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True Riches eNewsletter

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

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Announcing the LifeWork Leadership Program!

This Fall, a diverse collection of local leaders will embark on a journey of transformation from the inside out, through LifeWork Leadership, a new leadership program based on Christian Leadership Principles.

Lifework Leadership is a 501(c)3 charity established for the purpose of providing leadership development from a Christian Worldview based on the life and leadership of Jesus Christ.

Originally established in the Orlando area over fifteen years ago, Lifework Leadership's desire is to develop a new generation of leadership that would live out their vision for transformed leaders who could impact their home, church and community.

The transformation in Central Florida has caught the attention of leaders in cities around our nation. In the fall of 2006, affiliate organizations started in both Pittsburgh and South Florida. Beginning this Fall, we are honored to offer the program to our own community in the Tampa Bay area.

Lifework Leadership Tampa Bay will share offices with and receive funding through Christian Legacy Foundation.

You can participate in this excellent program. For more information or to download a brochure containing an application, visit the Lifework Leadership website at www.lifeworkleadership.org or contact Executive Director, Ken Wiebeck at (813) 333-6742 or



Helping People Achieve Lives of Stewardship Excellence Before God

The Christian Legacy Foundation (CLF) exists to enable faithful stewards to give wisely to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CLF is the Tampa Bay area affiliate of the National Christian Foundation.

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Hard Questions About Christian Legacy Foundation

Part 2 of 4

by Bob Collins, Executive Director

As I've talked with people over the past few years about the foundation, I have enjoyed and appreciated some of the hard questions asked by serious, thoughtful people. Last month, I addressed the [first four](#) - and here are three more. Perhaps you have already thought of some of these questions. Perhaps to some you will say to yourself "Yes, what is the answer to that one?"

5. How does CLF make its money? How is its ministry funded?

Our annual budget right now is less than \$100,000. The ministry of Christian Legacy Foundation is funded primarily from three sources:

- **Administrative Fees**
CLF assesses a small fee from fund balances (currently around \$12 million) which accounts for about 50-60% of funding.
- **Complex Gift Grants**
When donors contribute to their fund with a complex gift such as real estate, private business interests, etc., CLF assesses a Complex Gift Grant based upon a small percentage of the transaction. So far, complex gift grants have accounted for only about 1% of funding.
- **Outside Donations**
Donations, primarily from our board of directors, account for the balance of our funding.

6. Since you assess fees, doesn't that mean that there is less money available to give to the ultimate charity?

No.

For smaller funds, we do not assess any fee. For example, if a family puts in \$20,000, they can grant \$20,000 out to their church or other favorite charity at a time of their choosing. For larger funds, the investment earnings of the fund should more than offset the 1% (or less) annualized fee.

More importantly, we believe that the ministry of Christian

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Legacy Foundation will promote a substantial increase in giving in the Tampa Bay area. For instance, our goal is to facilitate \$200 million in giving by the year 2015.

7. Is CLF really a ministry, or is it a business?

Definitely a ministry.

Our mission is to inspire, educate and lead people to become better stewards and more generous. Jesus measured generosity by a radically new standard: the condition of the giver's heart. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

So, giving is more than an obligation for followers of Christ; it is an exciting opportunity to lay up treasure that will last for all eternity. "The Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' " (Acts 20:35b). Today, like no other time in history, God has positioned His people with unprecedented wealth and opportunity to glorify the risen Christ by mirroring His generosity.

Christian Legacy Foundation seeks to encourage givers of all income levels to experience the joy of giving and embrace a lifestyle of generosity, according to God's word and Christ's example. It was launched in 2004 as an affiliate of the National Christian Foundation to stir a renewed, Spirit-led commitment to generosity among Christians in the Tampa Bay area.

Our vision is the hearts and minds of God's people transformed for revolutionary biblical stewardship and generosity.

Our message proclaims the joy of giving-not out of duty or guilt, but out of gratitude for salvation in Christ. We are guided by these key verses, and our teachings are best summarized in Randy Alcorn's book *The Treasure Principle*.

More questions and answers next month!

[Click here to read last month's questions](#)

Bethany Golf Tournament for Adoption

Bethany Christian Services a non-profit, Christian, adoption and family services agency is seeking Sponsors and Golfers for their upcoming golf event. The event will take place on August 17th, 2007 at ChampionsGate Golf Resort. Registration begins at 7am and Carts will depart at 7:45am for an 8am Shotgun Start! After a great game of golf, we will conclude with an Italian themed luncheon, including silent and live auctions. Entry fee is \$125/person or \$400/foursome.

All proceeds benefit children and families served by Bethany Christian Services of Florida. For more information contact Michelle Barrett at 407-877-4006 or Doug Walters, Jr. Adoptive father; Tampa Bay Board Member (813-310-5030) mbarrett@bethany.org. www.bethany.org/florida.

FaithTampaBay.com Launches Ministry and Business Directory and Community Calendar

FaithTampaBay.com is a new non-profit ministry in our area. It is an online tool to help connect and empower our community to make a positive, eternal impact in the lives of our neighbors. We believe the passions, giftedness and resources of the Christian community in Tampa Bay is a powerful force that can be focused to meet the needs of our cities, families and individuals through Christian love.

Recently, FaithTampaBay.com has launched the first two of its many planned online services: a directory of Christian ministries and businesses and a community calendar.

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This website is an excellent resource for the entire community. Go to www.FaithTampaBay.com or contact Executive Director, Ken Wiebeck at (813) 333-6742.

Local Ministry Events

Christian Legacy Foundation is now exclusively using the community calendar of FaithTampaBay.com, because of the strategic relationship between the two ministries.

Aug 12 - Prayer Gathering for the City - Tampa Underground Network

Aug 25 - Crown Financial Ministry's "Journey To True Financial Freedom" at Kathleen Baptist Church, Kathleen. 8:30 - 4:30. Call 863-858-3836 to register and cost is \$25pp.

Aug 26 - Rally Day at Hyde Park Presbyterian

Sept 8 - Small Group Leader Training at Starkey Road Baptist Church in Seminole, 8:30 - 3:00, Crown Financial Ministries. Call 727-596-6902 to register.

Sept 22 - [CareFest](#) - Somebody Cares Tampa Bay

October 13 - [Raise the Roof](#) - Somebody Cares Tampa Bay

Nov 8 - 10 - "An Act for Humanity" starring Charles "Roc" Dutton to benefit Abe Brown Ministries (save the date!) [More info](#)

If your ministry event isn't listed, please go to www.FaithTampaBay.com and sign up with them or let us know by [emailing Angie](#). We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

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