

We Interrupt This Service!

“Just when we really get going in worship we have to stop and take up the offering!” Those were the words of a staff member in a church that was struggling to make budget. This church had brought in a consultant to help them increase giving. As the consultant was helping them plan out a positive message for why people should give the staff member made the statement I opened with. For her the offering was an interruption to worship.

How do you view the offering? I think that many people would agree with this staff person. In fact many minister would agree. Most churches put no thought or planning into their offering. Here at OUR CHURCH we never apologize for taking up the offering. One reason we don't is that your generosity allows us to do all the amazing things we do. So thank you for your faithful support of our children's program, student ministry, small group ministry, Vacation Bible School, mission trips, support of missionaries...well you get the point. With your gifts we do a lot for the Kingdom.

Another reason we take up the offering each week is that rather than it being an interruption from worship it IS worship! Throughout Scripture you find offerings being encouraged as an act of worship. Consider Psalms 96:8 that says, “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.”

How you view the offering says a lot about you. We never use guilt here nor do we tell you that if you give a dollar you will get hundreds or thousands back. We honestly report to you that your gifts do matter for the work God has called us to. We then invite you to participate in a part of worship where we get to show our faithfulness and gratitude to God with a generous gift. We believe the offering enhances our worship and we invite you to worship with us through your gift.