

## **How Your Generosity is Like April Showers**

**April showers will...** Right! April showers will bring May flowers. Is it me or does it seem crazy that this week is the start of May? I am not sure what our rain totals have been for the month of April but I am seeing flowers and the budding of spring all around us.

Those flowers don't just magically happen especially in my yard. First someone has to plant the seed. Then they have to be watered, continually. It's an intricate process that most of us never even think about. Without planting, tilling the weeds and care your flower garden will not be near as beautiful as you want it to be. The best gardens are those that receive the best care.

The Apostle Paul speaking about starting the Corinthian church wrote, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." I Corinthians 3:5-9.

You may have never thought about it but the offering is watering the field that God has given to us. You may not be the one chosen to plant seeds but all of us can help water the seeds others have planted. Thus, the offering is like an April shower for us here at YOUR CHURCH NAME. We are sowing seeds continually for the Kingdom. Your generous gifts today help water those seeds so that they can grow to maturity. That is how your generosity is like an April shower. So, as we take up the offering today my prayer is Lord, may we rain down upon this offering gifts that will water the soil and seed so your Kingdom can be advanced!