

## Your Gift Matters – November 24th

**Did anyone get up early Friday morning and stand in line to be the first in the door for that special sale?** Some of you. How many of you stayed home and shopped online? Did any of you do both? The response here shows the changes in how commerce is done in America.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, has traditionally been all about standing in line at a brick-and-mortar store to get the best deals on all your Christmas gifts. Now, more people shop online than they do at physical stores. Brick-and-mortar stores still see huge numbers of people shopping, but now we like options for purchasing our Christmas gifts.

Here at YOUR CHURCH NAME, we give you several options for giving. **List the various options.**

We don't care how you give. We want you to give. Let me give you three reasons why.

First, your gift today honors God and is an act of worship. We encourage everyone, members, and guests, to consider a gift in today's offering as a way of saying thanks to God for all He has done for us.

Secondly, when you give, you are blessed. Consider what Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Third, your gift blesses others. Every time you give here, you help us fulfill the mission and ministry God has called us to do. Our church impacts hundreds, not simply here in our community but worldwide—your gift matters.

No matter what form your gift comes in, whether cash, check, or electronically, you can be assured that we use that gift to extend the Kingdom of God here, locally, and globally. So, thanks for your generosity. Your gift matters for you and for those you bless with your gift!