



## A Season of Service

by Doug Rice



Don Salter, Trustee

British Statesmen, Benjamin Disraeli coined the phrase, "Change is inevitable." Although true, change is not always wholeheartedly embraced. Unfortunately, it seems that the longer we live the more things change. Solomon said, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Sometimes we forget that as finite beings "under heaven," we are all subject to that irresistible force called time. So it is, there are seasons for everything in life, including a time to serve.

Don Salter's tenure at Stewards Foundation includes serving on the Executive Committee 2016-Present, Public Relations Committee 2016-Present and Health Care Committee 2016-Present. His service to Stewards Foundation has garnered the respect and appreciation of all those who

have worked with him. These qualities and his affable demeanor make bidding farewell difficult, but the time has come for Don to retire from his season of service on behalf of Stewards Foundation.

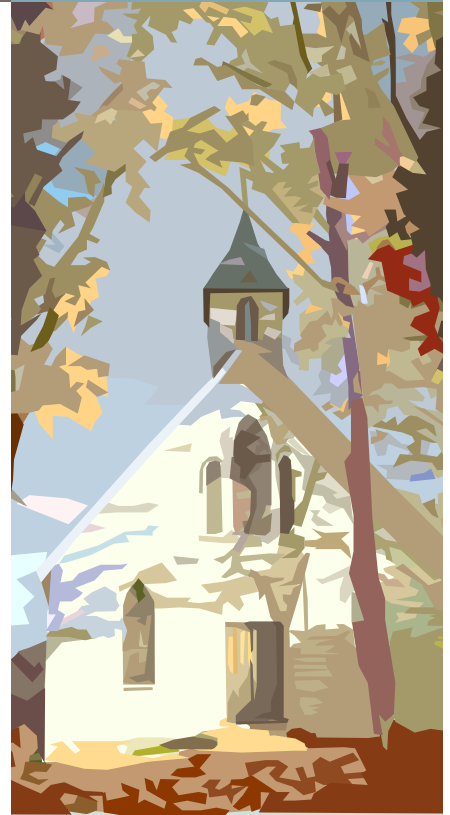
While his time at Stewards Foundation may not have been lengthy, Don's service for the Lord in other capacities has been long and distinguished. His heart for children's work was evident over fifty years ago when Don and his wife first came into fellowship at Palms Bible Fellowship in Phoenix, Arizona. Early on, they both taught Sunday School classes with Don being Sunday School Superintendent. At the same time, they became active in camp work at Southwest Bible Camp (SWBC) where Don served on the Board of Directors for over twenty years.

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More than just a Trustee, Don rolled up his sleeves and worked at SWBC as a director and speaker. He was also involved in discipleship training of young people to prepare them for work at SWBC. Don referred to this effort as, "extremely rewarding work in training young men and women who sincerely and passionately wanted to serve the Lord."

Maybe the greatest service in which any man can engage is that of shepherding

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the Lord's people. Don was actively involved in the work of oversight at Palms Bible Fellowship for many years. Only the Lord knows for sure all that Don did in his capacity as an elder in the assembly, but the testimonies of others speak to what men observed. One said, "He has the loving, compassionate heart of a shepherd. He hurts with and rejoices with the flock."

Don's education as a Civil Engineer and work in land development made him an attractive candidate for the Stewards Foundation Board. After finishing college, Don worked for a Civil Engineering firm in Phoenix, then the fourth largest homebuilder in Arizona. In 1981, Don started his own development company, DSR Consulting & Development. With his experience in land development, Don's input on potential construction loans for assemblies was both insightful and valuable. Whatever the subject matter being addressed by the Board, Don was always thoughtful in his participation.

While his secular expertise was a welcome addition to the Board in September 2016, the lasting impression Don leaves as his season of service ends this September is that of a kind, gracious servant of the Lord. As you pray for the men who direct Stewards Foundation, remember Don in your prayers as he moves into the next season of life.

## Commended Workers

Tim and Liz McNeal

The story of this family, and any service for the Lord, goes to the praise and adoration of "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." The McNeal's have an earthly beginning and an eternal ending. In between the lines are many lessons learned through failures, bumps in the road, and challenges. Thankfully, we serve a living, loving Savior who knows the "feeling of our infirmities." To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Tim had a very rich Christian heritage, although not one that he always appreciated. As he matured, Tim began to understand that his heritage was a treasure not everyone possessed. His great-grandfather, Edwin Allan, was a church planter in Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri. Tim's grandparents, Lois and Raymond Harrison, and his parents Velma and Murray McNeal, established sound teaching of scripture in the home,

and engaged in planting testimonies for the Lord everywhere they lived. After trusting the Lord as his Savior as a young man, Tim developed a conviction for evangelism and gathering to the Lord's Name.



While working as a teen at Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp, Tim met a chalk art evangelist named Leonard Lindsted who encouraged him to serve the Lord using this method of evangelism. Tim moved to Wichita, Kansas and studied preaching, teaching, and chalk art evangelism under Leonard. While there, a man from Georgia, William G. McCartney (founder of Stewards Foundation) called Leonard and asked if he knew of a young man who had experience in printing and publishing who wanted to serve the Lord. Tim moved to Georgia where he spent the next two years working at Christian Missions Press (CMP) and in Bible studies with brother McCartney and others. Tim served the Lord there until 1984, when CMP moved to Greer, South Carolina.

In South Carolina, Tim met the love of his life, fellow servant and wife, Liz Fisher. Born in Greeley, Colorado, the youngest of 10 children, Liz was raised in a religious home by a single mother after her father's death. She saw the hand of God protecting and guiding her while growing up. During her senior year in high school in Anita, Iowa, the Lord captured her heart with His love and forgiveness. Liz and Tim met in South Carolina while she was working on her Masters degree. Liz locked her keys in her car and Tim stopped to help her. Being convinced of their desire to serve the Lord together, Tim and Liz married a year later in 1985, and moved to the St. Louis, Missouri area where they would spend the next 30 years.

Between 1987 and 2001, the Lord blessed them with 9 children: Seth, Rachel, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Sarah, David, Micah, Lydia, and T.J. The family has grown to include one daughter-in-law, Sarah, four sons-in-law, Derek, Ryan, Don and Zach, and 6 granddaughters Ezri, Hannah, Emry, Selah, Mori-

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ah, and Iris. Many stories and much love envelops each one.

In the early 1980's, camp and gospel work among young people was a high priority for the family. Traveling each summer for 8-10 weeks was a way of life with many gracious saints providing vehicles for this work.

In 1985, Tim joined his step-grandfather, Carl Oster-tag, in publishing and administering Palabras Fieles (True Words), Inc. started in 1932. In 1986, 2 million copies were printed and sent to over 30 Spanish-speaking countries. These gospel papers were shipped from their home in St. Peters, Missouri with the help of many co-laborers. During this time, Liz cared for Carl due to his advancing years.

In 1988, the saints at Lake Charles Bible Chapel in O'Fallon, Missouri, commended Tim and Liz to the Lord's work. They continued in gospel work through preaching, printing, camp work and VBS.

In 1992, Tim received a call from Owen Hoffman, an itinerant evangelist from Georgia. Owen desired to pass on his knowledge of 50 plus years of using object lessons for gospel work. Excited and overwhelmed by this opportunity, Tim was thankful to carry on the faithful work using excellent material to win souls to Christ.

In the mid 90's the baton of leadership for a printing ministry in Augusta, Georgia was passed to Tim and Liz. Grace and Truth Program was renamed Impact the World and moved to St. Louis where gospel tracts were sent to Africa, India and the U.S. The overseas shipping industry changed after September 11, 2001. Packages were stolen or burned, and missionaries over-charged, so the ministry changed to mailing tracts in envelopes to those who wrote requesting them.

In 2012, the McNeal's moved to Richmond, Kentucky, where they attend Bluegrass Bible Fellowship. Preaching, discipling, tract and book distribution occupy their time, along with actively serving at various camps and Bible schools during the summer. Tim's desire is to help with gatherings of the Lord's people where needed, "strengthening the things that remain" and to preach the gospel whenever possible.

Ministering now for 34 years, the Lord has saved souls and encouraged many in their faith. Having traveled across much of the U.S., Tim and Liz have been blessed to see another generation coming to Christ.

They are very thankful for Stewards Foundation and its ministry over the years. After personally knowing the founder and observing how the Lord has used the foundation in the lives of God's people, their hearts are encouraged and blessed. "The harvest is plenteous..." and He is worthy!

## Annual Members Meeting

Maple Grove, MN

The 2019 Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for September 21st at Rice Lake Bible Chapel in Maple Grove, MN. This meeting is held in different parts of the country to give the greatest opportunity for as many as possible to attend and be informed about Stewards Foundation.

One purpose for the annual meeting is the election of Trustees to the Board of Stewards Foundation. These men bear the responsibility of ensuring that there is no drifting away from the mission established by the founding Trustees. They direct Stewards Foundation through policies established to stay the course. Consequently, this meeting should be of interest to every member assembly.

Our bylaws require that each member assembly designate a Delegate to act on its behalf, either in person or by proxy, at this annual meeting of the corporation. Unfortunately, many Delegates do not take advantage of the opportunity to represent their assembly. Some feel that they cannot participate due to a lack of knowledge about the Trustees in general, and in particular those up for election. Every Trustee's biography is available on our website, [www.stewardsfoundation.org](http://www.stewardsfoundation.org).

We encourage everyone to go to our website and inform yourself about the men that lead Stewards Foundation. In particular, we urge Delegates to take the time to read these biographies, and then attend the meeting in person, or return your assembly's proxy. This will be a great encouragement to the Trustees and a show of support for the work of Stewards Foundation.

This meeting of the corporation is open to anyone interested in attending. In addition to the election of Trustees, our Bylaws state that the meeting is, "to allow the Board to present their Annual Report to the Non-

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Psalms 126:3, “The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad”

profit Foundation Members and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.”

Following the corporate meeting there will be a presentation by Stewards Foundation, Believers Stewardship Services and Christian Missions in Many Lands. Representatives of these three assembly service organizations will talk about their history and the services they offer to assemblies of the Lord’s people and their commended workers.

Everyone in attendance is invited to join us for lunch following the presentations.



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