

NORTONVILLE NEWS

“The Reality and Reward of Stewardship”

By Pastor Joe O’Neill

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

One of the great things about being a Christian is that God not only forgives our sins by faith and saves us for our home in heaven, but He also desires to work through us to accomplish His desires on earth.

This amazing truth is taught to us clearly in 1 Peter 4:10, where we are told that **"each one has received a gift."** This means that each Christian has been given a spiritual ability from God by which we are to do His service on earth. If you love the Lord Jesus Christ, you have been particularly gifted by Almighty God. This is an amazing reality and a serious responsibility that can lead to an awesome reward.

The Reality of Stewardship

The Bible tells us that by using our spiritual gift, we are acting **"as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."** Notice the word **"stewards."** The job of a steward was to manage the household of his owner or his employer. The steward didn't own anything in the household, he just made sure that everything under his charge was managed properly.

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Stay Connected

Sunday

9:30 am **Sunday** School

10:45 am **Sunday** morning

6:00 pm **Sunday** night

6:00 pm **Sunday** Youth Group

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm

Olympians at 6:30 pm

Everyday

Please join us in prayer for the requests and the praises on the **Prayer Sheet**, included as the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you!

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We too do not own our spiritual gift, but we are to be **"good stewards"** of what God has given to us. The reason we must do so is because we will be held accountable by God for what we did here on earth. Every one of us will be rewarded for what we have done.

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us of this responsibility. We are to take the gift that God gave us and **"minister it to one another."** We are to serve others in the body of Christ by putting our spiritual gifts to use. Since God has strategically placed us in the body of Christ, we are to help one another by faithfully using our gifts.

The Reward of Stewardship

In Revelation 22:12, the Lord Jesus declares: **"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."**

God has promised to reward those who obey Him. If we honor the Lord on earth, we will receive honor from the Lord when He comes again in glory. This life is a time when we are to be busy about the Lord's business so that when our earthly life is over, He will reward us according to the faithfulness of our stewardship.

Beloved saints, let's honor the Lord by being faithful stewards!

In order to help us know how we might use our spiritual gifts among our Nortonville family, there will be a display table in the foyer of the Chapel for the next couple weeks. The table will have opportunities for service that may be available to you for ministry. The following Spotlight article will give you some idea about these opportunities. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord may work through you to help the body of Christ.

Annual Congregational
Meeting

September 17, 7:00 pm

All are invited!



Olympians

Wednesday

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Spotlight:

Stewardship Opportunities

How Can I Serve At The Chapel?

Here at the Chapel, we are blessed to have so many ways that people can get involved and serve their brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in volunteering, we ask that you prayerfully review these needs, and seek God's will! This Sunday, we will have a table presenting these and other needs at the Chapel. Please stop by, and pick up a stewardship opportunity card to prayerfully review. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please contact the church office!

Nursery Volunteer

Do you like kids? Babies? Then here is a great way for you to get involved! Our nursery volunteers care for infants and children up to three years old. They provide safe, secure care during the morning service, including playing with kids, reading to them, and praying for each of them. Please arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of morning service. This job will include diaper changes! You will be required to pass a free background check.

Children's Church Teacher

Here is a job for someone who likes teaching kids! After the Sunday morning worship, the kids are dismissed to the west room to be led in an engaging bible lesson! Lessons, handouts, and teaching aids are all included. Prayerfully read the lesson before your scheduled Sunday. Additionally, we are seeking part time Sunday School teachers for grades pre K through 1st. Both these opportunities are on a one Sunday per month rotation.

Media Slides Controller

This is for somebody who's musically minded, who wants to help out with the Sunday morning worship! During the morning services, the Media Slides Controller moves through the announcement slides, and the lyric slides during songs. At the end of the sermon, they also show the lyric slides during the closing songs. Our media volunteers take turns controlling the slides, we are looking for someone to fill in once a month.

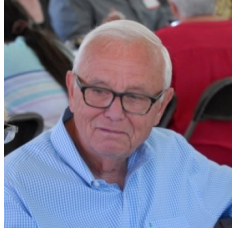
Hospitality Ministry Greeter

Great for a people person! Greeters meet everyone as they enter the chapel with a warm smile and a handshake. They help to direct visitors to Sunday School classes, to the nursery, restrooms, etc. Greeters also hand out the bulletins, and help to keep our congregation informed.

Gardening and Landscaping

Perfect for someone who loves the outdoors, and has a green thumb! We need 3 to 4 volunteers who are able to weed flower beds, and who can help maintain our plants in the front and side gardens. Gardening opportunities are available from Spring through the fall.

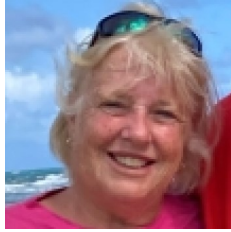
September Birthdays



September 1
Ken Hoexum



September 2
Greg Lunt



September 4
Mary VanDyke



September 5
Janice Hoexum



September 5
Georgia Kamphorst



September 5
Paul Snyder



September 6
Levi Ambrose



September 10
Dee Dufford



September 14
Jim Barnes



September 16
Terry Hinds



September 17
Hunter Czinder



September 22
Char Peterson



September 25
Sally Chittenden

September Anniversaries



September 12
Ken and Nancy Brondyke



September 18
Sam and Lynne Hammond



September 21
Bruce and Bonnie Buckley

Calendar

9/14 Ladies Bible Study Zoom 7:30 pm.

9/17 DeVerna's visiting Nortonville Chapel.

9/19 Annual Congregational Meeting 7:00 pm.

9/20 Olympians 6:30 pm.

Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm.

9/21 Ladies Bible Study Zoom 7:30 pm.

9/27 Robbinswood Church Service 1:30 pm.

Olympians 6:30 pm.

Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm.

9/28 Ladies Bible Study Zoom 7:30 pm.