

Are You Tired of the Offering?

If you were to go door to door across your neighborhood and ask people the one thing they don't like about church, do you know what most would say? That all we ever talk about is money. Well, here we go again, it's time for the offering!

Some churches have decided to eliminate the offering time during their services. They might mention how you can give, but that is about all. Some churches don't mention giving at all. Others who do take up an offering will go out of their way to explain that the offering is a time for members; guests need not participate. They do that in an effort not to offend the guest. They know most people are tired of any talk about money in church, and that includes the offering.

We take a different approach here. We take up an offering every week. We do this because the Scripture commands Christians to give as an act of worship. To NOT take up the offering would be to short-change you an opportunity to participate in an essential part of worship, the offering. The offering is our time to show thankfulness and gratitude to God by giving back a portion of what He has given us.

The other reason we never get tired of taking up the offering is that every gift given helps us do all the amazing things our ministries and mission endeavors accomplish. Your generosity spans the globe, allowing the advancement of the Gospel. Thus, giving is our opportunity to do good through the blessings we have received from God.

I close with this rendering of Galatians 6:9 from the Living Bible that says, "And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." We still have work to do, and your tireless serving AND giving will assure a harvest of blessing for you and our church!
