



From Good To Great:

# Making a Change by Being Good Stewards of Our Churches

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# Agenda

**Focus on the Facts**

**Focus on the FAT**

**Focus on the Finances**

**Focus on the Future**



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### **Focus on the Facts**

*Knowledge is body of information you gather over time.*

*Understanding is what to do with your knowledge.*

*Wisdom is ability to make God-ordered decisions based on your understanding.*

**- Unknown**

*Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding.*

**-Proverbs 4:7 KJV**



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### **Focus on the Facts**

511.1 Stewards shall be:

1. Persons of solid piety
2. Persons who both know and love the Methodist doctrine and discipline
3. Persons of good natural and acquired ability to transact the temporal business of the church

- ***The Book of Discipline of the C.M.E. Church 2006***



# *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

## **Focus on the Facts**

- Understand the WORD
- Understand the DISCIPLINE
- Understand the power of PRAYER
- Understand our HISTORY



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### **Focus on the Facts**

Being a Steward is not just about Making Money but about Managing ALL that God has given us:

- Finances
- Time
- Knowledge
- Talents



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### **Focus on the FAT**

*Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.*

**- President Barack Obama**

*In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path.*

**- Proverbs 3:6 KJV**



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### Focus on the FAT

What do you have at home that you know the church needs?

What have we “always done”, but is now not working?



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### Focus on the FAT

Understand how the WORLD works – and how the CHURCH should be different

Make IT. Save IT. Grow IT. Share IT.

- No debt
- Skills passed on to the next Generation
- Build from within, Grow from without.
- Goal of all ministry is to share



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### **Focus on the Finances**

*“If Johnny can’t read, that’s Momma’s fault.  
If Johnny can’t read because there are no lights in  
the house, that’s Daddy’s fault!”*

**- comedian Chris Rock**

*For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth  
not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he  
have sufficient to finish it?*

**- Luke 14:28 KJV**



# *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

## **Focus on the Finances**

Get your church in order!

- Laws and Regulations
- Normal administration
- Assessments by the District/Region

Ministry is a “shared effort”

- Don't go it ALONE!
- Don't do everything in the name of your own church.



# *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

## **Focus on the Finances**

### Gifts to the church

- Annuities
- Life Insurance

### Tithing

- Learn It
- Teach It
- A gift back to God for blessing you, not to “pay church bills”



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### **Focus on the Future**

"Mankind." That word should have new meaning for all of us today. We can't be consumed by our petty differences anymore. We will be united in our common interests. Perhaps it's fate that today is the Fourth of July, and you will once again be fighting for our freedom... Not from tyranny, oppression, or persecution... but from annihilation. We are fighting for our right to live. To exist. And should we win the day, the Fourth of July will no longer be known as an American holiday, but as the day the world declared in one voice: "We will not go quietly into the night!" We will not vanish without a fight! We're going to live on! We're going to survive! Today we celebrate our Independence Day!

**- *President Whitmore in the movie Independence Day (1996)***

The Lord will guide you continually,  
giving you water when you are dry  
and restoring your strength.  
You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like an ever-flowing spring.

**-*Isaiah 58:11 (New Living Translation)***



# *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

## **Focus on the Future**

### Focus on the Family

- Your church family needs men too
- Women still want MEN to lead

### Focus on the Children

- Leaders are born not made, but direction is set with Training.
- Are you the church's Past, Present or Future? All have a place.



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### **Focus on the Future**

#### Practice Open Evangelism

- Not just for the Board of Evangelism
- What's stopping you?
- Don't wait for Men's Day!

#### Stay in touch with other men

- Prayer Partners
- New Members



## *Being Good Stewards of our Churches*

### **Focus on the Future**

Building lasting ministries

- Create testimonies, not just memories
- Teach and Document to help teach to aid transitions

***This is a journey, not a destination of perfection!***

