

A History Lesson on Christian Stewardship

One lesson learned during thirty-six years of full time ministry is the church as a whole does not understand stewardship. Most people's thoughts go immediately to money. In fact some people say something like, "All the church is interested in is money!" They usefully take a well-known structured settlement company's slogan as their own, "It's my money and I want it now."

Christian stewardship has a broader scope than simply giving money to the church. Stewardship involves every aspect of life. If this is true what is the basis for a Christian's giving of their time, talent as well as their financial resources. Let's take a look at a passage most would not classify as having to do with stewardship. By the way, stewardship literally means to manage something for someone else.

Genesis 1:26-28 says,

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

On this very first page of the Bible we see God in his creative power and wisdom entrusting all of creation to the care and control of Adam and Eve. As image bearers of God, they were commanded to be productive, not just reproductive. They were to fill the earth and subdue or control and manage it. This first couple was to exercise authority over the plants, animals, birds and every living thing. However they were never granted ownership. God did not transfer ownership, but commanded them as stewards to take care of all of creation. Therefore their work, their relationship with the living God, their productivity and the management of all of creation came with the responsibility of reflecting God's good image.

That is also our task, to reflect the good image of God in whose image we were created. We have not been granted ownership of our lives, but merely managerial status. How is this shown in your everyday life through your time, talent and resources? Do you consult God as to how you are to be productive with these resources? I hope that will become a part of your prayer focus as you consider how to be a good steward here at Troy First.

Blessings,
Steve

STAFF APPRECIATION AND LUNCHEON

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 17TH

We have an amazing staff at First UMC! They are devoted to a life of serving the members of our church. They spend countless hours praying, studying, researching, listening, writing, publishing, teaching, leading, copying, getting up before dawn, setting up and taking down, shopping, organizing, ordering, counseling, cooking, comforting, creating, practicing, repairing, replacing, fixing and putting out fires, just to name a few of the many duties of those who serve our church. We are blessed because they give tirelessly and obey the call of God on their lives. Nothing would make the enemy of the church happier than to leave them toiling alone and neglected.

We want to let our staff know how much they are appreciated, and how much they mean to us, so please join us on Sunday, November 17th for Staff Appreciation Sunday. There will be a fellowship luncheon in their honor immediately following the service. The church will provide the meat, tea and rolls. Please bring a dish beginning with the first letter of your *last* name: **A-G bring desserts, H-S bring vegetables/casseroles, T-Z bring salads.** We encourage each of you to mark your calendar to be there to express your appreciation.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee

The members of our staff are:

Emily Aaron, Nursery Worker	Deanna Lee, Nursery Worker
Joan Barron, Secretary	Courtney Little, Children's Director
Cindy Boswell, Interim Pianist	Kassandra Miller, Nursery Worker
Tim Catrett, Audio/Visual Technician	Bobby Minton, Custodian
Mallory Conway, Nursery Worker	Kay Phillips, Assistant Daycare Director
Carmen Cooper, Nursery Worker	Teresa Rodgers, Daycare Director
Lyra Crapps, Interim Organist	Dusty Taylor, Student Minister
Kathryn Delahunty, Nursery Worker	Peyton Taylor, Program Director
Amanda Ford, Chancel Choir Director	Yvonne Williams, Nursery Worker
Joann Gibson, Daycare/Fellowship Meal Cook	Steve Winton, Pastor
Caitlin Jones, Nursery Worker	Mattie Woods, Nursery Worker

Within The Church Family

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Patsy Colley, Marie Davidson, Rosetta Walton, Henry Wright, Patsy Hollis, Jimmy Spivey, Bill Thompson, Ann Morgan, Nancy Harrell, victims of recent natural disasters, those without enough to eat (November prayer emphasis).

BUCKETS OF CHANGE

Please consider donating your spare change to our Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) Buckets of Change campaign. Donation buckets are located in the round room and fellowship hall. Money collected will be given to the ARM ministry whose vision is to transformed rural communities with sustainable homes, strong families, and strategic community partnerships for the glory of God. For more information contact the church office or Tom Murphree.

TROY HEALTH AND REHAB

Please make your plans to join us this Saturday, November 16th at 2:00 p.m. at Troy Health and Rehab as we enjoy a time of music and fellowship with the residents. Contact the church office or Amanda Ford for more information.

INFORMAL COKESBURY SERVICE

Due to the covered dish luncheon this Sunday, November 17th, the Informal Cokesbury Service will be held in the Wesley-McCartha Men's Classroom.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, November 17th • 9:30am • Sanctuary
"This is the confidence that we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." | John 5:14

TU CONCERT CHORALE

The College of Communication and Fine Arts
and the John M. Long School of Music
present

TROY UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHORALE

Dr. Diane Orlofsky, conductor

Behold, A Child is Born

Featuring music by Britten, Hovland,
Antognini, Busto, Hassler and Pinkham
Sunday, November 17th at 3:00pm
First United Methodist Church

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to those celebrating a
December birthday!

3rd	Miles Curtis
4th	Richelle Jefcoat Christian Catrett
7th	Candy Shaughnessy Abby Ford
10th	Jolene Jordan
11th	Jack Parmer
16th	Max Owens
17th	Hayes Curtis
18th	Angela Johnson
20th	Tim Catrett
25th	Brianna Howard
27th	Elizabeth Weed
28th	Allen Blackmon John Long Regina Catrett
29th	Cade Curtis

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please join the Ann Love Class again this year in providing filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Decorative, pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the fellowship hall and round room. Filled boxes should be turned in to the Ann Love classroom **NO LATER** than Sunday, November 17th. You may make your \$9.00 contribution check to the church with Operation Christmas Child noted at the bottom.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



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Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

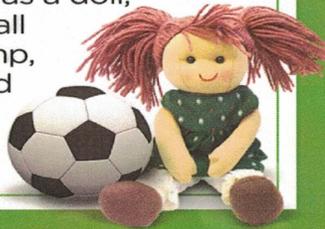
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Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

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A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*



Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

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6

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



For more gift suggestions, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ


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COMMUNITY THROUGH CHRIST

THIRD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVENT

**Thursday, November 21st
6:30 PM**

**Troy Recreation Center
(601 Enzor Road)**

**The focus of this event is
to see the body of Christ in
Pike County come together
to bring unity and meet
the needs of community.**

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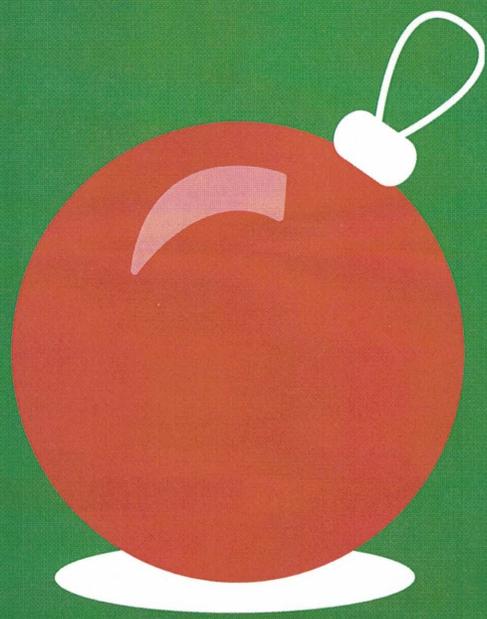
Hanging of the Greens

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
6:00 PM

There will be a brief service in the
Round Room before we decorate
our church building for the
Advent Season.

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Please make your plans to join us for this meaningful event!



First United Methodist Mission Trip July 22nd or 23rd – August 4th, 2020



MISSION: UGANDA

Will you answer the call?

As of September 22nd, 2019 the estimated cost will be
\$3500 - \$4500 Per Person

\$200.00 Deposit will reserve your spot!!!!
All Deposits Are or Non-Refundable & Non-Transferable

Price Includes:

- ❖ Flights and Ground Transportation
- ❖ Lodging
- ❖ All Meals in Uganda
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE:** Travel meals to and from Uganda are not included.

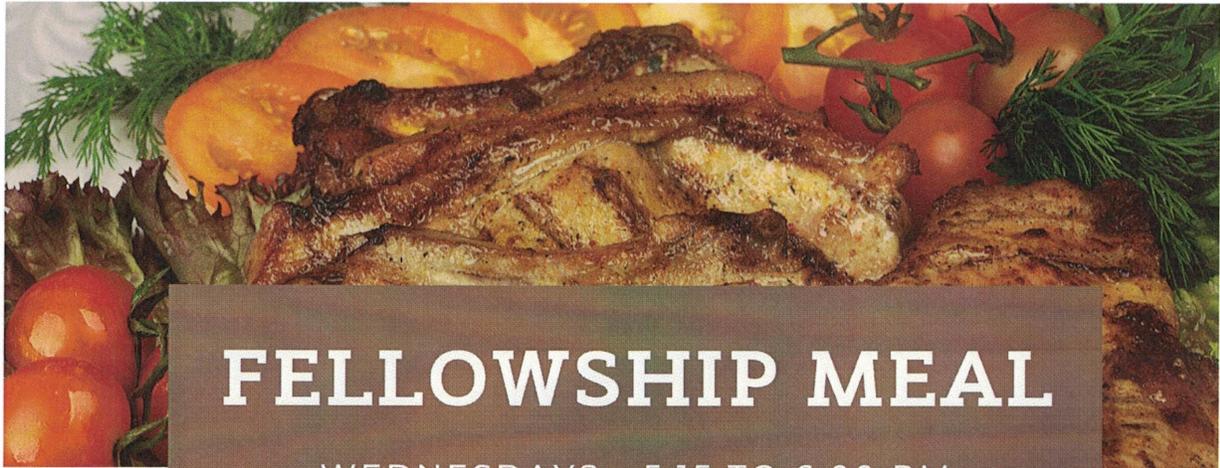
Activities include:

- ❖ Hosting Vacation Bible School
- ❖ Ugandan Worship Experiences
- ❖ School Construction Experience
- ❖ Life changing opportunities for yourself and others.

Mathew 9:37-38

“Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send out more workers for his fields.”

Troy First will be partnering with FUMC Panama City to take a team to Uganda in the summer of 2020. As of now the estimated cost will be \$3500 to \$4500 per person. We will be participating with Panama City in fundraisers to help lower the personal burden. Also, a scholarship has been gifted for individuals interested in going on this trip. If you feel called to go but the cost may be a deterrent, please contact Kenny Green at 672-1982 as soon as possible.



FELLOWSHIP MEAL

WEDNESDAYS - 5:15 TO 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 13

STEW BEEF, RICE, GREEN BEANS, GREEN SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT
HOT DOGS FOR THE CHILDREN

NOVEMBER 20

TURKEY, DRESSING, SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE,
GREEN SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT
CHICKEN FINGERS FOR THE CHILDREN

NOVEMBER 27

NO WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

DECEMBER 4

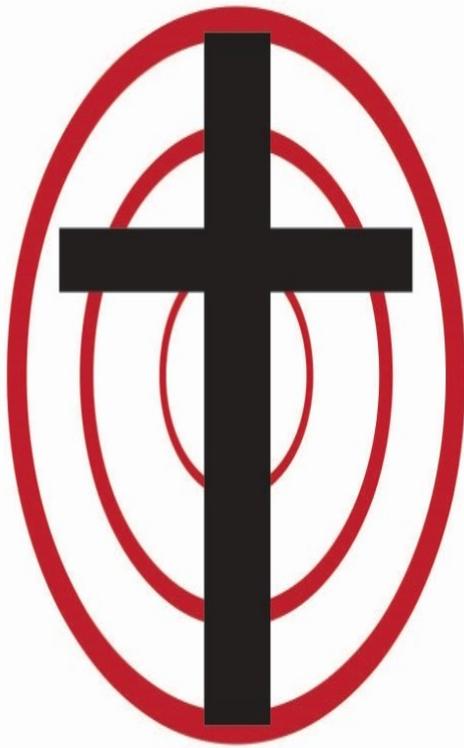
BBQ SANDWICHES, BAKED BEANS, SLAW, GREEN SALAD, DESSERT
PIZZA FOR THE CHILDREN

COST WITH RESERVATIONS

ADULTS - \$5 | CHILDREN - \$3 | FAMILY MAXIMUM - \$15

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY AFTERNOON
TO MAKE OR CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION(S).

TARGET 200



ARE YOU IN?

Troy First
United Methodist Church
Inward Faith Outward Love

Hebrews 10:25 says:

*“Not forsaking the assembling
of yourselves together...”*

You should attend church. In church you gain the support of other believers. You are also a support to them, even though you are still young in the Lord. Church is also a good place to go to and worship God with other believers. Avoid the tendency to jump from one church to another as this will cause you to be unstable. Committing to a local body will enable you to connect with others in relationships that will facilitate the growth you need.

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