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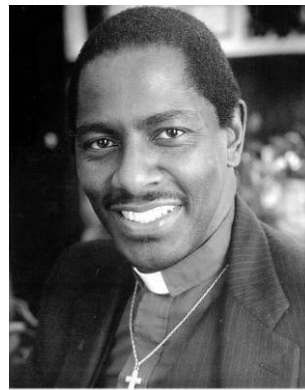
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- *A Study on Biblical Stewardship*
- *219th General Assembly Summary*
- *Ingleside Presbyterian on Facebook*

SAN FRANCISCO WORLD PEACE PHILOSOPHY AFFIRMATION

*I am an instrument of peace
Where there is hatred, I shall promote love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy!
I shall not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that I receive
And it is in pardoning that I am pardoned*

(edited from words attributed to the Patron Saint of of San Francisco, Saint Francis of Assisi)



REV. ROLAND GORDON

May this philosophy help create lasting peace, beginning in you and extending to people throughout the world.



Celebrating 103 Years

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About the Ingleside Insider

The Ingleside Insider is the Quarterly newsletter of Ingleside Presbyterian Church

The next issue will be released in December 2010. Please submit articles by Sunday, December 5th for the next Issue. Articles can be submitted to Steve Wolf or emailed to communications@inglesidepresbyterian.org

I agree with the poet Maya Angelou, "Everybody in their deepest heart wants peace." Unfortunately, we live in a world where most of us, especially developing children, have been conditioned by violence. From cartoons, movies, news reports, video games and rap music, today's youth are exposed to, conditioned by, and programmed for violence.

The San Francisco World Peace Philosophy offers two ways to reprogram persons to view themselves as instruments of peace. The World Peace Affirmation is to be read, meditated on, and acted upon daily. The pin with dove and olive branch symbolizes peace and is to be worn daily. It announces to the world that its wearer is an instrument of peace and is a participant in a world movement to transform the hearts of humanity, one by one.

It's time for people to get busy, change their own hearts and enlist others to do the same—adopting the San Francisco World Peace Philosophy is a great way! It's simply time for a grass-roots movement of people to do for ourselves and our world what must be done. We must change our own hearts and help others to do the same. It's time to work at actualizing Ms. Angelou's vision of "Amazing Peace" for our world.

IT'S TIME FOR AMAZING PEACE IN OUR VIOLENT WORLD, BEGINNING WITH YOU AND ME: IT'S SIMPLY TIME!

THANKS FOR WORKING ON YOURSELF AND FOR HELPING OTHERS TO BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE.

SHALOM,

Rev. Roland Gordon

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A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis of Assisi was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy as Francisco Bernardone. His father was Pietro Bernardone, a rich cloth merchant. Though Francisco had a good education and became part of his father's business, he also had a somewhat misspent youth. A street brawler and some-time soldier, Francisco was captured during a conflict between Assisi and Perugia, Italy, and he spent over a year as a prisoner of war. During this time he had a conversion experience, including a reported message from Christ calling him to leave this worldly life. Upon release, Francis began taking his faith seriously.

He took the Gospels as the rule

of his life, Jesus Christ as his literal example. He dressed in rough clothes, begged for his sustenance, and preached purity and peace. His family disapproved, and his father disinherited him; Francis formally renounced his wealth and inheritance. He visited hospitals, served the sick, preached in the streets, and took all men and women as siblings. He began to attract followers in 1209, and with papal blessing, founded the Franciscans based on a simple statement by Jesus: "Leave all and follow me." In 1212 Clare of Assisi became his spiritual student, which led to the founding of the Poor Clares. Francisco visited and preached to the

Saracens. He composed songs and hymns to God and nature, lived with animals, worked with his hands, cared for lepers, cleaned churches, and sent food to thieves. In 1221 he resigned direction of the Franciscans.

While in meditation on Mount Alvernia in the Apennines in September 1224, Francis received the stigmata, which periodically bled during the remaining two years of his life.

His last two years were lived in almost constant pain and near-blindness. He died in 1226. Two years later he was made a saint. The City of San Francisco is named for St. Francis of Assisi and he is the patron saint of ani-

mals and the environment.



St Francis of Assisi

WHAT IS BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

This below information is included with permission from www.gotquestions.org, which contains answers to more than 150,000 Biblical questions.

To discover what the Bible says about stewardship, we start with the very first verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). As the Creator, God has absolute rights of ownership over all things, and to miss starting here is like misaligning the top button on our shirt or blouse—nothing else will ever line up. Nothing else in the Bible, including the doctrine of stewardship, will make any sense or have any true relevance if we miss the fact that God is the Creator and has full rights of ownership. It is through our ability to fully grasp this and imbed it in our hearts that the doctrine of stewardship is understood.

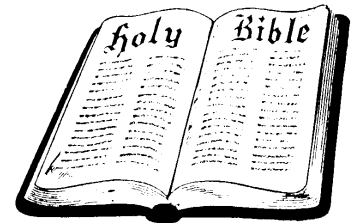
The biblical doctrine of stewardship defines a man's relationship to God. It identifies God as owner and man as manager. God makes man His co-worker in

administering all aspects of our life. The apostle Paul explains it best by saying, "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9). Starting with this concept, we are then able to accurately view and correctly value not only our possessions, but, more importantly, human life itself. In essence, stewardship defines our purpose in this world as assigned to us by God Himself. It is our divinely given opportunity to join with God in His worldwide and eternal redemptive movement (Matthew 28:19-20). Stewardship is not God taking something from us; it is His method of bestowing His richest gifts upon His people.

In the New Testament, two Greek words embody the meaning of our English word "stewardship." The first word is *epitropos* which means "manager, foreman, or steward." From the standpoint of government, it means "governor or procurator." At times it was used in the New

Testament to mean "guardian," as in Galatians 4:1-2: "What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father." The second word is *oikonomos*. It also means "steward, manager, or administrator" and occurs more frequently in the New Testament. Depending on the context, it is often translated "dispensation, stewardship, management, arrangement, administration, order, plan, or training." It refers mostly to the law or management of a household or of household affairs.

Notably, in the writings of Paul, the word *oikonomos* is given its fullest significance in that Paul sees his responsibility for preaching the gospel as a divine trust (1 Corinthians 9:17). Paul refers to his call from God as the administra-



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at 7 p.m.
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School for Youth
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THE 219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) SUMMARY

The 219th General Assembly (2010) Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Brief Summary

Election of the Moderator: Elder Cynthia Bolbach, an elder from Arlington, Virginia, in National Capital Presbytery, was elected moderator of the 219th General Assembly and will serve for the next two years. In a crowded field of six nominees she was the only elder standing for the position and was elected on the fourth ballot, with 51% of the votes. She has served both her presbytery and the national church, most notably as the co-moderator of the Task Force to revise the Form of Government. Professionally she is a lawyer and serves as an executive with a legal information services firm. This Assembly was notable for actions that will have lasting impacts on the life of the PC(USA), notably approving the revised Form of Government section of the Book of Order and adding the Belhar Confession to the

Book of Confessions.

Form of Government Revision: At the last General Assembly the Form of Government Task Force presented their report, including their revised Form of Government section of the Book of Order and a proposed new section called Foundations of Presbyterian Polity which would move the first four chapters into their own section. The goal of the revision is to make the Form of Government more of a constitutional document and less of a procedural manual while structuring the PC(USA) to be missional. The 218th General Assembly discerned that more input from the wider church was needed and so after receiving input and revising the document the Task Force brought it back to this General Assembly. The Assembly made some additional changes to individual sections and approved the revision by a vote of 468 yes, 204 no and 6 abstentions. To take effect the revision must

now be approved by a majority of the presbyteries.

Confessions: This GA took two actions regarding changes to the Book of Confessions. The Assembly voted to approve the report of the Special Committee to study the Belhar Confession and to send the Belhar Confession to the presbyteries for their concurrence to include it in the Book of Confessions. This requires the approval of 2/3 of the presbyteries. The 1986 Belhar Confession comes out of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa and addresses the country's system of apartheid at that time. The second action was to approve the report of the Special Committee to correct translation problems in the Heidelberg Catechism. While this Special Committee was charged with correcting a few specific questions they concluded that there were more extensive translation problems and recommended that they continue work for an

additional two years to work with other Reformed denominations to help produce a full new translation. The Assembly agreed.

Marriage: The 218th General Assembly created a Special Committee on Civil Unions and Christian Marriage which reported back to this Assembly with a Final Report and a Minority Report. While the definition of marriage in the Book of Order was not part of the mandate of the Special Committee several presbytery overtures were sent to the General Assembly asking to define marriage as being between "two people" instead of "one man and one woman." While the commissioner committee recommended the Assembly adopt the Special Committee's Final Report the Assembly instead decided to commend both the Final and Minority reports to the church for study by a vote of 439 to 208 with 12 abstentions. The Assembly

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INGLESIDE IS ON FACEBOOK

Ingleside now has a Facebook group. So far, however, there are only 2 members, Steve Wolf and Deacon Lugretta Staten. Let's see if we can get a few more members. You can use Facebook to keep in contact with other Ingleside members and post information, links, pictures, etc, for others to see.

Facebook is a social networking website Anyone over the age of 13 with a valid e-mail address can become a Facebook user. Users can add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. Additionally, users can join networks organized by workplace, school, or

college. The website's name stems from the colloquial name of books given to students at the start of the academic year by university administrations in the US with the intention of helping students to get to know each other better.

Creating an account:

Using the internet, browse to www.facebook.com and follow the "sign up" instructions. You can then search for Ingleside Presbyterian Church and join our group:

Warnings:

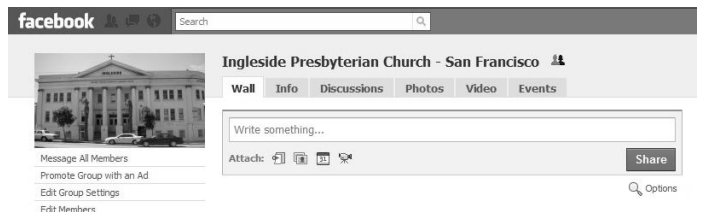
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settings. For things like "your wall" or "photos", you can select whether everybody, only "friends" or "friends of friends" can see your information. A common sense recommendation would be to allow everybody to see your profile picture and "groups" (like Ingleside Presbyterian). This will help old friends get in contact with you. For photos and your wall, you may

want to limit them to your friends only.

Also, beware that hackers take advantage of any new technology, including social networking sites. Beware of clicking on links that seem like they might be fake, or responding to messages from those you don't know.

If you have any questions, please see Steve Wolf.



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 219 SUMMARY—CONTINUED

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then agreed to take no action on any other items related to marriage by a vote of 348 to 324.

Ordination Standards: The Assembly received no less than 17 overtures related to the church's ordination standards described in G-6.0106b. After studying all of these the Assembly committee recommended, and the full Assembly agreed, to a proposed change that would strike the current section and replace it with one that would lift up standards for ordination in a more general sense, that the "candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation." This was approved 373 yes, 324 no and 4 abstaining.

Again, as a Book of Order amendment this will require the approval of a majority of the presbyteries.

Middle Governing Bodies

Commission: With the continuing membership decline of the PC(USA) (almost 3% in 2009) and financial strain at all levels of our governing bodies, there were multiple proposals to restructure the denomination ranging from the elimination of synods, to a committee to study and report on how to restructure presbyteries and synods, to a commission that would be empowered to take action on restructuring presbyteries and synods. By a wide margin, 566 to 104, the Assembly approved the commission and granted it the power to

reorganize presbyteries and synods with the approval of all affected presbyteries or all presbyteries in an affected synod. The commission will also consult with the presbyteries and synods and make recommendations to the next General Assembly.

Middle East Issues: Probably the issue before the General Assembly with the widest advance publicity outside the church was the report of the Middle East Task Force. Many groups viewed the report as being too sympathetic to Palestinian issues and too critical of the state of Israel. The Assembly committee made significant changes to the report to emphasize Israel's right to exist and its right to security

while retaining a concern for the human rights of all groups in the Middle East. The modified report was approved by a wide margin. In a related action the Assembly voted to not divest from Caterpillar Corp. but to remain engaged with the company over concerns for how its equipment is used in Israel and Palestine.

Other actions: The GA portion of per capita was raised from \$6.15 for 2010 to \$6.50 for 2011 and \$6.63 for 2012. The request for a new non-geographic Korean language presbytery in the Synod of South Atlantic was disapproved.

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BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP—CONTINUED

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(stewardship) of the grace of God for a ministry of the divine mystery revealed in Christ (Ephesians 3:2). In this context, Paul is portraying God as the master of a great household, wisely administering it through Paul himself as the obedient servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Also significant in what Paul is saying is that once we're called and placed into the body of Jesus Christ, the stewardship that is required of us is not a result of our own power or abilities. The strength, inspiration and growth in the management of our lives must come from God through the Holy Spirit in us; otherwise, our labor is in vain and the

growth in stewardship is self-righteous, human growth. Accordingly, we must always remember the sole source of our strength in pleasing God: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NJKV). Paul also said, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

More often than not, when we think of good stewardship, we think of how we manage our finances and our faithfulness in paying God's tithes and offerings. But as we're beginning to

see, it's much more than that. In fact, it's more than just the management of our time, our possessions, our environment, or our health. Stewardship is our obedient witness to God's sovereignty. It's what motivates the follower of Christ to move into action, doing deeds that manifest his belief in Him. Paul's stewardship involved proclaiming that which was entrusted to him—the gospel truth.

Stewardship defines our practical obedience in the administration of everything under our control, everything entrusted to us. It is the consecration of one's self and possessions to God's service.

Stewardship acknowledges in practice that we do not have the right of control over ourselves or our property—God has that control. It means as stewards of God we are managers of that which belongs to God, and we are under His constant authority as we administer His affairs. Faithful stewardship means that we fully acknowledge we are not our own but belong to Christ, the Lord, who gave Himself for us.

The ultimate question, then, is this: Am I the lord of my life, or is Christ the Lord of my life? In essence, stewardship expresses our total obedience to God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Did you know that if we simply divided the churches expenses among all active adult members, each member would give \$32 per week?

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BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- Jacob said unto ____, Give me my wife (Gen 29:21)
- the poison of ____ is under their lips (Rom 3:13) KJV
- Fifth book of the New Testament
- left me, because three days ____ I fell sick (1 Sam 30:13) KJV
- Labans' oldest daughter (Gen 29:16-17)
- men of violence who plan to ____ my feet (Ps 140:4)
- whatever is hidden is ____ to be disclosed (Mark 4:22)
- they tied unto it a ____ of blue (Ex 39:31) KJV
- the tongue can no man ____; it is an unruly evil (James 3:8)
- an ____ nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official (Acts 28:7)
- Burn ____ bread as a thank offering (Amos 4:5)
- gathered thereof wild gourds his ____ full (2 King 4:39)
- out of these ____ God can raise up children for Abraham (Matt 3:9)
- Then the ____ shot arrows at your servants (2 Sam 11:24)
- By faith Moses' parents ____ him for three months (Heb 11:23)
- You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with ____ in it (Hag 1:6)
- the LORD is robed in majesty and is ____ with strength (Ps 93:1)
- A fool's talk brings a ____ to his back (Prov 14:3)
- gardener of Eden
- entered the ark to escape the waters of the ____ (Gen 7:7)
- each with ____ in hand because of his age (Zech 8:4)
- Arise, and take up thy ____, and walk (Mark 2:9)
- Two ____ will be grinding grain together (Luke 17:35)
- a time to mourn and a time to ____ (Eccl 3:4)
- "No one, ____, " she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," (Jn 8:11)
- He threw himself at Jesus' feet and ____ him (Luke 17:16)
- weighed anchor and ____ along the shore of Crete (Acts 27:13)
- mixed with a quarter of a ____ of oil (Exod 29:40)
- An investigation of the component parts
- offerings and sacrifices, your ____ and special gifts (Deut 12:11)
- he tore the lion apart with his ____ hands (Judg 14:12)
- lest he ____ thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee (Luke 12:58) KJV
- their sailors came alongside to ____ for your wares (Ezek 27:9)
- it had large ____ teeth; it crushed and devoured (Dan 7:7)
- Go ____ all the world and preach the good news (Mark 16:15)
- figs, which are so bad they cannot be ____, ' says the LORD (Jer 24:8)
- As she wept, she ____ over to look into the tomb (John 20:11-12)
- which for ages ____ was kept hidden in God (Eph 3:9-10)
- why ____ money on what is not bread (Isa 55:2)

DOWN—Continued

- Observe the ____ of Abib and celebrate the Passover (Deut 16:1)
- Mordecai the Jew was second in ____ to King Xerxes (Est 10:3)
- The death he died, he died to sin ____ for all (Rom 6:10)
- a prophet, powerful in word and ____ before God (Luke 24:19)
- they would have cast anchors out of the ____ (Acts 27:30) KJV
- But how ____ a mortal be righteous before God? (Job 9:2)
- cunning (Job 5:13)
- The ____ answered, "Don't argue with us (Judg 18:25)
- a time to be ____ and a time to speak (Eccl 3:7)
- "They ____ me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! (Prov 23:35)
- or birds are taken in a ____ (Eccl 9:12)
- brother of Moses (Ex 4:14)
- a silversmith, which made silver shrines for ____ (Acts 19:24) KJV
- first month of Hebrew calender (Ex.23:15)
- the One who ____ enthroned on high (Ps 113:5)
- You hypocrites, why are you trying to ____ me? (Matt 22:18)
- I ____ those who cling to worthless idols (Ps 31:6)
- Adams first home (Gen 2:8)
- The Lord needs it and will ____ it back here shortly (Mark 11:3)
- grandson of Terah (Gen 11:31)

DOWN

- Like a bad tooth or a ____ foot (Prov 25:19)
- But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ____ (Heb 9:26)
- used in Peter's occupation (Matt 14:29)
- a prophetess, ____, the daughter of Phanuel (Luke 2:36)
- Thorns will overrun her citadels, ____ and brambles her strongholds (Isa 34:13)
- ____ things were made by him (John 1:3)
- Daniel, close up and ____ the words of the scroll (Dan 12:4)
- they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six ____ (2 Sam 6:13) (KJV)
- the wings of my dove are ____ with silver (Ps 68:13)
- Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to ____ her (Est 4:5)
- the turtle and the ____ and the swallow (Jer 8:7) KJV
- if he trespass against thee seven ____ in a day (Luke 17:4)
- The creatures ____ back and forth like flashes of lightning (Ezek 1:14)
- he touched the man's ____ and healed him (Luke 22:51)
- he that followeth vain persons is ____ of understanding (Prov 12:11)
- As it is written in the second ____ (Acts 13:33)
- husband of Jezebel (1King 19:1)
- sons and thirty grandsons, who ____ on seventy donkeys (Judg 12:14)
- the warriors are ____ in scarlet (Nah 2:3)
- and a pomegranate, upon the ____ of the robe (Exodus 28:34)
- the gazelle, the ____ deer, the wild goat (Deut 14:5)

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