



Stewardship Campaign

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OFFERING OUR BEST Annual Stewardship Campaign a Great Success

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he or she does not have.”
2 Cor. 8: 12

We are excited to announce that 158 families and individuals submitted a pledge to our 2010 *Offering Our Best* Stewardship Campaign. The total amount of pledges for 2010 ministry is \$408,271.

Additionally, overall pledges increased 7% compared to 2009. Considering our economic times, this says volumes about the generous hearts of our people and our

commitment to advancing God’s Kingdom.

Thank you to each of you who agreed to support the ministry to which God is calling Trinity. There are great things in store for the coming year, and we could not do it without you!

At this time, Session is assessing our financial commitments to determine whether we are in a position to call an Associate Pastor in 2010. Our campaign goal was to add an Associate Pastor. If you would like to include your pledge for 2010, it is not too late. We would love

to add your support to our total. If you need a pledge card, please call the church office at 785-272-2620, and we will send you one.

It is particularly encouraging that 26 families made first-time pledges to Trinity for 2010. Another key goal of our stewardship campaign is to grow Trinity’s culture of generosity. As we look at increased pledges, many new givers, and an overall increase in giving, we feel we met this goal with your help and faithful support.



Please continue to pray for Shelley, the staff, Session, and the church in general as we continue to plan for next year. Thank you again for making the *Offering Our Best* stewardship campaign a great success.

From the Pastor: Giving like the Macedonians

Dear Friends,

Do you remember the Macedonians? In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul shares about the believers from Macedonia who with great joy, during severe trials and economic hardship, give with an overflowing generosity to support the work of the Lord. They certainly *Offered Their Best* to God.

Perhaps our trying economic times of the past year have not been as dramatic as the hardship and poverty the Macedonian church faced in the first century. But as Trinity has worked and prayed through our *Offering Our Best* stewardship campaign, we have stretched to *Offer Our Best* and made a sacrifice to support the ministry work we are doing in

Topeka and around the globe.

Please know that you have my heartfelt thanks! I so appreciate the families who stepped up to say, “Yes, I’ll give generously to support the Lord’s work at Trinity.” I am also excited that so many new families have caught the vision for how generous giving can transform your spiritual life.

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From the Pastor continued from front

Nearly 30 new families have *Offered Their Best* by pledging for the first time to Trinity's ministries. This is a tremendous encouragement to me, the Session, and the Stewardship Committee. Thank you for your step of faith!

There are still challenges before us: hurting people to comfort, hungry mouths to feed, and places of injustice needing peace and righteousness. As we move into Advent and remember the coming of Immanuel, God-with-us, please continue to pray that God will provide the resources we need to reach out in love to our community with the hope of our Savior, Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Shelley

Year Round Stewardship

"But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Cor. 8:7 For many, stewardship is one month out of the year when the church talks about money. However, stewardship is everything we do after we say "Yes" to Jesus. From this perspective, stewardship is so much more than money.

As a church, Trinity has gone through an intensive, yet uplifting stewardship campaign. We have been challenged to *Offer Our Best* with our financial resources, but also with our time and our talents.

Are there other ways you can offer your best to God all year? Is there a ministry to which God may be calling you? Perhaps you have a passion to care for the poor or shut-ins or to

help with the youth. Regardless of how you answer your call to serve, the *Offering Our Best* campaign helps Trinity clarify the need to pay more attention to stewardship in the broadest sense. Whether it is how we are handling our time, financial giving, or relationships, all of these are important ways for us to practice good Christian stewardship.



giving just as well as the rest of their faith walks. Some may only focus on the giving component of this account—and it is vitally important; however, this verse is also a great example that stewardship is a 365 day, 24/7 proposition, encompassing every part of our existence. Stewardship is far reaching.

So as you continue to seek God and grow in your faith, remember that stewardship is about far more than financial management and giving. Stewardship is about living out a life of faith where God truly is the owner of all things—our time, our talents, our relationships, and our treasure. 2010 will be a great year to *Offer Our Best!*



In 2 Corinthians Paul butters up his friends in Corinth pretty good. He's going on and on about how great they are doing in a number of arenas. In fact, they are doing a terrific job of stewarding most every aspect of their lives. Finally, he exhorts them to manage their