

To Whom Much is Given

Believe it or not we are only weeks away from Thanksgiving! Is it me or does it seem like summer was just last week? Thanksgiving is that time of year where we stop and give thanks for our blessings.

One thing I am thankful for is that the election is over! Anyone else with me? Now instead of political ads I can go back to watching ads about pills where for ten seconds they tell you how great it is and then for the rest of the time they warn you that your hair will fall out!

If you followed the election you will know that exit polls showed that one thing that was on people's minds was the economy. We as Americans are worried about the future. **Did you know that nearly every American is considered rich by the rest of the world?** It is true. A 2012 study showed that an annual income of \$34K placed you in the richest 1% of people in the world! You didn't know you were the 1% did you?

We may be tired of the politics of Washington and weary of elections but you have to admit we are blessed with much. Jesus in Luke 12:48 says, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." That passage is a reminder that we who have been blessed with much owe much.

One reason we take up the offering every week is to allow you to give generously to express your thanks for God's blessing in your life. American Christians are the most generous people on the planet. Most of the hospitals, orphanages and other works of charity were started by Christians and churches.

Our church through your generous gifts is able to do amazing things. List a few things your church does or your denomination does...

So this morning as we take up the offering, let's be thankful for what we have and give so that others might be impacted by the Gospel.