

Making the Case for the Offering

The Church gets a bum rap a lot of times. It's true we sometimes deserve the bad press we get. However all the good we do far outweighs the few leaders who mess up and the few churches that do stupid things. Where would we be without churches in America? We certainly would have less colleges and hospitals. Oh, and guess who gave the most to support relief for the two most recent hurricanes, churches and Christians.

Study after study has shown that the most generous people in America are Christians. Critics often point out that Christians give most of their money to their local church. That is true but it ignores all the work that local churches do. With our offerings we pay our staff but think about all our staff does week in and week out not simply for members of our church but for our entire community. Think about all that the church does to support various causes and ministries around the world. Also, just so you know, Christians do give to places other than their church proving we are the most generous people in our country.

Yet for all that good we often hear people say things like, all the church talks about is money. You know that isn't true. Frankly most churches never talk about money which is the direct opposite of Jesus who talked more about money than any other topic.

We do here at YOUR CHURCH NAME take up a weekly offering. We never apologize for taking up the offering. For one thing Christians are commanded to give as an act of worship. So, a crucial element of worship then is taking up the offering. What we do try to accomplish with our offering is making a case for why you should give. We are often telling you stories of what your generosity allows us to do. Frankly one of the challenges is how to tell in about sixty seconds all that your dollars do through YOUR CHURCH NAME.

So, while we prepare for this week's offering let me say thank you for all your generosity. Your gifts matter both large and small. Every gift counts and every gift matters! By giving today you help us continue the amazing work YOUR CHURCH NAME does each and every day. The changed lives you see and the impact YOUR CHURCH NAME has had in your family is the case for why you should give.