaign which will be titled: *Offering Our Best*.

The volunteers came ready to learn and help Trinity with its goal of securing resources so we can minister where God is leading. It was obvious from the outset that their willingness to help with this vital project stems from their love for Trinity and their commitment to reaching their community for Christ.

Pastor Shelley kicked off the organizational meeting by thanking the volunteers for their involvement and explaining the importance of the *Offering Our Best* campaign to Trinity's ability to minister effectively in 2010. Next, participants gained some encouraging perspective on the prospect of conducting a prayer-based stewardship effort during the current economic conditions. Campaign chairwoman Judy Messenger also introduced the leaders of each ministry team.

Finally, each team met for special training and started planning strategies and

events to educate us about the need for a stewardship campaign and to encourage participation.

Ministry team members include:

Prayer Team

Bev Lutz (team leader), Mary Nestor, Carol Shannahan, Jane Williams, Phyllis Todd, and Peggy McAdoo.

Events Team:

Judy Messenger (team leader), Pat Thomblison, Lou Nell Gustavson, Carolyn Burns, and Jeanie Wallace.

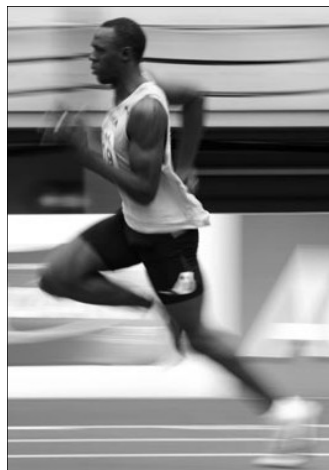
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From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

We need to fix our eyes on the goal.

Although I'm not a huge track and field fan, I was impressed and amazed by the recent athletic exploits of Jamaica's Usain Bolt. Bolt not only broke the world record in the 100 and 200 meter sprints at the recent World Championships, he completely obliterated



his former marks! His eyes were transfixed on his goal, and he saw them come to fruition in a remarkable way.

We too need to show similar resolve as we set out to follow the Lord. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross,

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Offering Your Best to God

“...when we look at God’s teaching about stewardship on a deeper level, we see that stewardship and discipleship are very closely linked. We really cannot have one without the other. How can we follow Jesus with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength if we are not giving generously of our time, talent and treasure to God?”



I'm so happy to have found a church intent on being a missional church. I like to cook at Let's Help and volunteer at Rescue Mission and bring food for Doorstep. I feel that I'm doing my part in making a difference here in Topeka.



Our missionaries to El Salvador comment: Over the course of 17 years we've developed a close relationship with our brothers and sisters in El Salvador. Because we travel down there and they visit us here, I feel that it's a mutual relationship of trust. They work so hard to make life better for their children, keeping education and good health a priority.



Just spending time visiting with homebound members of our church has enabled me to be the hands and feet of God.



Stewardship is not really about money when we get right down to it. Giving our resources back to God as a sign of trust is certainly part of it. However, when we look at God’s teaching about stewardship on a deeper level, we see that stewardship and discipleship are very closely linked. We really cannot have one without the other. How can we follow Jesus with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength if we are not giving generously of our time, talent and treasure to God?



So often churches only talk about stewardship in financial terms—budgets and repairs and costs. At Trinity, we know paying the light bill and taking good care of our staff are important and necessary; that is good stewardship to do those things too. But we hope our people will continue to grow in the knowledge that the money we give and the time we invest in ministry (which may be at Trinity or at your place of work) is just a reflection of our heart and our love for God.



As we begin “Offering our Best” to God, we will live out our sacrifice of praise to the Giver of all good gifts.

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scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)” Our Session has laid out a challenging goal for us in 2010 that we can fix our eyes upon—to add an associate pastor to our staff.

I feel this goal is vital to help us fulfill the vision and mission of our church. As we work to disciple the next generation of Jesus followers, we need an associate pastor skilled and talented in ministering to families and youth. The future vitality and growth of Trinity may depend upon it. We also desire to continue to give generously to our current mission projects. Both goals are important to help our people live out a faith that is alive.

A worthy and challenging goal is set before us. We need your prayers, support, and service to help us attain this goal. I invite you to attend

one of the upcoming Trinity Family Forums (see schedule on page 1 for options) to share your feedback on what we should look for in an associate pastor. We desire to hear from you about any questions or concerns that would keep you from giving generously to the Lord’s work at Trinity. These forums are your chance to help us in the process.

As we strive to “Offer Our Best” to the Lord, I ask you to be in prayer about another important goal—your giving goal for 2010. Our campaign prayer team has been doing a wonderful job of helping us prepare our hearts to answer this question: “Lord, what do you desire to do through me in the upcoming year?” As you offer the best of your time, talent, and treasure to the Lord, know that I will be praying for you and for Trinity so that we can “...throw

off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...” so we can “run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Heb. 12:1).”

I hope you will prayerfully consider what God is leading you to offer to the ministry and mission of Trinity in 2010 and offer your pledge to us on November 1—*Offering Our Best Sunday*. In the coming months, we’ll share more information with you about Trinity’s goals and plans for 2010. Thank you for your generous support of God’s work at Trinity. I’m honored to run the race of faith with you.

In Christ,



Pastor Shelley

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Thanks Team

Rhonda Ross (team leader), David Ross, Jenny Lee, Greg Lee, Judy Williams, and Bev Thompson.

Youth Team

Tamara Hampton (team leader), Shane Ahrens, and

Galen Whipple.

Ambassador Team

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YOU ARE INVITED

"Offering Our Best" Gala



Transportation and Nursery will be provided. Reservations required. Sign-up sheets will be available, or you can RSVP to the Church Office.

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Kansas Museum of History

6:00 Refreshments

6:30 Dinner

Gather and enjoy dinner and musical performances by The Topeka West Jazz Band, Ann Marie and Lee Snook, Carmen Raines, and Cameron Smith. Together we will celebrate God's presence among us.