

YEAR ONE



Stewardship Report



In May of 2007 we began a journey to use our talents for God's Glory. "Shining the Light" is our three year ministry campaign to bring in the funds needed to finish our building, put up a sign, secure our mortgage, and many other yet unrealized dreams. 53 individuals and families committed themselves in this endeavor for a total of \$334,293 pledged.

It is now a year later and we are proud of those who have stood by their commitment and have given \$103,346.31. With this we have built in the walls of the nursery for better insulation, our mortgage and legal obligations have always been paid and we are moving forward to de-annex which will enable us to put up a sign that will let people know we are here.

Perhaps you did not attend Cornerstone a year ago or were not in a position to commit to the

Is Your Pledge?
Up to Date?

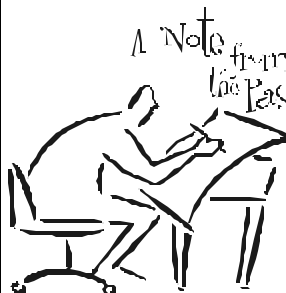
future of Cornerstone at the time. With two years remaining in this campaign it is not too late to become part of this adventure in faith. Commitment cards are always available on the table in front of the offering receptacle.

If you made a commitment last year, remember God is faithful and will provide a way for us to do His will.

Our initial goal was 100% participation to bring in \$500,000. We can still make this happen. No commitment is too small. Remember the account Luke offers in chapter 21 "As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very

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Shining the Light is a perpetual spiritual exercise



for us Christians, isn't it? There is never a time in our lives when we should 'relax' and not 'shine' as God intended us to do.

For us as a church, this means that, as our Cornerstone family continues to *shine the light* through giving toward the stated goals of our ministry campaign fund drive, and, as we continue to *shine the light* through faithful, selfless service and ministry, the Lord Himself will secure for us a blessed, fruit-filled, God-honoring future. May each of us keep our hands to the plow, faithfully giving and serving until Jesus comes to take us to our eternal home.

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small copper coins. 'I tell you the truth,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'"

Remember to write "Shining the Light" on the memo line of your checks and/or use the designated envelopes available on the offering table (below the receptacle).

Paul's advise to the church in Corinth is appropriate for us. "And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." (II Corinthians 8:10-12)

By Joyce St. Clair, *Shining the Light* Chairman
Stewardship is a lifestyle choice. It begins with humble acknowledgement that all we have comes from God, belongs to God and is meant for the purposes of God. Stewardship is our way to express gratitude to God for the abundant blessings He has given us through our contribution of time, talent and treasure. We take what God has given us and we return it to Him with thanksgiving and praise.

God wants us to be good and faithful stewards. As stewards, we are to be mindful of our time, talent and treasure. We have the responsibility to make conscious, thoughtful and purposeful decisions about the use of everything God has entrusted to us.

Very often, it takes a team to accomplish great things. We're continuing to look forward to all the wonderful things that we can do together to build the Kingdom of God. As partners with us and our "Shining the Light" Ministry Campaign, we want to express our deepest appreciation to you for your continued support. Thank you for allowing God to use you in an extraordinary way. If you have not joined with us, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining us on this journey to becoming godly, faithful and wise managers of the possessions given to us "in trust". Your stewardship commitment may be key to encouraging others to see the miracle of God that is accomplished through His faithful, obedient people. The challenges before us are great, but the future is bright with His promise.

The LIGHT



Shines in the
darkness
& the darkness
& did not
overcome it
John 1:5

