

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD'S CHURCH

Our Goal

Ephesians 3:21

Frequently we are asked, "What is the goal?" Those who ask this question usually are thinking of numerical goals. Our answer, however, is in terms of spiritual goals.

Our **goal** is for all members and friends of the church to pray for, find, and in faith follow God's will for their lives individually as their part of God's will for the church.

Dr. Peter Wagner reminds us that becoming a Christian is optional. But once you become a Christian and ask Jesus Christ to take control of your life, involvement in His church and His program is no longer optional.

Our **need** is to meet the financial objectives before us. The preacher, staff and leadership have, over a period of time, prayerfully considered what will be required to do the work and fulfill the vision God has given our church.

This need must be met and even exceeded if the future plans and growth of our church are to be realized. This will require all of us doing all that God asks of us.

Our **presence** on Commitment Sunday for this exciting worship experience. We want everyone to share in this historic time in the history of our church. Few days will matter as much to the future of our church as will this day. It will be an hour that matters in eternity.

Our **participation**. In a few days each of us will be receiving in the mail a personalized commitment card to be completed and returned on Commitment Sunday.

This card matters to God, to our church and to you:

- It will represent you and your family
- It will reveal your love for your God
- It will represent your love for your church
- It will recognize your obedience to God's will
- It will say to your fellow members "I am with you in what God is doing in our church."

Our **prayer** for this to be a high spiritual hour. Remember, it is “not by might nor power, but by My spirit” says the Lord and “except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain.”

Continue praying for yourself and your family. God has a plan and purpose for you in this capital program. Remember as we have said repeatedly that we all must pray for, find and in faith, follow God's will.

In prayer you will discover that He wants you to make a sacrificial commitment. You may need to reconfigure your lifestyle, change your plans for the future, or give money you had planned to leave in your will.

His will may take you beyond what you think is possible, but this is where faith takes over. He wants you to show your faith by your commitment. He will never lead you to do what He has not already planned to provide.

Our **joy** is to be able to join hands and hearts with you and your family and others of our fellowship in a glorious worship experience. Together we will sing and pray and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in the service.

Will we reach our goals? Will we succeed in this glorious undertaking for our God? Will victory be ours for His glory?

The story is told of a wise man that lived high in the mountains. He was able to answer any question posed to him. Time and again he had been tested, but he always gave the right answer.

A young man decided to test him once again. He planned to hold a bird in his hands and ask, "What do I have in my hand?" If the wise man said, "a bird" he would then ask, "Is it dead or alive?" If the ancient one said "dead" he would release it and let it fly away. If the wise one said "alive" he would squeeze it and drop it dead before the man.

He made the long trek up the mountain until he encountered the man of wisdom. Holding the bird in his hand behind his back, he asked, "What do I have in my hand?" The wise man answered "a bird." "You are right sir, but is it alive or dead?" The man of wisdom answered, "You hold the answer in your hands!"

❖ *Will we reach our goal?*

❖ *You hold the answer in your hands!*

Lord, You have placed resources in my hands and gifts and abilities in my life, and have given me the power to get wealth. I open my hands

and all that I am to You from whom all good things come.