



Today begins an exciting program in the life of First Christian Church ..... Forty Days of Transformation. This year, our annual stewardship campaign is much broader in focus that asking for your tithes and pledges. For the next forty days, we will all have the opportunity to study, grow in faith and be transformed together. The program begins with a gift to each family, the book *Treasures of the Transformed Life*. Through daily study, weekly Sunday School class small group sessions, sermons from our pulpit, personal testimonials and intentional family prayer, we will explore together our priorities and commitment to our God, our church and each other. Each week, the campaign will take on a new focus:

10/14	Priorities	10/21	Prayer
10/28	Presence	11/4	Service
11/11	Tithing	11/18	Overall Commitment

It is the hope of your Stewardship Committee and the Mission Council that you will pick up your book today; read the first chapter, Priming the Pump, during the upcoming week; and return to church next Sunday prepared to discuss the text in Sunday School and learn even more during worship. Prepare for the treasure in transformation that awaits each one of us.

**God is more ready to give than the asker is to ask.  
-author unknown**

Jesus teaches us that prayer is one of the most powerful tools God gives us in this life. Prayer is our personal time with God ... to talk and to listen. With prayer, all things are possible, when we are truthful and faithful communicators. In the belief that prayer is all powerful and transforming, we are asking that each family pray together during the stewardship program according to a schedule. Although we encourage each person to pray for our church and the success of the campaign on a daily basis, we particularly request that each household set aside a prayer time on the date appointed to pray for First Christian Church, its membership, and the success of this program according to the following schedule for last names beginning with:

A – B	Monday	C – D	Tuesday
E – G	Wednesday	H – L	Thursday
M – N	Friday	O – S	Saturday
	T – Z	Sunday	

Converse with God about our future; how each of us can support the church through prayer, presence, service and tithing. Focus on the particular subject of study for the week. Enjoy the difference you will see as your immediate family and church family grows in faith together. Yes, the power of prayer is amazing. God does listen. God answers our prayers.

