



Your Arms of Stewardship

GIVING is the most personal and potentially the most creative use of money. For our giving reveals what we really believe in and endorses the purposes and work of the receiver of our gifts.

A true Christian finds joy and satisfaction in giving his money to his church. Of the money we give to our church, a share goes to benevolences to provide the means whereby the church can do its task around the world and give of its resources to fulfill Christ's mission.

What are the motives for giving? Love of God? Gratitude? Overcoming of self-centeredness? Underlying all these, however, is the Christian standard, which is to give of oneself out of concern for others and to help bring the kingdom of God into the lives of men.

This is true for the whole church as well as for the individuals who make up that church. Stewardship without mission is hopeless, and mission without stewardship is helpless.

In the whole denomination the average congregation gives 85 per cent for local expenses and only 15 per cent for others. This is far short of the goal of "as much for others as for ourselves." By these standards, is the church really *giving* of its resources, or is it merely taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another?

Providing for ourselves is not enough. We must give for others in the name of Christ, as a matter of Christian stewardship.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. —Hebrews 13:16 RSV

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Behold, the Lamb of God.

—John 1:29

WILSON TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH
1023 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

February 28, 1965 Samuel E. NeSmith, Minister

The Morning Service of Worship

The Prelude
The Call to Worship
Invocation - Adoration and Praise - Hymn No. 8
 "Let all the world in every corner sing"
Hymn No. 23 "Come, Thou Fount of every blessing"
The Affirmation of Faith
The Anthem
The Responsive Reading - 9th Sunday - Page 572
The Gloria Patri
The Lesson from the Holy Scriptures
Silent Meditation
The Pastoral Prayer
The Offertory
The Announcements
Presentation - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority
Hymn No. 372 "Love divine, all loves excelling"
The Message - Mrs. Dorothy P. Goodson
The Prayer
The Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Hymn No. 238 "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine"
The Benediction
The Postlude

Things present, or things to come; all are
yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

I Corinthians 3: 22-23

WELCOME

To our visiting friends, we extend a sincere welcome. May God richly bless you in this time of worship.

Announcements

- M.Y.F. Sunday 5:00 p.m.
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 8:30 p.m.

-- The special Fund Raising Committee of the M.Y.F. will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. All members are asked to be present and prompt.

-- Our church will be participating in the Lenten services sponsored by the Raleigh Ministerial Alliance. The choirs, ushers and all members are asked to be in attendance on March 3rd at the Manly Street Christian Church. Our church will be responsible for the service on this day

-- We are very happy to have worshipping with us the Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. as they honor Mrs. Sarah Herbin. Recognized for her contributions in civic, cultural and religious areas, Mrs. Herbin has been selected as Raleigh's "Woman of the year, 1964."

-- The Williams family has sent their children to this church for a number of years. They are presently in need of clothing because of a fire. Contact Mr. Louis Flagg if you have clothing or money to contribute for these children. We know that you will respond generously.

Offering for last Sunday, February 21, 1965

General Offering	- \$159.65	Petty Cash	- \$ 3.63
Building Fund	- 8.00	Benevolence	- 39.30