Who is in the World Series?

How many of you knew that the World Series starts this week? Some of you. Here is a question, how many of you know who is playing? Unless you live in those cities or you are a sports fan, you might not know. Do you know who won last year's World Series? The Houston Astros. Here is a real trivia question. Does anyone know, WITHOUT GOGGLING IT, who won the World Series 10 years ago? The Philadelphia Phillies.

OK, what is my point? My point isn't to test how poor our memories are. Or to show how baseball is not as popular as it once was. My point is that sometimes what seems so important at the moment fades in significance as time goes by. Unless you are an ardent baseball enthusiast or a Phillies fanatic, you probably don't remember the World Series from 10 years ago. Most of us don't care. What we often view as so important NOW fades into insignificance with the passage of time.

Jesus said this, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Every time you give here at our church, you are storing up treasures in heaven. Every dollar you give in some way helps us build up the Kingdom of God. Through all our missions and ministries, our goal is to impact our community and world with the love of Jesus. We are not giving out of a motivation to hoard up treasures in heaven. We give to impact the lives of others. Yet Jesus promise is true none the less. A gift given to His work, has an everlasting benefit both here and into eternity.

Ten years from now, we will struggle to remember who won this week's World Series. That is how fleeting earthly trophies and treasures are. Yet what we do for Christ WILL last forever. Let's give today with that attitude; knowing our gifts have eternal consequences.