

Sycamore Presbyterian Church 2010 Stewardship Campaign

GIVING MAKES OUR LIVING COUNT

- **FOR TODAY**
- **FOR TOMORROW**
- **FOR ETERNITY**



Stewardship is a Core Value of Sycamore Presbyterian Church

Sycamore values a kingdom mindset—all of us are part of God's kingdom:

- God has a significant role for us as a church in the development of God's kingdom.
- We as good stewards are committed to having the greatest possible impact for Christ, which will require a constant stretching of our vision and the taking of faith based risks.
- Recognizing that all we have belongs to God, we are committed to being good stewards of the resources of time, money and abilities God has given us.

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Sycamore values good stewardship as a way of life:

- We are committed to serve, to live out the reality of putting others first.
- We are committed to genuine humility as it is the mark of God taking hold in our hearts.
- We are committed to serving God and God's people everywhere as active participants.

Giving Makes Our Living Count—For Today

We are truly blessed; let's look at our journey to Today that simply could not have been possible without good stewardship in 2009 and before

- 1951: Rev. Theodore Kalsbeek preached to 30 worshippers in a one room country church.
- In 2004, the congregation unanimously called Rev. Dr. Larry Kent, followed with the gifts of Rev. Dr. Jerry Pitman in 2006 and Rev. Shirley Hutchins in 2008.
- Sycamore is now a 1100 member congregation and growing!
- We now have a two-story sanctuary and a chapel that provides space and warmth for 3 Sunday services and other ministry.
- Looking back at dollars pledged
\$548K in 2003
\$986K in 2009



Giving Makes Our Living Count—For Tomorrow

- Reconfiguring the chapel both glorifies SPC's heritage and breathes life into additional ministry possibilities for tomorrow—what do you think the worshippers in 1951 would have thought if you told them that this room would some day provide 25% more capacity at SPC to share God's word and love?
- Our children's ministry is thriving with programs like W.I.N.K. and Vacation Bible School
- Our student ministry “walks the walk” through strong mission work (2008 trip to Pass Christian and 2009 to Jamaica); reflect on the often repeated comment that the students' lives have been changed forever through these mission trips
- Rev. Shirley Hutchins began her work at Sycamore in December of 2008, enabling more caring support in needed areas of our diverse church community including adult education and family ministries

Giving Makes Our Living Count—For Eternity

God gave each of us unique gifts and our selfless use of these to improve the world around us gives glory to God. It is not what we have, but what we do with it! Scripture provides a roadmap for our life today, tomorrow, and into eternity.

- “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10.
- “What you are is God’s gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God.” Danish proverb as quoted in [The Purpose Driven Life](#).
- “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.” Romans 12:6.
- “Each of us shall give account of himself to God.” Romans 14:12.

Sycamore's Stewardship Mission Is ALIVE

- **A**cknowledge and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- **L**ive, model and imitate Him in serving others and loving one another
- **I**nvite all to know Christ and have a living relationship with Him
- **V**alue outreach and mission as we share Christ's Spirit with others
- **E**nhance our biblical and experiential knowledge and worship of God

Giving Makes Our Living Count For Today, For Tomorrow, For Eternity

- Study 1st and 2nd Corinthians to reflect on Paul's teaching on how to give.
- Pledge your financial support to Sycamore as God directs you.
- Commit a pledge of time and/or talent!
- Commit to reading God's word daily.
- Commit to praying for God's people daily.

Stewardship Sunday is October 25th
Mail your pledge or bring it to church

There will be more to serve, more to share...more for which to Praise God as we remember that “Giving Makes Our Living Count—For Today, For Tomorrow, For Eternity.” Please join with others in supporting and celebrating what God is doing in our midst.

Dr. Larry Kent