

## From Our Elders: The Special Collection

Our special collection is November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please consider contributing to the best of your ability and as you think God is prompting you. **Our Goal is \$35,000.**

### 1. **Catch-Up with our Budget (\$30,000):**

You may notice that our collection each week does not normally meet the budget and this year is no exception. Collections that do not consistently meet the budget means the ministries most important to you, your family and our neighbors dry up and lay dormant until money is available. Instead of going to vibrant, helpful and God honoring works, low collections only barely pay our bills.

We are blessed with capable money-handlers and we are not significantly behind on any obligations. Furthermore, we have no debt besides our mortgage. However, we want to fund many ministries which never get off the ground because of lack of funds. This money will be used to give to those who need help among us and in the community, fund camp scholarships, exciting Christian activities and education for our children, mission trips, community activities, reaching the lost, and improving worship.

2. **Missionaries and Ministry (\$5,000):** We hope to continue to fund our missionaries and ministries at our church including repairs to the sound board and microphones.

*Church, do all you can to go the extra mile.* I will. My personal experience with giving big chunks to special collections like this one is this: I give a bit more than is easy and I have never been without food, shelter, warmth and the love of my family. God is faithful to provide. He always has given me more than I need; there is no reason to think He will not continue.

Your brother,

**Tony Ceraso** on behalf of the Elders

**"Thanksgiving Catch-Up Sunday" Collection is November 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**AND "12-Hours of Prayer" is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>:** On the **Saturday** right before our "Catch-up Sunday Collection," we link our prayers in 1-hour shifts from 6AM to 6PM; you choose the time you want to come in to pray. If you truly believe in prayer, **sign up** on the bulletin board.

*Malachi 3:10 – Bring the whole ten percent into the store house, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be enough room to store it."*

**"Bring Your Friend Sunday," Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**You are the LINK**

**Ladies "Harvest of Praise" this Saturday:** sign-up for this wonderful praise brunch on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**"Sonshine Wednesday" Hosted 17 Kids!** This experimental after-school program for children, grades K to 5<sup>th</sup> continues **Nov. 8, 15**. It starts at 3:15 PM and includes activities, dinner & then Bible Class. Parents pick-up at 7:15. Questions? See Karen.

**Note: NEW 6:30 Wed PM time (2 weeks left)** To accommodate our "Sonshine Wednesday" kids.

**Youth Group Friday: Nov. 10** meet at the church building 7PM for "Nerts Competition."

**Haircuts for Missions:** will be on Nov. 11 from Noon to 6PM. Please sign-up. See Margaret if there is no room.

**Thanksgiving Dinners for Those in Need.** We are *gathering food and empty copier-paper boxes* to put together our Thanksgiving dinners. Please bring in non-perishable Thanksgiving food items and place them in the basket in the lobby. If you want to donate cash, please give it to Nelson Nuñez, our Deacon of Benevolence. If you have a frozen turkey, ask Nelson the best time to bring it. Thanks!

**Volunteers Needed:** to **sign-up** for Nov. or Dec. to prepare communion, clean-up food after worship or do Laundry.

**Parents:** We love seeing our kids enjoying our church family, however, we've been having trouble with kids playing unattended after services. **Please** remind your children that, for safety reasons, *no minor is supposed to be unattended in any classroom, at any time!* Thanks!

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Carl Smith

**Welcome & Scripture:** Tony Ceraso Jr. (Psalm 67:1-7)

**Opening Prayer:** Henry Duncan

**Lord's Supper:** Jay Morris, Rich Fabi, Tim Jones, Logan Mc.

**Scripture Before Message:** Jess Nitla (1 Cor. 8:8-13)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer:** Rick Boyle

**Greeters:** Nelson Nuñez, Jack Swinehart, Elaine Firman, Sue Gill

**Nursery Nawana & Chris Ann** Nxt Week: Marguerite & Brenda

**Pink: Cleaning Team** Nov. 8-11 **Howard & Donna** coordinate

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Minister

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**Worship** ..... 99

**Bible Class**..... 66

**Wednesday PM** ..... 51

**LIFE Groups** ..... 34

**Contribution** ..... \$2,038

**Budget Goal** ..... \$4,260

**15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 15**

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

