

Thank You!

We here at OUR CHURCH follow a guy called The Stewardship Coach. He helps churches like ours increase giving. He tells the story of being asked by a pastor to write several letters for him to send to members of his church. One letter was a thank you letter for those that had given. When the pastor viewed the thank you letter he said, "I don't think it is appropriate thanking people for what they ought to do." That ended the discussion on saying thanks.

The Stewardship Coach tells of going home and relating that story to his wife. Here is what she said, "When is gratitude ever inappropriate?" Indeed. So this morning before our ushers come forward to take up the offering I want to simply pause and say, Thank you! Thank you for your generosity. Without your faithful giving we would not be able to do what we do. So thank you!

Thank you for...

- List some missions accomplishments of the past year,
- List some ministries that reached children and youth,
- List some outreach to poor and needy that was accomplished through your church.

None of this would have been possible without your generosity. So today we the staff wanted to stop everything, as we come to this season of Thanksgiving, and say thank you to you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Together all our gifts are making a difference!