

## What Do You Do With All That Money?

Every week we take up an offering here. Have you ever asked, “What do you all do with all that money?” While you might not have asked that out loud the chances are you might have thought about that. Frankly most churches do a poor job of telling the story of what donor’s dollars accomplish. We try to change that here by weekly sharing a brief talk before the offering. We believe it is important that you know what we do with what you give.

Before I share with you some of where money given here goes I want you to know our process of how we manage funds. First of all every gift is accounted for. We have a Finance Team that regularly looks over the books and approves all spending. **List briefly how finances at your church are handled. The point here is to stress accountability.** The bottom line for you the donor is to know that a gift given here is accounted for and not spent frivolously.

Honestly in the brief time I have here I can’t tell you everything we do with all the money we receive. Come here often enough and you will hear us before each offering talk about the amazing life changing things we do. For now let me share with you one of the major things your generous gifts fund, our staff salaries. Often people criticize churches that a significant amount of what is given stays in house paying salaries. The question might be better asked, “What do we get for the salary we pay you guys?”

Consider this...

- Our staff makes on average about XX number of hospital calls and home visits a week.
- Our staff performs annually about XX number of funerals.
- Our staff performs annually about X number of weddings.
- Our staff weekly prepares this service where you get spiritual direction and inspiration for life. They are your spiritual coaches.
- Our staff works with XX number of children and XX number of students each week helping them be more rounded and grounded to face the world outside.

I could go on and on and on. I think you get the point. This is just ONE aspect of the many things this church does week in and week out. We can do this because of the faithful generosity of members like you! So what do we do with all that money? A lot! And a lot of it comes right back to benefit you and your family. So thank you for your generosity!