

MAY 2025

The Uwharrie View

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY CHURCH MEMBERS



This Month's Events

- **5/2-5/3** MEN'S CAMPING TRIP & PRAYER BREAKFAST
- **5/3** AT THE WELL (WOMENS EVENT)
- **5/11** MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
- **5/17** URE MEN & URE KIDS FISHING DAY
- **5/20** URE KIDS MINISTRY TEAM APPRECIATION DINNER
- **5/25** PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION
- **5/1** GRADUATION SUNDAY

Ways to Serve

- **IMPRESSIONS TEAM** - MISSY ARCHER
- **HOSPITALITY**- TERRY MAIERS
- **URE KIDS**- CRYSTAL MORRIS & ALLIE LOFLIN
- **WORSHIP TEAM**- KELLY LOFLIN
- **COMMUNITY GROUPS**- JASON & PATTY HEIDGE

Community Groups

- **WOMEN'S** - SUNDAYS @ 6 PM
- **STUDENTS** (6TH-12TH GRADE) - SUNDAYS @ 6 PM
- **MEN'S** - 2ND FRIDAY @ 6:30 PM
- **MARRIED COUPLES** - 3RD FRIDAY @ 6:30 PM *CHILDCARE
- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY** - THURSDAYS @ 6:30 PM *CHILDCARE
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY** @ 6:30 *CHILDCARE
- **FREEDOM IN CHRIST**- MONDAYS 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

No one can be a slave of two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot be slaves of God and of money. (Matthew 6:24)

Man is the pinnacle of God's creation. For a human being to enslaved to money—what a ludicrous, and horrifying, thing that is! This might be Satan's most effective plot to demean and demoralize mankind: to enslave us to something so much lesser, so much beneath us. To teach us to measure our worth in dollars. Money is a wonderful servant, but it is a terrible status symbol. It is a wonderful servant, but a terrible dictator. It can accomplish marvellous things—when it does our bidding, and God's. But when we switch that around, when we do its bidding, and even try to make God do its bidding, then the world is standing on its head, and nothing is what it should be. This is Jesus's point. He revisits it, all through this section of the Sermon on the Mount. It is ot, Oh, money is evil. Money is nothing but a measure of prosperity, a symbol by which we exchange value. Prosperity, abundance, time, and value all come from God; money is just a way we measure good things. Jesus calls us to the ultimate holism in the way we live: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30, riffing on Deuteronomy 6:5). If money is your master, Jesus says, you can't do this. You can't actually serve two masters. We were not created to be divided, we were created to be whole. So we will drift all to one thing or to the other. You will love one, hate the other. Despite one, be devoted to the other. By contrast with money, to be devoted to God is to be devoted to the Highest thing there is. Ours is an "upward call in Christ" (Phil 3:14, ESV). Devotion to God will always raise our minds, our hearts, and our spirits. It will exalt our actions. We will become better, purer, more beautiful human beings. Devotion to God raises our vision to the heights and depths of all that is good and right and truly human, because it flows from what is divine. Devotion to money, by contrast, is lowering. It demeans and flattens us. God calls us to be holy and courageous; money calls us to compromise and cringing, to be controlled by fear. God calls us to be generous, with all our whole lives as with our money; money, as a master, drives us to be stingy, fearful, greedy, grasping. God is a God of abundance. Money—when it rules—is always about scarcity. When it doesn't rule, when it's a servant and a symbol of prosperity, it's a powerful tool for righteousness. This is why tithing, and regular giving and spontaneous giving, are such powerful spiritual disciplines. They remind us who's boss. They keep us moving in the right direction: up and out, not down and in.

There are three biblical responses to money. None of them are guilt. They are gratitude, joy, and generosity. (RachelStarrThomson.com)

Uwharrie Community Church exists to help people LOVE God, LOVE others and LOVE sharing the Good News of Jesus. That means we WORSHIP God in every area of our lives, we love and serve those in our COMMUNITY and we take our MISSION seriously of telling others of God's love for them. We say it like this, "Love HIM, Love THEM, Tell them WHY."



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