Managing Our Money

Ok, you probably knew I would get around to this subject sooner or later. Since we are about a month into the new year, I thought it would be appropriate to at least call our attention to the fact that we, here at FBC, need to be reminded of our need to be faithful to the support of our church, but even more than that, we are to be faithful stewards of the resources the Lord has allowed us to have.

In a familiar passage to all of us, the Apostle Paul addressed this very subject. II Corinthians 9:6-8 is one of the classic Biblical passages about giving, and giving cheerfully. The background of this passage is that Jerusalem had experienced a severe drought, and the church at Corinth had committed to help them financially. The point Paul was making, however, is that the church had a stewardship of life, not just of finances.

Here’s an interesting phenomenon in church, in general: About 20% of the people will support 80% of the budget; about 30% of the people will support the other 20% of the budget and about 50% of the people will give nothing to the support of the church. Some studies have this statistic at 10% of the church gives to 90% of the needs of the budget. That IS scary, if we stop to think about it!

Maybe we need to change our lifestyles so that we can give more to Christ. LaTourneau came to a point where he gave 90% of his income to the Lord and lived on 10% of it.

Ron Blue, a Christian financial consultant, was once asked about the Bible’s teaching on money. He was on the way to teach his Sunday School class and another teacher stopped him to ask him about this touchy subject. Ron’s words: “I said a quick prayer asking for wisdom and the thought came to my mind that my basic message is three-fold. 1) God owns it all; 2) Money is never an end in itself, but is merely a resource used to accomplish other goals and obligations; and 3) Spend less than you earn and do it for a long time, and you will be financially successful.” (NIV Men’s Devotional Bible, p. 523)

We are responsible to take care of the money left over after the tithe. Sometimes we give way too much to ourselves, our children, other entities instead of to the church. We have to be careful. Be careful about savings. It is important to save for a purpose.

We cannot give first place in our lives to God and to money at the same time. We must be properly related to money. We must also practice discretion in using our money.

Malachi 3:8-10 says, “Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” (RSV).

Am I robbing God by spending my leftover money foolishly? Wow!!

You and I are to be a good stewards of our money, our time, our talents, our influence, and our lives.

See you Sunday.

Chuck
One question that has rattled in my head the last several weeks is what kind of “impact” am I/are we having? How are we impacting youth/children and their families, how are we impacting the church/kingdom, and how are we impacting our community around us?

I believe to answer this question is to first figure out what is our source of impact. This last weekend with our annual D-Now, we looked at this idea of how we can impact the world. The short answer is that this is only possible in and through Jesus. Colossians 1:14-20 describes the concept of “in and through Jesus.” First, we must realize that Jesus is the creator and sustainer of life, and therefore must be the head of our own lives as well as the church.

In theory, that sounds great, but what does that look like? The answer again begins with Jesus. In just three short years Jesus turned the world upside down. He accomplished this through impacting and influencing peoples’ lives. Throughout his entire ministry, he did this by loving and serving every chance he got and ultimately meeting people where they were.

My question and encouragement to each of us is how are we intentionally impacting lives, not only personally but collectively? We have the Great Commission to make disciples; this is not accomplished by accident but must be something we intentionally seek. My prayer for 2019, not only for the youth and family ministry, but also for the church, is that we each discover or rediscover what making disciples looks like in our lives and patiently pursue the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Vince
Meeting/Event Calendaring and Set Up Request Policy Reminder

All meetings and events need to be booked through the church office so that a setup form can be completed. This will ensure that no over-booking occurs and that the maintenance/custodial staff and facilities are available.

Helping School Children

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, aluminum pull tabs, and the My Coke Rewards from Coca-Cola products. Box Tops for Education are appearing on more and more items in the stores and takes little or no effort to save these and bring them to church. If you cannot make it to Fellowship Hall with your items, you may put them into your Sunday School box and they will be added to the collection.

Thank you to everyone for helping in this worthy cause.

Joanna Sturgill

FBC Spotlight

D.Y. Cole

On January 23-27, D.Y. Cole and fellow Twin Mountain Tonesmen member, Ken Grimm, were in Nashville, Tennessee, attending the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Together, they represented the Southwest District of the Society, by singing in the Men’s Chorus, as well as being part of an All-District Chorus. Performances were staged to standing room only audiences at The Grand Ole Opry.

Of the trip, D.Y. says, “A once in a lifetime singing experience I’ll never forget. Another item to check off my bucket list.”

Congratulations, D.Y.!
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1
Bonnie Chappell
Jim Estes

February 2
Keira Begay
Carolee Campbell
Jim Fillpot

February 3
Kylie Maynard
Wayne Merrill

February 4
Dolly Abbott
Eva Brown
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Charlotte Kiser
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CONGRATULATIONS
We share our joy with...

Mary Alice Box on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Hattie Mae Paloutzian, on January 24.

FBC WELCOMES
New Members

Derek Rindeikis
Derek joined FBC on Sunday, January 27 by letter from a sister church in the city.

WITH SYMPATHY
We express our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones:

Steve and Lois Droegemeier in the death of her father; Sarah and Eric in the death of their grandfather, Fred Collins, on January 14.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2018 Budget: Year-End Report
2018 Tithes & Offerings $1,450,054.06
2018 Expenditures $1,425,856.16
2018 Budget $1,466,980.00

As of January 28, 2019
January Budget Needs $110,623.32
January Budget Gifts $75,549.13
YTD Budget Needs $110,623.32
YTD Tithes & Offerings $75,549.13
2019 Budget $1,438,103.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

January 6
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 728
Attendance 218
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class 7
GRAND TOTAL 225

January 13
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 729
Attendance 249
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class 7
GRAND TOTAL 256

January 20
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 727
Attendance 245
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class 7
GRAND TOTAL 259

January 27
FBC Sunday School
Enrollment 726
Attendance 252
Baptist Retirement Center
High Rise Class 7
GRAND TOTAL 259
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### Building/Room Abbreviations
- BRC - Baptist Retirement Community
- CLC - Christian Life Center
- FH - Fellowship Hall
- FP - First Place
- HR - Hospitality Room
- Sanc - Sanctuary

### Mid-Week Meal

**February 6**
- Hamburger Steak
- Redskin Potatoes
- Pinto Beans
- Tossed Salad

**February 13**
- Chicken Spaghetti
- Mixed Vegetables
- Corn
- Tossed Salad

**February 20**
- Smoked Brisket
- Red Beans
- Potato Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Relishes

**February 27**
- Chicken Fried Steak
- Mashed Potatoes
- Italian Green Beans
- Tossed Salad

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National Prayer Breakfast ~ San Angelo

Keynote Speaker: Chad Williams

$5.00 contribution (tickets available in the church office)

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 6 AM Breakfast/6:30 AM Program
McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Dr.

Night to Shine is a worldwide event in which churches partner with the Tim Tebow Foundation to provide an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. This year, for the first time ever, Night to Shine is coming to San Angelo, hosted by Calvary Baptist Church. Of course, you can’t really pull off an event as special as this without volunteers! If you would be interested in helping in some way, please contact Calvary Baptist Church at 325-653-4314 or Julie Redmon at 325-450-5345.

For more information on Night to Shine, go to www.timtebowfoundation.org and click on the “Ministries” tab.

In Christ Alone is a 3-night revival sponsored by 3 of our CVBA area churches. Each night will begin at 6:30 pm and will be hosted at Immanuel Baptist Church (90 East 14th Street). Preaching and worship will be led by pastors and worship teams from Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Immanuel Baptist Church and Segunda Iglesia Bautista.

In Christ Alone can real healing take place in our divided and divisive culture and lives. A healing that is unlike what the world offers.....self-created and temporary....but a healing that is both real and eternal and comes from God, not our own effort and devices.

The San Angelo MLK Committee presents
Gospel Explosion
When We All Get to Heaven
Saturday, February 23, 6:00 PM
Murphey Performance Hall
Church choirs and praise teams from all denominations throughout the community will come together in a celebration of unity. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Guitar, Anyone?
Thank you to those who responded to the need for musical equipment for Charles Wilson, which was requested in the January 2 issue of the newsletter, following the theft of his apartment while he was in the hospital. Barbara Rowland was able to find a unused xylophone and a CD player here at the church which Charles certainly appreciates. He would still really enjoy having a guitar to play, so if you have one which you are not using and would be willing to donate, please contact Barbara Rowland at 949-6492.

Chaplaincy Dinner
Anyone who is currently involved in or interested in knowing more about the chaplaincy ministry is invited to a free dinner for chaplains and their spouses on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm at Zentner’s Daughter. The guest is Dan Franklin, DMin Associate Endorser - Chaplaincy Relations, and the Texas Crisis Resiliency Team Coordinator for the BGCT.

RSVP is required. Contact Jeff Box at the CVBA office, 653-4898, by Wednesday, February 6 to sign up or for more information.
Over 6 years ago, Judy Smith felt a tugging on her heart to feed the homeless and the needy. After a month, she quit wrestling with God and shared this desire with her husband, Charlie. They visited with Pastor James about the idea, who suggested they do some research about similar programs.

Fast forward to 2017, when the dream to provide a hot, nutritious meal, free of charge began to be fulfilled. Space was provided by Rust Street Ministries. The work and equipment was provided through the donations of time and funding from several people. The ministry was named Neighbors Café, coming from the Rust Street Ministries mission of “neighbors helping neighbors.” They opened their doors on Monday, March 19, 2018 and as of December 31, they had served 6,683 meals.

Obviously, a ministry such as this cannot be done by just a small group and new volunteers are always appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Charlie or Judy Smith at 277-7236 or msjudyj@hotmail.com.

Our Harts in Zambia

We fly to Zambia February 4! During our 18 weeks at home, we spoke in churches on 17 of the 18 Sundays we have been home. We have had meals with friends and supporters, and we have enjoyed some wonderful time with our families. Because of your generosity with homes and vehicles, we have always had transportation and comfortable beds for our family.

When we arrive back in Zambia, we are excited to hear testimonies from our team on the ground and get settled back into daily ministry and life there. We will be upgrading both our Jeeps so we can more easily drive in the bush. We will continue construction on our home, and will also begin first and second grade with the kids. We have a lot planned!

We look forward to seeing our indigenous disciples in Sioma. I’m sure they will tell us stories of how they ministered while we were away.

Shaun and Lauren Hart
Overland Missions

New Members & Interested Guests Monthly Gathering

Tom Dufresne leads this class designed to help new members and guests get to know FBC and how they can be equipped to do ministry. It’s open to people of all ages or life stages who have just joined the church, are looking for a church home, or are curious about their spiritual formation. Child care is available in both our nursery and various Sunday School departments.

First Sunday of each month at 9 am in the Hospitality Room
Pastor Search Committee Update

It has been a few weeks since the Pastor Search Committee has had an article in The Equipper so we thought we should give you an update on our progress. Now that the holidays are behind us, we have been meeting regularly and have made great progress. Through much prayer and the Holy Spirit’s guidance, we have been able to narrow our search and focus on just a few candidates. Before the holidays, we sent out our pastor profile which we developed from our listening sessions to these candidates and started a dialogue with them. From this dialogue, we have been able to further narrow our focus. Our committee now feels God is leading us to a candidate and we have begun conversations with him.

It is not possible to tell you how much your prayers mean to our committee and how necessary they are to seeking God’s plan for our church. Now, more than ever, we ask you to continue to pray for this process, pray for the family God is preparing for us, and pray for our church to be open and receptive to the man God is calling to lead FBC San Angelo. It is also critical that we lift up our staff in prayer and support during this time. They, along with Chuck, have been providing us with great leadership and filling the gap during this interim time and they need our prayers and help.

Equipping Dinner Kicks Off 2019

Our Equipping Dinner was a great way to kick off a new year with all of our committees. Thank you to each committee member as they serve in such a great capacity through our committees for 2019.

As part of the evening, each committee had a chance to elect their officers and set their monthly meeting nights. Committee chairs and meeting nights are as follows:

- **Finance** meets the third Tuesday; Belinda Wright, Chair
- **Missions & Evangelism** meets the last Sunday of each month; Robert Dillard, Chair
- **Nominating** meets the first Monday; Ellen Clark, Chair
- **Personnel** meets the fourth Monday; Sally Reid, Chair
- **Properties** meets the second Monday; Andy McCleer, Chair
- **FBC Foundation** meets as called, Wayne Merrill, President

Meetings are subject to change. Committee chairs are asked to contact the church office to confirm your meeting each month.

A word of encouragement for committees and our church family as a whole is that each of us will hopefully remember that God has placed us to be the right tool for the right job. I believe that we have the right people in place not only in our committees but throughout all areas of our church. Please remember to encourage each other as we serve in our different capacities. We are a better church because of each of you!