We have a stewardship question we ask all of our members and regular attenders to ask of themselves when it comes to giving of their money, time and energy. “What does God want to give through me to support this ministry?” If someone were to look at the way we invest our time, give our money and spend our energy, what would it say about our priorities? By their measure, what is most important to us?

Several years ago I began the practice of tithing. It is giving at least 10% to the work of God through this local church. I believe in what God is doing here. I’ve seen countless souls come to God and many people grow in their faith and love for Jesus. When I first heard of tithing I thought how extreme it was to give 10% to God (yet if you or I were to give that as a tip to a waitress they would not be very happy). I wasn’t able to tithe overnight. But I made steady steps toward that goal and when I got there, I never stopped. Tithing isn’t about how much of my money I give to God, rather it is knowing that all I have is a gift from God and it is about the joy of returning to God the first portion so His work can be done in the world.

As the year ends, we have several areas of funding to complete our work for the year. I am asking all of us to ask, “God what do you want to GIVE through ME to support this vital ministry?” Then, give it JOYFULLY!

Your financial gifts are an investment in the lives of people in Pettis County. And your time and resources... which make such a huge difference. So please join me in working for the Lord at giving your best—of your time, energy and financial resources. I’m so grateful for the generous support of our people over the years. This is a new moment for all of us to rise to the challenge and do our best for the Lord. We Can Do All Things Through Christ! Please pray about how you can support God’s work at First Church, Sedalia.

Thank you in advance for your generous giving! Jimd.

P.S. Nearly 40% of Jesus’ teaching recorded in the New Testament had to do with money—maybe because He wanted to keep reminding us that where we invest our money we are investing our heart. This weekend we will make available a list of the financial needs of this ministry so you can pray about how to give as you are able. It’s not our style to hound people about giving...but we do want our people to be informed about how to approach giving as a lifestyle of loving God and trusting Him with all that we are and have. So please receive this information in the spirit of teaching and learning about stewardship of our lives.

We all like it when doing our best yields "results". But sometimes you have to put your best out there without knowing whether or not you’ll get anything in return. Sometimes our "best" can seem like a waste. But what if that isn’t a waste at all? What if there’s something significant about giving our best away? Join us this weekend as we continue our sermon series, “Core.”
Are you interested in performing with the mass choir in the Christmas Musical “Glorious Impossible” on December 12 at 4 p.m.? If so, please join us at our first rehearsal on Sunday, October 24 at 4 p.m. at the Celebration Center Kid’s Worship Room (1st Family Room). We will have rehearsals each Sunday at 4 p.m. (beginning Oct. 24), at the Celebration Center, and Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. (beginning Oct. 26), Downtown. Come to one rehearsal a week or both. Narrators and singers are needed. If you have any questions, call the church office at 827-2993, or Lori Broyles at 826-8299 or 620-7299.

COMMON GROUNDS

Coffee House Hours:
Common Grounds Coffee House is open Tuesdays 8-11am, Saturdays 5-8:30pm, Sundays 8—10 am & 5—7 pm (During Youth), Wednesdays 5:30-6:15 pm (during WOW—Sept. 15-Nov. 17) and (Senior Perks (8-10:30 am) Tuesdays.

Common Grounds Senior Perks $1 New Monthly Menu:
(Senior Perks (8-10:30 am) Tues.
1st Tues.—Biscuits and Gravy
2nd Tues.—Fruit & Muffins
3rd Tues.—Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs
4th Tues.—Donuts

Warrensburg Bible Study:
The Warrensburg Bible Study addresses and times are as follows: ~Sunday Nights, 5:30—6:30 p.m. at Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay Street, Warrensburg, MO. Childcare provided. ~Thursday Nights, 8 to 9 p.m. at 400 W. North Street, Apt.1, Warrensburg, MO.

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Youth Groups:
Area 56, our Youth Group for 5th & 6th Graders, meets every other Sunday at the Celebration Center. The next meeting is Oct. 24th. Youth M pact (7th-12th Gr.) meets every Sunday. The time for both is 4 to 7 p.m. Come and join us! If you have any questions, please call David Baker at 660-233-9991.

W.O.W.
Wonderful on Wednesdays (W.O.W.) continues at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday through November 17th. There are classes for ALL AGES! Come join us! You’re also welcome to a light supper from 5:15 to 6:10 each Wednesday before classes. The cost is $2 per person; 6-12 yrs. $1; and age 5 and under are free.

New Movie “I Am”
The new movie I AM is going to be shown here three times on the weekend of October 23-24 before it appears in theaters around the country. Join us for a FREE show, Saturday, October 23 at 7 p.m. or Sunday, October 24 at 2 or 5 p.m. Childcare will be provided. The movie is rated PG-13 and was produced by Fox Faith Films and The Upper Room.

HeartBeats
♥ Please donate your old Cell Phones for Soldiers. Look for the box marked “Cell Phone Drop Off” in the lobby at the Celebration Center.
♥ Did you know that you can now give online? Simply go to www.firstsayyes.com and click on the contribute tab!
♥ The Halfway House in Dresden (Prison Reentry Program) is in need of towels, wash clothes, twin sheets and pillowcases. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please drop your items off at the church office.
♥ If you are dealing with a conflict right now in your lives, let one of our trained Stephen Ministers help provide comfort and support. Call Don Brandes, 827-6455, or the church office, 827-2993.

Second Annual Christmas Bazaar:
Just a reminder that the Second Annual Care Ministry Christmas Bazaar is November 20th. We are counting on your beautiful craft items and delicious baked goods. Please help us spread the word to friends who may be interested in helping and attending.

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Thank You

(On display at Welcome Center bulletin boards)

We received a thank you from: Dorothy Austin

Midday Worship

Come enjoy a refreshing time of (Midday) worship in an informal setting with Pastor Jared at our newest service at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays at Celebration Center.

Return to Haiti

Lorie Holt and Gene Page are traveling to Caracol, Haiti, November 8-13, with Pastor Randall Burns and Terry Lincoln from Military St. Baptist Church, Houlton, Maine, and Len Rosenberg from Ministry Architecture. They will be working with Len and Pastor Payot on topographical studies of the land, connecting with MA building contacts, and finding best water solutions.

We invite you to help us fill a box of personal items (by Nov. 1st) to take to the people of Caracol. Donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap (bars), deodorant, washcloths, band-aids, and combs are being accepted in the lobby.

Funds Needed

The following church funds are in need of donations: The Parking Lot Fund needs $12000 to help asphalt the Celebration Center Parking Lot, and the Downtown Improvement Fund is in need of $12000 to replace the air conditioning units. If you would like to contribute to these funds, please make your checks payable to First UMC and mark the name of the fund you are contributing to in the memo. Thank you!

We Celebrate the Day you Were Born

If your birthday is not listed, please let us know so it can be added!

Oct. 17 Bill Wyatt, Cody Irwin
Oct. 18 June Holt, Jeanne Ann Mosier, Russell Ragar, Judy Page
Oct. 19 Mike Gleason, Michaela Pomajzl, Erin White, Kate Harrison, Audry Yazell, Alex Luvin, Andrew Frazee
Oct. 20 Joanna Rhea, Pauline Carpenter, Laura Pool, Brenda Houk, Kirsten Darrah, Wendy Mateja, Christian Kovalenko, Jerry Rothganger, Aliza Smith
Oct. 21 Helen Cecil, Connie Janney, Charli Jo Thompson, Troy Ives, Shannon Montgomery, Jami Swope, James Irelan
Oct. 22 Ruth Friedly, Hudson Pratt, Aleczander Luyet, Penny Marchbanks
Oct. 25 Trenton Walters, Bailey Besheer, Dan Abney, Marla Tallman, Kathy Vinci, Shannon Fowler, Lois Gagne
Oct. 26 Peyton Kuhlman, Chad Peck, Nadine Soles, Loren Rapp, Courtney Rigdon, Dena Parkhurst
Oct. 27 John Plumb, Jaxon Twenter, Chance Montgomery
Oct. 28 Sara Kahrs, Shirley Thompson, Jackie Peck
Oct. 29 Sally Mewes, Douglas Rundlett, Makayla Rupp, Austin Eppenauer
Oct. 30 Torri Luyet, Chase Polliit

First Steps

Oct. 2-3, 2010
Sunday School 180
Worship 771
Amt. Rec’d for Ministry $14282.34
Building 2279.50
Special 1076.33

Oct. 9-10, 2010
Sunday School 161
Worship Services 805
Amt. Rec’d for Ministry $9088.26
Building 930.00
Special 752.80

Our Family

Our Prayers for:
Betty Rose Thompson, Norma Tullis, Avia Meek, Steve Emory, Elmer & Louise Lentz, Rosalee Burgess, Darlene & Virgil Burgess, Carolyn Montgomery’s granddaughter-Brittany Blake, and Our Military Families.

Our hearts go out in Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Snow, Jr. due to his death on Oct. 3, 2010.

Congratulations to:
~Jane Barker due to her baptism on Monday, Oct. 4, 2010.
~Nicole Spellmeyer due to her baptism on Monday, Oct. 4, 2010.
~Tracy Harrison due to her baptism on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010.
~Ronald Weathers, Marianne Weathers, and their daughter, Dana Marie Weathers due to their baptisms on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010.
~Aubrey & Jason Kemerling on the birth of their daughter, Piper Mae Kemerling, on Sept. 30, 2010.
~JoAnn Lambirth for being chosen Heartland South District United Methodist Woman of the Year in Mission.

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YESToday Bookstore Hours:
Sat. 4-7 p.m.  Sun. 8-11
Downtown, 4th & Osage // Worship Sunday 10:50am
Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St // Worship Saturday 5:30pm // Sunday 8:35 9:45am & 12:30 pm
One Warrensburg: Thursday Bible Study, 8 p.m., 400 W. North St., Warrensburg, MO 64093
Sunday Bible Study, 5:30 pm., 445 E. Gay St., Warrensburg, MO 64093

Listen on the Radio at 1490AM Sundays 10:30am or on Website at www.firstsayyes.com (messages)
Email us at email@firstsayyes.com Phone // 660.827.2993

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**Family Fun Hour**

Join us for Family Fun Hour and Light Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Celebration Center. Families will step into a guided journey that explores themes of temptation, grace, and transformation—and get a sneak peek at movie clips from the upcoming *Narnia movie, The voyage of the Dawn Treader*. This action-packed event also brings families together to sing fun songs and enjoy hilarious and engaging drama. But most important of all, families will take with them an essential message—Jesus’ Love Changes Us.

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**Strongtower (Haiti Orphanage) Fundraiser**

Join us for French Toast and Sausage/Biscuits and Gravy on Sunday, October 17 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon as we raise money to buy lunch for the school children at Pastor Payot’s school in Caracol. Tickets are only $5/adult and $3/child ages 3-10. If you are interested in serving or donating a food item, please contact Christy Doogs 553-0505.

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**The Great Pumpkin Unload**

Pumpkins for our Pumpkin Patch are being delivered on Saturday, October 16th. If you can help unload them, try to be available at the Celebration Center by 12:30 p.m. We’d love to have your help!!!

*Our Annual Pumpkin Patch will be open October 17th-October 31st!*

Come and Shop! 100% of the proceeds go to help Native American missions and our Youth Mission Trips. If you can help work the patch, contact Dave Baker at 1-660-233-9991.