

## **Stewardship Team**

### **Meeting Minutes and Report to Council**

**February 5, 2009**

Attendees: Pastor Hardy, Dave Miller, Judy Collins, Joe Hunter, George Wirt, Greg Woods, Mark Mathews, and Joe Fidler.

Spiritual Connection. Pastor Hardy opened our meeting with prayer and scripture readings.

Dates for 2009. We set November 8<sup>th</sup> as the only viable date for Stewardship Sunday in 2009 with the three previous Sundays as appropriate times for Temple Talks. Since Stewardship Sunday 2009 will be Pastor Hardy's last chance to influence the congregation on matters of financial stewardship, he has agreed to be our guest preacher. Team members used a sign-up sheet to volunteer for devotions at our meetings through December. Based upon availability the team has changed our meeting night to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday for 2009.

Evaluation of the 2008 Stewardship Activities. We gave our new Council Liaison, Dave Miller, our 90 page program outline we used for the 2008 campaign. We discussed the relative effectiveness of our 38+ activities giving opinion on what should be repeated and deleted.

Financial Freedom Course. Since a majority of our members are neither tithing nor providing Estimates of Giving, we thought it wise to repeat the emphasis we had in 2008 on debt, investing, estate planning, and giving. Steve Thurston will lead a five week course as one of the Sup&Study offerings October 14<sup>th</sup> – November 11.

Evangelizing Overlap. We grappled with the Contribution Analysis Report which consistently shows hundreds of members who give "0" to Trinity. In 2008 the "0's" numbered 612. In discussing what to do about it, Pastor Hardy suggested that the Evangelism Team was already working on this topic.

Theme Possibilities for 2009. Last year our theme was Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share. We watched a video showing how 5 teens spent \$50. After the spending spree, the teens were instructed to Give 10% to God, Save 10%, and to spend 80%. Our Team is considering this as our theme for 2009 – namely, "10-10-80."

We closed with prayers for the success of God's plans at Trinity. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Room 239, at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Fidler  
Chairman