

DUANE BARNEY AWARD 2022

Congratulations to Chuck Petty, the 2022 recipient.

The Barney award, established by the Session in 1999, provides \$1000 in honor of the recipient to be given to the NPC mission of their choice and is made to individuals who:

1. Have served faithfully and successfully in an elected or volunteer leadership position in The National Presbyterian Church, and/or have given selflessly through volunteer service to NPC; and
2. Through their service in leadership or volunteer positions have demonstrated a love of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, a commitment to the mission and ministries of NPC, and modeled the concepts of Servant Leadership and a Ministry of Grace; and
3. Through their service in leadership or volunteer positions have given of their time and energy over and above that normally expected of individuals in similar positions.

The most recent recipient of the award, for example, is Mary Jo Pera who chaired our remarkable Facilities Master Planning Committee.

Chuck Petty, as President of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, Inc. for almost 20 years, established and guided its work, facilitating the desire of many members to support and expand the ministry of the congregation through planned financial giving.

It was Chuck's vision that led NPC in the early 2000's to establish the *NPC Fund* as an organization related to NPC but functioning separately as a Maryland corporation. Since then, the Fund has assisted many members with matters of faithful stewardship of their financial resources. Through Chuck's confidential, compassionate and skillful conversations, relationships have been established with the Fund resulting in over 3.5 million dollars being channeled to support of Christ's mission in and through National.

The work of the Fund is described on our website at <https://nationalpres.org/giving/planned-giving/>.

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Contours of Faith: Loving Generously

Sermon Notes

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Psalm 24:1 All we have belongs to God and is a gift entrusted to us by God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Exodus 36:5-7 God longs to see Generosity overflowing for God's Work.

⁵The [construction managers] for the tent of worship said to Moses,

"The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do."

⁶So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp:

"No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary."

So the people were restrained from bringing; ⁷for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

Matthew 6:19-21 Our spending reveals the truth about our true faith.

(Jesus said) "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Acts 20:35 God seeks our joy as we supply the needs of others.

We must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Mark 4:24-25 Jesus Challenges us to remember the paradox of giving.

²⁴Jesus said to his followers: 'Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you.

²⁵For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'

Mark 10:17-22 Jesus sometimes teaches Radical Generosity.

²⁰A rich man said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all the Commandments since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Mark 12:41-44 Jesus is more interested in the level of sacrifice and the love for God expressed in the gift than the amount.

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.

⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, *‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’*

2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 9 The First Christians were Sacrificially Generous in response to God’s Generosity.

¹We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Acts 2:43-47 The First Christians were Sacrificially Generous in response to each other’s needs.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Luke 8:1-3 Not all are called to give away everything, but all are called to support God’s work through Jesus Work.

¹The twelve were with him, ²as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³*and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.*

Matthew 25:14-27 Jesus is interested in our proportional response to and stewardship of whatever has been entrusted to us.

¹⁴“A man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents (\$20,000) to another, two talents (\$8,000), and to the third, one talent (\$4,000), to each according to his ability.

¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents....’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’

²³Their master said to them,

‘Well done, good and trustworthy servants; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ²⁵I was afraid, and I went and hid your money in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! ²⁷ you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.’”

Malachi 3:10 The Biblical amount is a tithe (10%), to be returned to a God who can be trusted to care for us.

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, and put me to the test, says the Lord, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Matthew 23 Jesus affirms tithing but says it’s not the only thing that matters.

Jesus said, “You tithe the produce of your farms but have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. *It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the tithe.*”

I Corinthians 16:2 Our Generosity needs to be Systematic and Proportional.

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as you may prosper.

II Corinthians 9:6-8 God does not want “Grudging Gifts” but “Joyful Givers” who trust in God’s ability to provide.

Each one of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to supply you with every good gift in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.