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## News & Views @ FSBC

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**September 2017**

### LOOKING FORWARD...

"Theoretically, television may be feasible, but I consider it an impossibility--a development which we should waste little time dreaming about."

Lee de Forest, 1926, inventor of the cathode ray tube.

When it comes to predicting the future we have to realize that God did not give us that gift. First of all we would mess it up. Secondly God did not want us to know the future. In 2 Cor. 5:7 Paul states that we walk by faith, not by sight.

That is our gift: Trusting God with tomorrow while we live obediently in the present. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matt.6:34

What is special for you in September? Is it an anniversary or a birthday? Does it represent a graduation or a promotion? With everyday comes the reminder of special events. Most of them are good, but some of them can be sad memories. Both memories can and should be seen as helpful for we are promised in Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Since we are not able to understand the infinite mind of God we struggle with how to relate a positive promise to a bad memory. Yet our faith places all events in the promises of God. In Hebrews 10:23 we read this: "Let us hold fast to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

On September 16th we will be holding an event that will highlight our therapy dog ministry, Sadie Paws Mission. Few churches are involved in this kind of ministry and yet we are discovering more and more healing results through the use of trained therapy dogs. All proceeds from this event will go to funding this ministry. We look forward to the opportunities that will come our way through this unique vision. We plan to expand this ministry into reading clubs either at the church or at the schools in the near future.

There will be a number of vendors with booths set up to sell their products as well as drawings to win some really nice prizes donated by local businesses. Since most items will be for the ladies, we are referring to our Spoil Me Spiritually event as a Chic Event! Ladies, come and bring your friends!

We will be selling hotdogs, chips and drinks from 11:30 until 1pm. You will also get a chance to visit with Overland Park police officers and firefighters as they will be in attendance over the noon hour. Pray for God to bless this opportunity for September 16th, from 10 am until 2 pm. Pray that this ministry will not only help our neighbors but also will help us grow at FSBC.

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Joy Club—14th  
Spoil me Spiritually—16th  
Greenwood Terrace  
Thursdays 2pm

# A Stewardship Moment



Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

• C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

## • 1. The principle of ownership.

- The psalmist begins the 24th psalm with,
- The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
- In the beginning of *Genesis*, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him.
- This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.
- Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves.
- Echoing Deuteronomy 8:17, we might say: "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But Deuteronomy 8:18 counsels us to think otherwise:
- Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

## • 2. The principle of responsibility.

- In explaining responsibility, Peel writes,
- Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.
- We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

## • 3. The principle of accountability.

- A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us.
- This is the maxim taught by the Parable of the Talents. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the Creator managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.
- Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.
- We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us. (Continued on the back page)



## September Events

Joy Club—9/14

Chic Event—9/16 10 am-2 pm

Gloria Triplett's -Cottage Prayer Mtg.  
9/28

Greenwood            Thursdays 2-2:30p



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|----|
| Heather Staples          | 10 |
| Charley & Charlotte Yoch | 17 |
| Marge Helmick            | 28 |



# First Southern Baptist Church

Seek His kingdom first.  
Matthew 6:33

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#### 4. The principle of reward.

In Colossians 3:23-24 Paul writes:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next.

We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in Matthew 25:21:

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good and further his Kingdom.

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