

## Three Reasons Why

Why? Have you ever heard that from one of your kids when you ask them to do something or you tell them they can't do something they want to do? Sometimes they keep on saying, but why? Have you ever responded out of frustration, just because? How did that work for you? Probably not too well. We naturally want to know why.

This morning as we prepare to take up our offering I wanted to ask the questions that might be in your mind, why? Why do we each week take time for the offering? Let me share with you three reasons why.

First, we take up the offering out of obedience. As disciples of Christ we are admonished to give and give freely. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."

Second, we take up the offering as a means of worship. We don't stop worshipping when we collect the offering we continue worship. Your gift is an expression of your gratitude for what God has provided for you. We should think of every offering as a chance to worship God.

Third, we take up the offering because what we do as a church matters and is worthy of your financial support. We don't apologize here when we ask people to give. Your gifts and the gifts of others helps us do the amazing life changing things here. When you give to our church you are helping us extend the Kingdom of God here in our town and area!

So the next time someone complains about the Church always asking for money you can tell them why we ask for money! Let's give this morning out of obedience. Let's give this morning to worship God who sustains us and provides for us. Let's give this morning because we ARE making a difference.