The Purpose

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From here to Heaven…
following God wherever he leads us.

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Today is *Missions Sunday* at Westview

Today, we will focus on the various mission works Westview is involved with. Some are relatively new to Westview outreach while others we've been involved with for decades. It is amazing what God can do with our generosity and giving spirit. We will be blessed to remember that the Westview world is larger than Greeley.

We Will Glorify
People Need the Lord

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Prayer

Come, Share the Lord

We remember Christ's sacrifi

Contribution collected
Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Shout To the North

Sermon
Westview and the World
Barry
Vern
Rufino
Terry

Wake Up, O Sleeper

Unison Reading
Matthew 28:19-20

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Men To Serve (today)

	Communion
Scripture reading – none	Chad Goodwin
Prayer – Roy Moore	Kim Hegarty
Communion prayers – James Pascoe	Abner Morales
Contribution prayer – Tom Odle	Doug Seaman

News Notes Events

Women's Bible Study group on Tuesday

The *Women's Bible Study* group will meet this coming Tuesday, November 3rd, at 10 a.m. We meet in the home of Barb Henderson. The address is available through the church office. The group meets every first and third Tuesday of the month. All the ladies are encouraged to join us!

Families Discovery Group meets this afternoon

The next meeting for the *Families Discovery Group* is this afternoon at 5 p.m. We will meet at Cory & Katie's house. The address is available through the church office. The menu is chili, Frito pie, and cinnamon rolls. Check with Cory & Katie for more information.

Carley's doctoral recital on November 3rd

Carley Jo Goggans continues her doctoral work in voice at UNC. She will perform a doctoral recital this coming Tuesday, November 3rd. All are invited. It will be at 5 p.m. in Milne Auditorium in Kepner Hall on the UNC campus. There is no charge for this event. If you need directions, check with Carley for that information.

Contribution for EEM

Last Sunday we took up a special contribution for *Eastern European Missions*. You may have been gone or unprepared last week. You can still give to this ministry. Pass along your contribution to one of the Elders, Terry, or Dan Esposito. **You can also give to EEM through the giving portal on the Westview website. Click on the giving button and an EEM option will be available. www.westviewcoc.org**

Thanksgiving Banquet on November 22nd

Our annual Thanksgiving Banquet will be three weeks from today, November 22nd. *This is one week later than usual as it will be the Sunday before Thanksgiving*. There were some scheduling details we needed to consider. It will be at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. A sign-up is in the lobby. ***Begin inviting friends now!*** There is no set cost but is a donation-only event. Also – let Terry know if you'd like to help serve at the Hispanic Thanksgiving meal on November 15th (in 2 weeks).

November Bible Reading Plan available

The handout for Bible reading strategies for November is now available and in the lobby. You should have received an email with a PDF last week. Check with Terry if you did not.

Classes today: The fellowship room class is studying the book of Hebrews, taught by Tom.
Terry's class (room #14) is studying *Great Words & Themes*. Today – ***Full.***

The *Children's Worship Bulletin* is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Be sure to grab some *Westview cards* from the lobby to distribute this week.

Every week:

- **Men's Coffee** - each Tuesday morning in the fellowship room from 6 to 8 a.m.
- **Women's Coffee** - each Wednesday morning in the fellowship room from 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Singing with the worship leaders** every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the building.
- The **Wednesday night study group** meets at 6:30 p.m. We are currently studying the book of James.

He is no fool to give what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

~~Jim Elliot~~

What would happen to this world if more evangelical Christians were to realize that God blessed them with money in order to make them a blessing, not to pamper them?

~~Ralph Winter~~

Commentary from a Common Terry by Terry Newton

Either/Or faith in a Both/And world 6

The old adage among ministers is that when we start talking about money, we've moved from preaching to meddling. So, let me meddle for a bit.

This whole *either/or* idea of faith when we live in a *both/and* world is critical to how we manage, use, and give our financial resources. I've heard more than one highly respected teacher say that Christians may demonstrate their faith more truthfully in how they manage their money than in any other part of life. I doubt that's always true. But, it is certainly a reality when it comes to Christianity in the modern, prosperous, money-driven world we are in.

The Bible talks about money more than 2,000 times. Not all of it is some deep, critical, life-changing passage. Sometimes its just a description of a transaction or the summary of a financial circumstance. At other times, though, it cuts deeply. You might say that God's word *meddles* in our finances.

Why have I suddenly gone here in this series? It doesn't really fit with the first five articles. But, today at Westview, it is *Missions Sunday*. We are focused on the reach of Westview beyond our church family and the communities we live in. This morning we'll hear about God's work and our partnership in those works on multiple continents in many countries. Ukraine. Uganda. eSwatini (former Swaziland in the southeast corner of Africa). Honduras. Mexico. Other Latin American countries. India.

God has blessed us wonderfully and that gives us the chance and *privilege* to work alongside MP and Brother V in India. We join with Julian (Rufino's brother) in Mexico. We support Duncan and his team in Uganda. We are able to put funds in the hands of Tito in Honduras as he distributes them to families with children who are desperate to meet basic needs. We help support our long-time friend, Javier, as he trains leaders and encourages churches in several Latin American countries. Just last week and this week, we are

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contributing to the amazing ministry of Eastern European Missions, primarily focused in Ukraine right now.

God gives to us and we must make choice, quite often, how we use our money. Do we focus only on ourselves or do we look outward, choosing to give to God's Kingdom cause instead of to our own comfort? It can be an either/or moment. I either indulge myself or I give it away and let God do with it whatever He wants

It's why God blesses us in the first place, not to make our own lives as comfortable as possible, but to join the greatest purpose in the universe – God's cause and will. When Paul taught the Corinthians about this in his second letter to them, he told them that, ***"…God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."*** II Corinthians 9:8 But he wasn't done. Still talking about generous giving, he then said, ***"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way <u>to be generous in every way</u>, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."*** II Corinthians 9:11-12

We make choices. I could continue my once-a-week treat of eating a 15 dollar meal or I could eat a couple of cheap sandwiches and take that $60-70 month and help support an orphan in Uganda or India. Either/or. The idea of sacrifice, in part, is to not give ourselves what we want, but treasure even more what God values and wants. That's not always easy. (See, I'm meddling.)

Because of the generous hearts of the Westview church family, we can have a day like this, *Missions Sunday*, which not only celebrates what God has done and is doing, but excites us for what is still yet to come. What a concept! We see God' blessing in our lives and do not first think of ourselves, but of others. This is God's way..

Love one another.

