

Special Stewardship and Debt Reduction Emphasis

Quoted from The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

John D. Rockefeller was one of the wealthiest men who ever lived. After he died someone asked his accountant, "How much money did John D. leave? The reply was classic: "He left ... all of it."

Jesus takes that profound truth "You can't take it with you" and adds a stunning qualification. By telling us to store up treasures for ourselves in heaven, He gives us a breathtaking corollary, which I call the Treasure Principle:

You can't take it with you—But you can send it on ahead.

It's that simple. And if it doesn't take your breath away, you're not understanding it! Anything we try to hang on to here will be lost. But anything we put into God's hands will be ours for eternity.

If we give instead of keep, if we invest in the eternal instead of in the temporal, we store up treasures in heaven that will never stop paying dividends. Whatever treasures we store up on earth will be left behind when we leave. Whatever treasures we store up in heaven will be waiting for us when we arrive.

Current Year beginning April 1, 2018

A balanced budget was passed for the church fiscal year that begins 4/1/2018 and ends 3/31/2019. We are projecting tithes and offering at \$9,000 per week, the same as last year's budget, but a level that will only be achieved with increased giving. In addition to the challenge of getting tithes and offerings to the \$9,000 per week level, this does not adequately fund capital expenditures which have been mostly handled by reserve funds that are nearly exhausted. With debt service at 25% of our budget expenditures and 5 years left on the mortgage we decided the best course of action was a campaign to present information to the congregation on Christian Stewardship, promote an increase in regular weekly giving and raise \$300,000 over the next two years to pay off our mortgage. The Board approved and the congregation voted 95% in favor of the Christian Stewardship campaign. The church leadership has pledged \$162,140 toward debt reduction and the congregation is being challenged to match that amount.

Whoever loves money never has enough. Whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. I have seen grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner. Or wealth lost through some misfortune. Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. (Ecclesiastes 5:10-15)

Debt Reduction Goal: \$300,000

Received Last Week	\$4,085
Total Received	\$7,931
Interest Saved	\$2,162



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Welcome to Manchester Church of the Nazarene! We are delighted to have you with us today, as we seek to worship God, pray for one another and our world, and listen intently to whatever the Holy Spirit might say to us. Relax! Consider yourself among friends!

Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018

Welcome Song and Welcome

Scripture Text—Acts 1, Acts 2, Selected Verses

Message—Pajamas?

Preparation for Prayer

Prayer

(Children in Grades K-4 are dismissed to Children's Church.)

Praise & Worship

Reminders

Worship Through Giving

Communion

Recessional to Outdoors

Benediction & Blessing

This Week

Today

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Coffee & Conversation	10:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:45 AM
Doug Fish Retirement Party in Ludlow, Mass	3:00 PM
Hartford Nazarene 100th Ann.	4:00 PM

Wednesday

MCN Student Ministries	6:30 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer	7:00 PM

Thursday

Celebrate Recovery	6:30 PM
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(Please see **Weekly Meetings** for specific information.)

Looking Ahead

- May 22** CCS Board Mtg.
- May 25** Student Ministries Lock-In
- May 27** Block Party Planning Meeting
- June 2** Men's Prayer Breakfast
- June 3** Community Prayer
@ New River
- June 6** Wednesdays' with the Wise
- June 10** Church Picnic
- June 12** MCN Board Mtg.
- June 15** Cornerstone Graduation
- June 26** CCS Board Mtg.

Weekly Giving

	Tithes & Offerings	Missions
Last Week	\$7,698	\$536
Needed Weekly	\$9,000	\$525
Year to Date	\$57,827	\$3,129
Needed YTD	\$63,000	\$3,675
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Weekly Meetings

Wednesday Night Prayer

In place of a traditional Bible study, we will give Wednesday nights to prayer this spring. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for prayer at 7:00 PM each Wednesday.

Celebrate Recovery Thursday Night!

Stop struggling alone! Come find a safe place. Experience the healing love of Jesus! Lower Level, McLain Building (Sterling Place entrance).

6:30 PM Food and Fellowship

7:00 PM **Testimony Meeting**

7:45 PM Coffee & Snacks

8:00 PM Open Share Groups

Women's Habits & Addictions
Women's Hurts & Hang-ups
Men's Purity
Men's Hurts, Habits & Hang-ups

More information in the lobby.

Guest Wi-Fi



We offer free Wi-Fi, by request, to all members and guests.

Please contact Aaron in the church office, or speak to Pastor Dan, or Pastor Garry for more information.

SAVE THE DATES!

Family Camp
June 30—July 8

Teen Camp
July 15-21

Kids Camp
August 5-11

whcamp.org

Announcements

Membership Class

A 5-week membership class is being taught by Pastors Garry Light and Dan Whitney at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings in the school library. Join us to learn more about the Church of the Nazarene, or if you're interested in becoming a member.

Community Block Party 2018—Brainstorming Meeting

Please join Tonia Light following the morning worship service on Sunday, May 27th for a brief brainstorming meeting as plans get underway for our 5th Annual Community Block Party (Which will take place on July 28th.) This has become an important way for us to reach out into the community as we strive to share the love and joy of Christ with our neighbors!

Sunday School Schedule

The last day of this year's Sunday school classes for Kindergarten through Grade 6 is Sunday, May 27. Sunday school classes will resume again in September (not meeting in June, July, and August). On May 27, we will recognize our children's Sunday school attendance over the past year and thank our Sunday school teachers for their faithful service.

Summer Childcare Schedule

We will continue to provide childcare during worship services for our nursery and preschool children throughout the summer months. If you are interested in learning how you might be able to serve in this ministry, please contact Tonya Snyder at tonya.snyder@mcnaz.com or in person.

Financial Peace University is coming to MCN

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-lesson money-management class taught, via video sessions, by Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. The cost of the class is \$109 per family unit and includes the 9 week course, workbook, reading book, online access to FPU resources for one year, extra copies of the lessons, and access to a free budgeting system. The class schedule will go as follows from 6:30pm—8:00pm each evening listed.

- **June 20, 27**
- **July 11, 18, 25**
- **August 1, 8, 15, 22**

The deadline to register and pay is Sunday, June 10. For further information or to register for the class, please contact the church office at 860-646-8599 / office@mcnaz.com or make note in the black communication pads.