

Snow Days for the Offering?

Anybody here ready for warm weather? Well that is about all of us! This has been a challenging winter and thankfully spring is around the corner. Across the country schools have been closed and have been forced to extend their calendars as they used up all their snow days. You may not realize this but schools are mandated to hold classes so many calendar days of the year. So, if they miss significant days due to snow they have to add days on at the end of the school year. Some in our nation will be attending classes into June.

I wish there was a snow day for the offering! Here is what you might not realize. Every time we cancel services or even if we have bad weather our offering is affected. Less people in the chairs or pews means less money in the offering plate. Yet we don't get to add another Sunday to the calendar. We can't make up for a lost weekend of offering.

Why is this important? For starters we might cancel our services but our bills keep coming in. Beyond that we are gearing up for some exciting days of missions and ministry opportunities. **List just a few things coming up on your calendar.** To effectively hold those events we must be fully funded. So, your gift today means we can do ministry this summer.

So here is what I want us to consider. As our ushers come forward this morning if you missed a Sunday recently due to our weather would you consider making that up today? Your generosity allows us to accomplish all we do. So thank you ahead of time for helping us make up for the snow days.

One more thing, you can help us by setting up your giving to automatically be withdrawn from your account. It is easy to do. You simply go to <http://OURCHURCH.ORG/GIVE> (**Put your churches giving portal on the screen**) and follow the easy steps. This way whether you are snowed in or at the beach your gift makes it to the offering plate. This will allow us to maintain all our missions and ministry endeavors.