



Newsletter

Lincoln Association of Baptists

January 2025



Upcoming Events & Announcements:

Executive Board Meeting— Tuesday January 14th at the LAB at 6:30pm.

Lab Recovery Team— If you feel God leading you to be apart of this ministry, please reach out to Silas Session at sjsession@yahoo.com

Pastor Prayer Meeting— Join us each Week at 9:00am for fellowship and prayer. Date will be emailed weekly.

Stewardship Entails Wise Planning

Matthew 6:19-21 reads, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is - there will your heart be also." (ESV)

This passage does not condemn having insurance policies, retirement funds, college funds, or emergency savings. It is about making sure our financial priorities are based on a biblical perspective. It is a warning about how we accumulate our treasures.

If we focus on securing what we think we will need for our financial future, we will spend our energy on that goal rather than God's purpose for our lives. The flaw in this philosophy is this: "How much is enough?" How much is that if we say we want to be "comfortable"? We say we want financial security, but how much do we mean? How are we with our stewardship? How are we managing God's blessings for us?

We know God wants us to be faithful stewards of our church offerings. God has blessed us, and we should wish to return some of His blessings to Him. We should do so cheerfully according to Paul's words to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 9:7)

We know that God wants us to be faithful stewards regarding our estate planning. Some people use a Will to assist them with their estate planning. A Will gives guidance to one's survivors on how you want your assets distributed upon your Heavenly Homegoing. This provides a sense of security and reassurance. I encourage you also to note your last wishes for your funeral arrangements.

Some implement a trust in addition to a Will. A Trust allows certain funds to be utilized from the principal investment. This empowers you to have control over your assets even after you're gone. Some even implement a Trust before they die.

I encourage you to ask God to guide you regarding His distribution of the funds He has entrusted you. Your wise estate planning could benefit your church or another ministry you cherish. For example, one ministry I have supported is Missions Dignity. (<https://www.guidestone.org/Mission-Dignity>) Guidestone sponsors this ministry that offers financial assistance to retired ministers, widows, or widowers who do not have enough funds for their retirement.

Several of our churches have benefitted from believers' wise estate planning. These generous believers have bequeathed these churches financial assistance from their wills, and these churches have utilized these funds to help them achieve God's vision for their respective ministries.

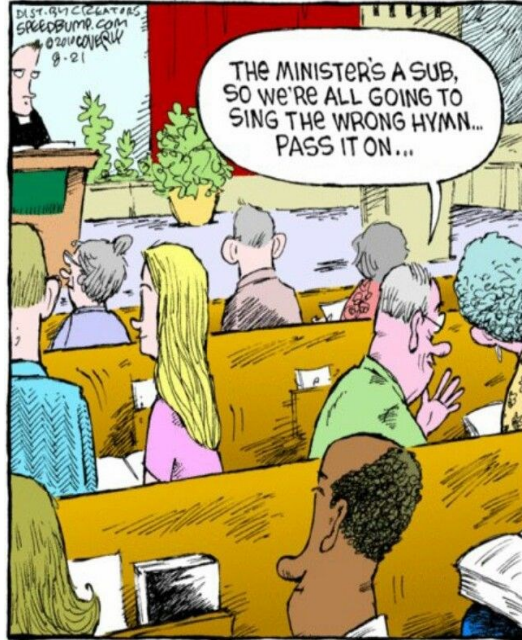
Prayerfully examine your stewardship of God's resources in your care. How you manage them and plan with them reveals where your treasure is. This reflection will help you align your financial priorities with God's purpose for your life.

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Pastors Highlight



Living Word Baptist Church's Pastor is Harry Noble. He has served here for over seven years.



Magnolia Baptist Church's pastor is Mark Tarrence. He has served as pastor here for almost six years.

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