

# THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD AT ST. STEPHENS

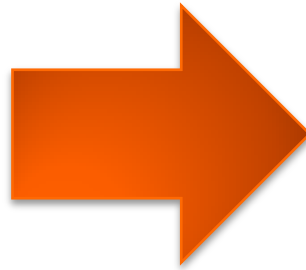
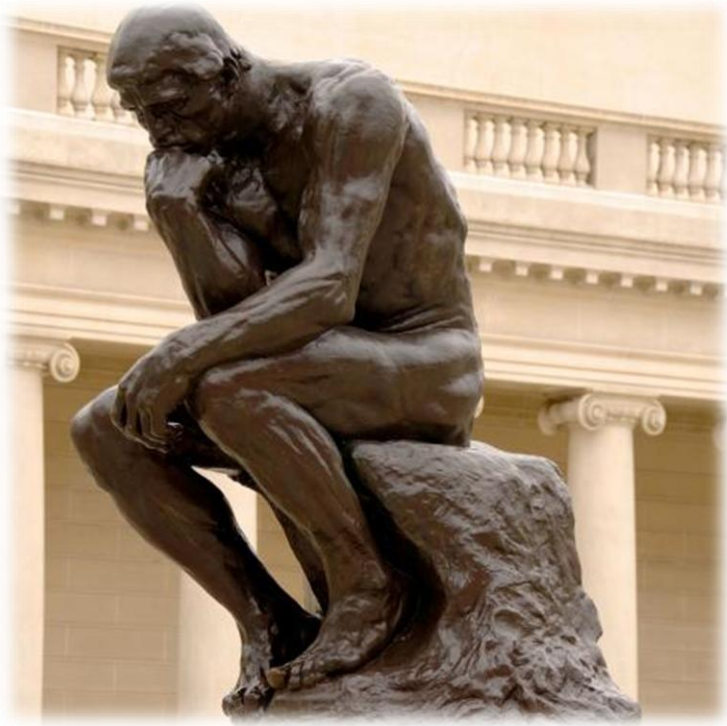
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# WHY WE ARE HERE


- As St. Stephen's moves toward transition, we want to be well positioned to embrace opportunities to be a vibrant part of God's ministry on earth.
- The cash flow crisis experienced in the summer of 2010, the ensuing rally of financial contributions and the conversation at the 2011 Annual Meeting highlighted:
  - The importance of articulating the objectives of our church, and
  - The need to grow our individual and collective sense of ownership and responsibility for the resources that support the ministries to achieve these objectives.



# BRINGING STEWARDSHIP FROM HEAD TO HEART



# WHAT'S THE CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP?



I am convinced  
that neither  
**DEATH**  
nor **LIFE**,  
neither  
angels nor demons,  
neither  
the present  
nor the future,  
nor any powers,  
neither height  
nor depth  
nor  
**ANYTHING**  
else in  
all creation,  
will be able to  
separate us from  
the  
love of  
God  
that is in **Christ Jesus our**  
**LORD.**

Romans 8:35-39



# WHAT'S THE CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP?

- We are made in God's image ..... **we are made to give**
- We are loved and blessed ... **we are called to be generous**
- All things come of God .... **the stuff isn't ours**
- **Love our neighbors and the world**

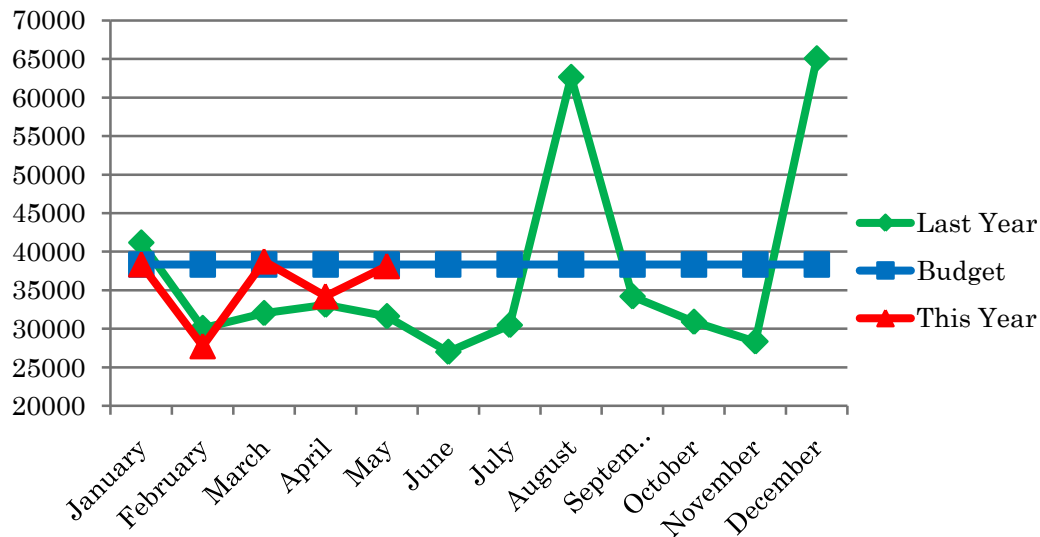
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# STEWARDSHIP IN THE HEAD

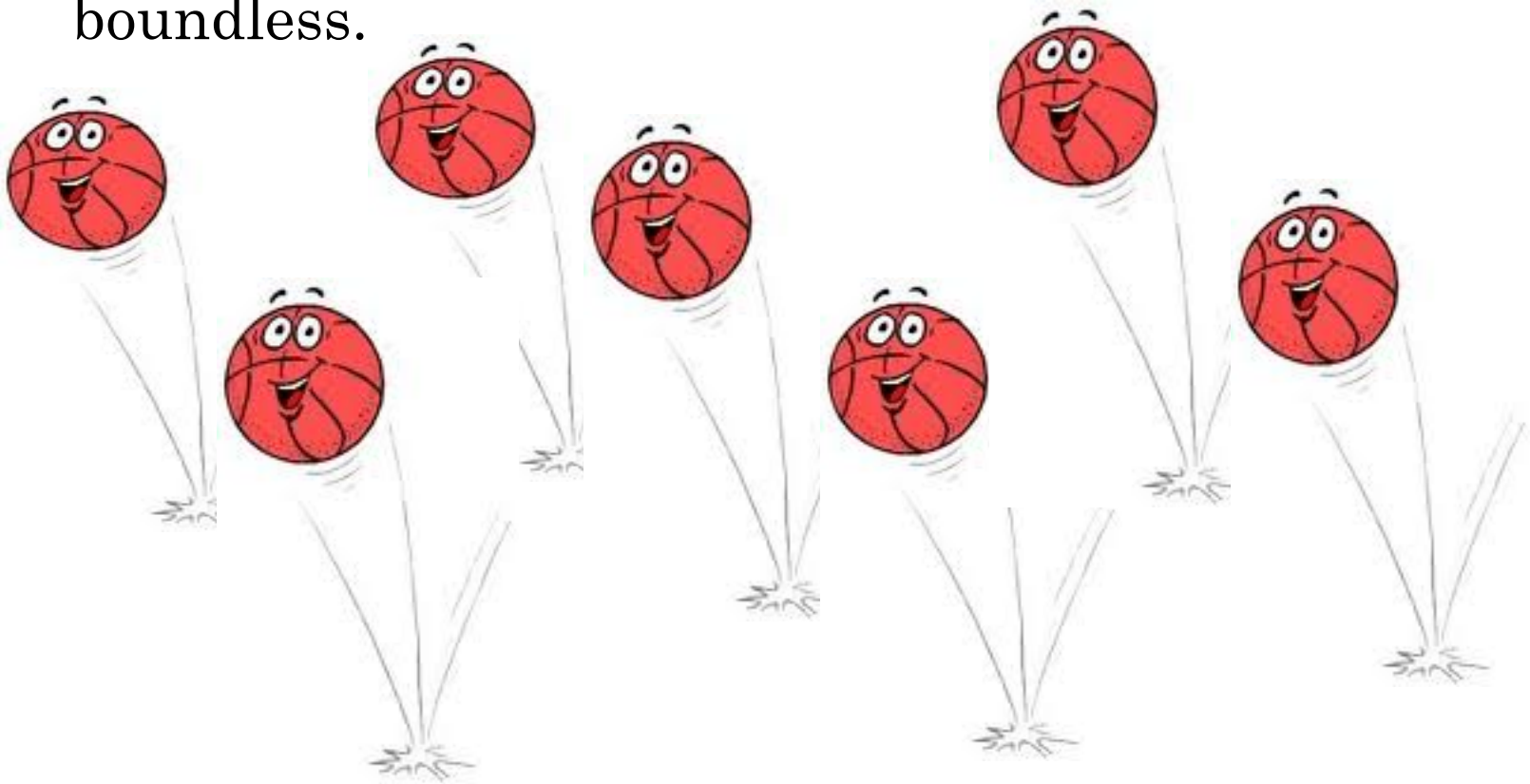
- When we feel that we 'ought' to do a task, help a person, contribute to a cause, make something happen our engagement is measured.
- We tend to ask, how much is enough?

Parish Giving - YTD



# STEWARDSHIP IN THE HEART

- But, when we feel a sense of belonging to the need or request because the situation or person or cause touches us, our energy and enthusiasm and willingness to contribute is boundless.

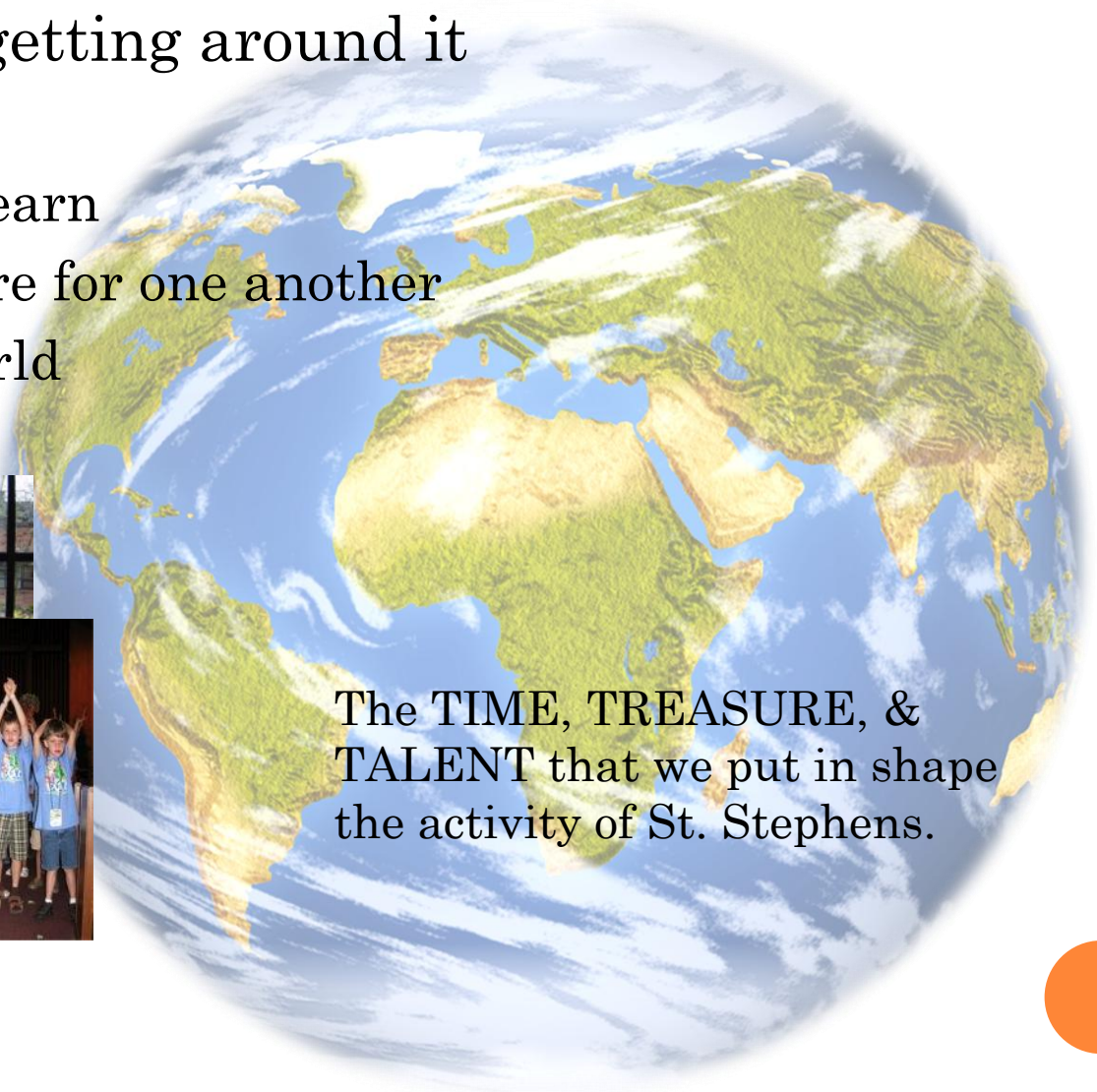


# ST. STEPHEN'S IS A HOUSEHOLD OF GOD



# WE ARE THE HOUSEHOLD OF ST STEPHEN'S

- There's just no getting around it
  - We worship
  - We teach and learn
  - We love and care for one another
  - We love the world



The TIME, TREASURE, & TALENT that we put in shape the activity of St. Stephens.



EACH OF US CAN SAY ....

I AM  
ST. STEPHEN'S

Maree 30/04  
2011



# WHEN WE SAY, I AM ST. STEPHEN'S

Our Discipleship shapes our household operating principles

- Ours is not a user pays environment
- Guests are always welcome at the Lord's table
- Much of a little is bigger than a little of much



I AM  
ST. STEPHEN'S

You are **WELCOME HERE!**

Christ Jesus our  
**LORD.**



# I AM ST. STEPHEN'S

- To live into our vision for 2011, it is taking about \$38,000 and approximately 2,000 volunteer hours a month for the St. Stephen's Household to serve each other, grow spiritually, and serve the world.



# I AM ST. STEPHEN'S

- Next year, as we move through the process of search and calling a new spiritual leader, we will likely need more resources.

\$38,000 +  
2,000+ hours  
Our Talents

Yields

Worship  
Education  
Celebration &  
Fellowship  
Inreach & Outreach  
Building  
Maintenance  
Household  
Management  
Utilities

# I AM ST. STEPHEN'S

## Where am I in the HOUSEHOLD?

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# I AM ST. STEPHEN'S

How do my **PARTICIPATION** and my **CONTRIBUTIONS** honor my household membership?

How is my **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** connected what I give of myself?

**AMEN**

