
Commitment Sunday – May 17

Stepping out in faith and finding God faithful to his promises, Linglestown Life will covenant with God and one another to move us one step closer to Entering the Dream and Embracing God's Desire. All of our praying, discussing and discerning brings us to this moment when we will commit to making the dream a reality. During each worship service you will be given the opportunity to step forward and present your commitment card in the replica of the church.

First Fruit Sunday – May 31

Present your first gifts to the Campaign on Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate God's blessing and the faithfulness of God's people as they responded on Commitment Sunday.

Frequently Asked Questions about Commitment Sunday

Q. Why make a commitment before we have decided as a congregation to build?

A. Your commitment will determine what we will be able to build! A financial plan, based upon your commitments, must be put together prior to seeking funding and prior to any congregational decision to build. Your commitment on May 17 is crucial to making the maximum impact on our proposed building plan.

Q. I will be out of town on May 17, how do I make a commitment?

A. If you will be unable to join us on May 17, you may request a Covenant Card to complete your commitment. This card should be returned to the church prior to May 17 or no later than May 20. Request your card by calling the church office at 545-5200 or e-mailing LinglestownLife@comcast.net

Q. I don't like to complete a covenant card, but may give to the Campaign at some time. So why should I complete a covenant card?

A. Unlike Investment Sunday where we can budget based upon your past pattern of giving to the church, if you do not complete a covenant card, we cannot count on your gift. In turn, we will be unable to secure any loans because your commitment will not be reflected in our campaign commitment on May 17.



Prayer Guide

May 11-16

Enter the Dream... Embrace God's Desire

George Mueller hadn't faced a situation quite like it. Before him were 120 orphans, expectantly seated at long dinner tables. But something at this mealtime tested the mettle of Mueller's heart. On the dinner plates at that table was...nothing but water. Eager faces looked toward him, as if to say, "What's for dinner?" But he didn't know; the cupboard was bare and the icebox was empty. There was no milk, and no money to buy food or drink.

What was George to do? It didn't take long for him to decide. He would do what he had done every other mealtime. He would instruct the children to bow their heads and join him in thanking God for the meal they were about to eat. He would praise God for the faithfulness of His provision. And so he did. Mueller prayed simply, directly, and with a heart filled with faith.

When the "amen" was pronounced, the plates were still empty. But as the eyes of those 120 youngsters turned again to the head table, a knock sounded at the door. One of the boys was sent to answer. A moment later, he called out, "Mr. Mueller, it's the vegetable man! He's got a lot of stuff for us!" "Coincidentally," there were many vegetables that would spoil if he didn't do something with them. While the vegetables were being unloaded, another person came to the door — the butcher! He had run out of ice at the end of a hot day and faced the prospect of awful, rotting meat. Could the orphanage use it? No sooner had he spoken the words than another amazing "coincidence" occurred. The milkman's wagon pulled up, overloaded with milk and dairy products and needing desperately to do something with them!

Needless to say, it was quite a banquet that night. And it was the finest lesson in faith those orphans ever received. Would the same thing have happened had Mueller not prayed, thanking and praising God for His provision ahead of time? We don't know, but we do know that Jesus said we have not because we ask not. And we know that His will for us is to walk by faith, not by sight.

God is calling each member of the church family to answer a vital question: Do you have the faith to trust God for His provision? As we move toward the future — personally and corporately — this must be our attitude.

Monday

All things are possible to him who believes. *Mark 9:23*

Pray for the ministry: Give thanks to God for those who went before us, who had the vision to build the church on the hill in the center of the community, and to more than double its physical size when its ministry outgrew its walls.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that we can have the same faith as we face the challenges raised by our growing ministry, congregation, and community.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Commit yourself to seeking out how God desires you to use your spiritual and financial gifts to serve Him.

Tuesday

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Psalms 116: 1-2

Pray for the ministry: Pray for Pastor George and all of our worship leaders as they prepare weekly messages to lead, inspire and teach.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that the message of God's love spreads from our pulpit, through our congregation, and out into our community.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Pray that we can create worship spaces that match the inspiration of our worship leaders.

Wednesday

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:23-24

Pray for the ministry: That God would raise up people with hearts of compassion to provide for Congregational Care needs.

Pray for the future of the ministry: That our compassion and love for each other models God's love for us, and encourages those who enter our church to stay and experience God's love.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Pray that you can faithfully follow God's desire to strengthen your relationships with old and new friends in our growing congregation.

Thursday

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

Luke 4:16

Pray for the ministry: Pray that each member of our congregation has a heart of worship that longs to bless the Lord each week in worship and continues that attitude of worship throughout the week.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that our attitude of worship inspires others to seek out God.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Commit to discerning God's desire for your participation in worship.

Friday

Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Pray for the ministry: Pray for a growing hunger for the truth of God's Word in the lives of those who attend services each week.

Pray for the future of the ministry: Pray that we continue to seek with a servant's heart, always looking for new ways to serve, praise and worship.

Pray about your commitment to the ministry: Commit yourself to using your gifts and abilities and experiences passionately as God directs.

Saturday

God has truly blessed us at Linglestown Life. Pray that we will all be true stewards of God's blessings - time, energy, resources, spiritual gifts, abilities, talents, finances, relationships, health... Pray that we will step out in faith to use those blessings to love God and love others.