

## **The Top Ways Giving Benefits...You!**

**Only adults understand the statement, “It is better to give than receive.”** As child growing up when I would hear that I would think, no, I love getting gifts rather than giving them. I would check the Christmas tree out every day when I came home from school to see if any other gifts were left with my name on them. I wanted toys, more toys and then some more toys! Please don't give me socks! Anyone else know what I mean?

**Now however when I give a gift to a child, my child, I get such a delight seeing their face and how they respond.** So, now I get it, it truly is better to give than receive. I hope you had that experience this past Christmas.

**When it comes to giving here at OUR CHURCH it is also true that it is better to give than to receive.** Let me tell you why. First and foremost, giving is a command of God and by giving you are showing your obedience to Him. He has promised us that when we give we will get His blessings. I don't know about you but I need all the blessing I can get!

**When you give to OUR CHURCH your gift helps us change our world for the better!** Our world is in a mess and the only thing that can make it better is the love of Christ. Every gift you give here goes to support our drive to share the love of Christ with our town, our region, our nation and the world!

**Finally, we live in an amazing country where gifts to your church are tax deductible!** We think you should give out of love but if the government is going to give you a tax break take it! So, this morning and up until midnight of December 31<sup>st</sup> you have an opportunity to be a good steward of what God has given you by getting a tax break with your gift.

Give today because you love what you see God doing here. But don't forget that in giving you get some benefits too!