



2024 Breakout Sessions

Session 1

Measure to Manage (and Achieve!) Your Financial Stewardship Goals

Speakers: Carl Tierney and Donna Nicholson Stief

The 2023 Stewardship Survey, conducted by Vision2 and CSN, revealed a disconnect between setting actionable goals and taking relevant steps to meet and measure against those goals. For example, more than half of the Survey's webinar attendees reported they do not track their financial discipleship efforts. Join this session for actionable best practices on setting goals for both stewardship and generosity, measuring your progress, and creating the necessary accountability in your stewardship role.

Leveraging Stewardship Ministry in Seasons of Uncertainty to Strengthen Your Church

Speakers: Brenda Leisinger and Ron Dick

Leadership transition, mission drift, or a loss of vision are challenges every church will face eventually. These seasons create uncertainty and anxiety in your staff and congregation, leading to unwanted consequences such as a drop in giving, engagement, and attendance. Unknown to most church leaders is the tremendous value a stewardship ministry can have in these seasons. In this session, you'll learn how a stewardship ministry can be leveraged to bring vision to your people and the church, increase engagement and spiritual growth, and assist the church in fulfilling its mission.

Creating a Holistic Stewardship and Generosity Ministry: Soup to Nuts

Speaker: Kirsten Schwartz

Do you wonder where to start when it comes to serving everyone in your church on their stewardship journey? From the person who has never given, those who need help learning how to manage their finances, discipling the consistent givers, and to those stewarding wealth, it's important everyone is included in your ministry strategy. In this session, discover the key components to explore when building your stewardship and generosity ministry to encompass everyone in your church.

2023 Annual Generosity Report: Unlock the Potential of Church Giving This Year

Speakers: DeWayne McNally and Tim Deatrick

Church leaders – get ready to unlock the potential of Church giving with MortarStone’s 2023 Annual Generosity Report, in partnership with the team at Christian Stewardship Network! In this session, Tim Deatruck, Gift Strategist, and DeWayne McNally, Chief of Operations, will discuss the latest church-giving trends they see, and how this impacts giving in the Church. This session will discuss more than numbers! Tim and DeWayne will help attendees learn how this data can help each church to understand the heart of the greater Church so you can align your ministry needs and foster generosity.

Session 2

Old Testament Practices and New Testament Applications

Speakers: Chris Goulard and Donna Nicholson Stief

We know salvation is through Christ alone, not through the keeping of the Old Testament Law. Still, according to Jesus, the Law remains, as do the principles revealed in the Old Testament, though their application may look different today. In this session, we will look at some Old Testament practices, specifically those relevant to our stewardship, to understand how they apply to our New Testament context.

Leveraging Your Leadership Position to Grow Stewardship Engagement

Speakers: Blair Graham and Steve Carter

For stewardship to become a cultural value practiced by all, it’s important to have an effective discipleship process. Still, there’s more you can do to ensure everyone engages in it. In this session, we will share creative ways you can leverage your leadership position to resource, serve, and collaborate with other staff members for the purpose of growing stewardship engagement throughout the ministry of the church.

How to Model Good Stewardship as a Church

Speakers: Greg Wright and Dave Briggs

Join us for an engaging conversation where we’ll explore the vital role of managing church finances and tithes. We’ll delve into the principles of responsible stewardship, discussing how churches can effectively handle their resources to set a compelling example for congregants. Discover practical insights on cultivating a culture of transparency, accountability, and generosity, and learn how these practices can lay the groundwork for inspiring stewardship within your church community. Leave this session with practical advice and resources that you can apply right away.

How to Talk to Rich People

Speakers: Todd Harper

Description: Gain increasing competence and confidence in interacting with and ministering to those in your church who have been entrusted with wealth. In this session, we will explore the following themes:

- Understanding the heart and mind of those stewarding significant financial resources
- Common pitfalls of relating with the wealthy
- Practical tips and tools for encouraging people to excel in the grace of giving

Session 3

Spiritual Legacies: Unveiling the Stats Behind the Spiritual Impact of Planned Giving

Speakers: Clay Perkins, Kirk Andresen, and Mike Prior

Among many of the opportunities a Stewardship Pastor has is the privilege of nurturing the soul through planned giving. Planned giving is a decision today for a final gift to be made in the future. It's a necessary act of stewardship that can significantly impact your loved ones and God's kingdom. In this session, you will learn the spiritual impact planned giving guidance can have on your congregation and the fundamental reasons your church should engage in this ministry to the saints.

Generosity Unlocked: The Tale of Two Churches Wrestling with How to Use Data to Disciple and Foster Generosity

Speaker: Jeff Ward

At CSN, we often talk about using data to help with discipleship. This is the story of 2 churches' journey to do that and follows the process from idea to implementation. Along the way, there are twists and turns, discoveries, challenges, and successes. Come to this session to be challenged in how you think about your church's approach to discipling around generosity.

How to Lead People to Greater Giving

Speaker: Steve Carter

Giving is a journey, not a destination; everyone can take the next step on their generosity journey. Unfortunately, much of the church communication on giving seems to be geared toward non-givers, and rightfully so. We want people to begin trusting God with their finances, and giving is a great first step towards that. But what are we to do with those who are already giving? In this session, we'll show you how to lead those who give to grow in their ability to hear God and engage in greater levels of generosity.

What to Teach When You're Discipling People: Foundational Components that will Make Your Content Effective

Speakers: Leo Sabo and Rodney Ross

Talking about personal finances is avoided by most people, especially among older generations. When they finally take that courageous step to show up to your class, you want to ensure the experience will have a lasting effect. In this session, we'll share foundational components to include in your content to ensure everyone will experience practical and spiritual benefits that will last.

breakout schedule

Session 1 - Tuesday at 2:00 pm

Measure to Manage (and Achieve!) Your Financial Stewardship Goals	Carl Tierney Donna Nicholson Stief	Meeting Room 1
Leveraging Stewardship Ministry in Seasons of Uncertainty to Strengthen Your Church	Brenda Leisinger Ron Dick	Main Hall
Creating a Holistic Stewardship and Generosity: Soup to Nuts	Kirsten Schwartz	Community Room
2023 Annual Generosity Report: Unlock the Potential of Church Giving This Year	Dave McNally Tim Deatrck	Grill Private Dining Room

Session 2 - Tuesday at 3:00 pm

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How to Model Good Stewardship as a Church	Greg Wright Dave Briggs	Community Room
How to Talk to Rich People	Todd Harper	Grill Private Dining Room

Session 3 - Wednesday at 10:40 am

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