

Vacation Spending and Your Offering

\$4,580. That is the average amount an American family of four will spend this year on their vacation! What do we have to show for that? Sunburns, T-shirts, bad pictures and an empty wallet.

Consider that the average weekly per capita giving in an American church is \$26! That amounts to \$1,352 dollars a year. What do we do with that? We INSERT YOUR VISION STATEMENT. That is not some trite saying. We really believe in helping people come to Christ and your generous gifts help us do that.

Let me just say that we here at OUR CHURCH are strongly in favor of you taking a vacation. In fact all of us are planning some away time with our families. It is important for all of us to get some rest. We want you to have that time with your family and to build life memories. We will be here when you get back!

I just want you to consider the value of the dollars you are spending. Do you spend more on your vacation than you do supporting the cause you claim changed your life? That is one of those ouch moments! Again, we believe vacation expenses can be an investment in your family and even in yourself wellbeing. But doesn't it say something about us if we spend more at Disneyland than we do our own church?

So, this summer consider setting up your giving to be automatic. That way even if you are not here your gift can be. Since you are here now and the ushers are coming forward why not get a jump on your summer giving and make a contribution to help us fulfill our mission.

When you give to OUR CHURCH your gift lasts longer than your vacation t-shirt!