

## Up in Smoke

**268 million pounds of fireworks were exploded over the last few days as we celebrated the birth of our nation. That came with a price tag of over \$1 billion dollars that literally went up in smoke!**

Don't get me wrong, I love a good fireworks display. Who doesn't like a party and we Americans love to party on the 4<sup>th</sup>. But seriously, that is a lot of money that just goes up in smoke. Other than making us ooh and aah, what is the result of setting off displays of fireworks?

This morning, as we approach our offering, I want to challenge you to set off a display of generosity. Every time you give here you help us make a difference for the Kingdom. Consider that this summer alone we will be...

- List some ministry like VBS or student camp.
- List any mission trips or other missional endeavors your church will be involved in.

We couldn't do any of that without your generosity. Our combined explosion of generosity will last far beyond any fireworks display. We are on a mission here at YOUR CHURCH NAME and your generosity helps us accomplish that mission. So, let's set off a generosity explosion today to support the work we are doing!

