

The Meaning of Offering

The tithe and offering, it's the lifeblood that keeps the church moving forward, a key component of good financial stewardship (<https://ministrydesigns.com/tithe-and-offering/>). Most people think that offering is just money, but anything offered to God is an offering. David could not build the temple he wanted so much. Instead, he confessed after making all the preparations for his son to build the temple. ***“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”*** (1 Chronicles 29:14).

Even when the tabernacle was being built in the wilderness, the people brought in too many of their voluntary offerings each morning to make up for it. It was so much that the workers stopped what they were doing and asked to be brought back. So Moses had to fear not to bring any more (Exodus 36:3-6). How could the people who lived as slaves in Egypt obtain the materials needed for the tabernacle in the wilderness? This is because God made the people not come out empty-handed when they left Egypt, but took silver and gold articles from the Egyptians (Exodus 3:21-22; 12:35-36). But God had already spoken to Abraham. ***“Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.”*** (Genesis 15:13-14).

And at the end of their wilderness life, God warned them to not forget God, when they go into Canaan flowing with milk and honey. ***“Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.... You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.”*** (Deuteronomy 8:12-18).

However, after the Israelites who entered Canaan destroyed the city of Jericho, they were defeated in the smaller city of Ai. It does not say that Achan is guilty of stealing a fully devoted thing. The Bible records that the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things (Joshua 7:1). Offering to God is important, but making good use of it is even more important. Because everything dedicated to God belongs to God. It should be used with fear. If I still have the thought of doing whatever I want because I gave it, it means that I haven't given it to God yet. That is why God said that the people stole God's things—tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:8).

Offering does not mean taking part of “mine” and donating it with a good heart. God has given us everything, and He has also given us a willing heart to give. I bless you all to enjoy the blessing of devoting with joy. I pray in the name of the Lord that God will use our offerings which we are willing to give beautifully and gracefully. May God bless you!

Pastor David

The Story Behind the Hymn

While some have tried to attribute this carol to famous composers such as Mozart or Beethoven, the real men behind “Silent Night” were not as famous.

The lyrics for “Silent Night”, or “Stille Nacht”, as it was originally dubbed, were written in 1816 by a priest named Joseph Mohr in the small Austrian town of Mariapfarr.

It was his father’s hometown, and he was assigned to a church there, according to a manuscript written by Mohr that was re-discovered in 1995.

He had asked Franz Xaver Gruber, a schoolmaster, to compose the melody for it.

After completion, it was performed at a church in Oberndorf bei Salzburg, where Mohr had migrated to, for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1818.

In 1839, it was brought to America by a family of folk singers, the Rainers, when they performed it in New York City.

Legend has it that on Christmas Eve of 1914, a beautiful moment was shared by opposing World War I troops when they all began to sing “Silent Night” as one unit.

*During our Christmas Eve service this song is sung with our candles glowing. What a beautiful song and night!

The **Dedicated Light** is another way of honoring people for their dedication to the life of the church. A candle is burned at the District Annual UMW Meeting for all those in the district who are so honored. This year Pastor David and Georgia Dutt were awarded the Dedicated Light.

Special Recognition is a special way to honor persons who have done extra special things for you or the church. Our unit honors one person each year to receive this recognition. This year Jodi tenBensel was given the honor of being recognized.

Thank you all for how you work for our Church!

During the week of Thanksgiving, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Several groups have been asked to concentrate on a few areas, but we will be asking for more help from other groups. Please be ready to help to make our Churches beautiful for the month of December.



During The month of November others will be filling the pulpit while Pastor David and family are gone to Korea.

November 6 Pastor Art Phillips

November 13 Pastor Melody Adams

November 20 Pastor Melody Adams

November 27 Annie Harding

The Story of Operation Christmas Child

How did an idea about a shoebox turn into a worldwide gift-giving sensation?

The Very First Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

When Ross Rhoads agreed to help us collect shoeboxes for kids the first year, it was a new experience for us all. We'd never packed a shoebox for a child.

With a short window of time to make it happen, I called our director of communications at the time, Paula Woodring, to ask if she'd go shopping. She was accustomed to my spontaneous requests, so she switched gears and headed to the store. A day or two later she presented the first shoebox, carefully packed, sure to bring a smile to a girl and sure to communicate the care and love wrapped up in such a special package.

In the meantime, Carol Rhoads was busy packing the first shoebox in Charlotte, N.C., to show to the congregation of Calvary Church. Carol is one of those organized ladies who carefully keeps the right shoes in the right shoebox, so she struggled with which pair of shoes to make "homeless." Pulling a box from the shelf and removing the shoes, she and Ross went to Walmart and filled it with items that would fit inside.

One box for a boy and one box for a girl was all we knew about designating shoeboxes for kids. After the first distribution, we learned that there was much more to this idea.

When the Unexpected Happens

It isn't so easy giving shoebox gifts away. But Kenney Isaacs began working with Ross's staff to prepare the boxes for shipment and get them out of the church.

Trucking companies expressed dismay that we hadn't given them notice of the large numbers of packages needing transport. They had no idea that this hadn't been planned. Sadly, on our part, it hadn't been expected. But God answered our prayers by providing shoeboxes for kids, not by human standards, but from the "riches of heaven." He took the one box that had been presented to the people and multiplied it.

Though we were accustomed to the logistics of sending aid to foreign countries, we were surprised to learn that these boxes had to be inspected before receiving clearance by U.S. customs.

Inspect 12,000 Little Boxes?

Heavenly Joy Around Shoeboxes- God knew how to prepare for the work ahead

Prayers Take Flight-"I am Yahweh your God ... who leads you in the way you should go."

An Urgent Shoebox Dilemma- Not until the boxes took flight did we realize the impact that one simple gift could carry the gospel abroad in a simple cardboard box.

One Final Thought on Operation Christmas Child

The best way I know to share my feelings about Operation Christmas Child is to wrap it in this thought:

When one hundred million prayers are lifted to heaven for one hundred million boxes that will be given to one hundred million souls, might Jesus lean up on the edge of His throne and say, *I have used these gifts given in My name to open the children's hearts, and My offer remains to all who come seeking, for I will answer.*

This was a celebration for what God had done through Operation Christmas Child. But He's not done yet. The greatest journey has many more miles to travel and many more souls to reach—and we'll continue telling a story of simple gifts.



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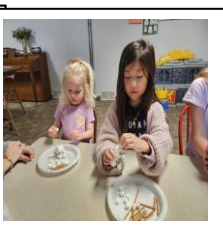
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Sunday School for our young children is the second Sunday of the month at 10 am. On the third Sunday of the month the kids meet again and practice music. We have the pleasure of Ginger and Ruah working with the youngsters. For the past couple months the music class has performed during the church service. It is such a blessing to listen and watch them. If you have a young one that would like to participate, please come and join the group. We would love to have them here!



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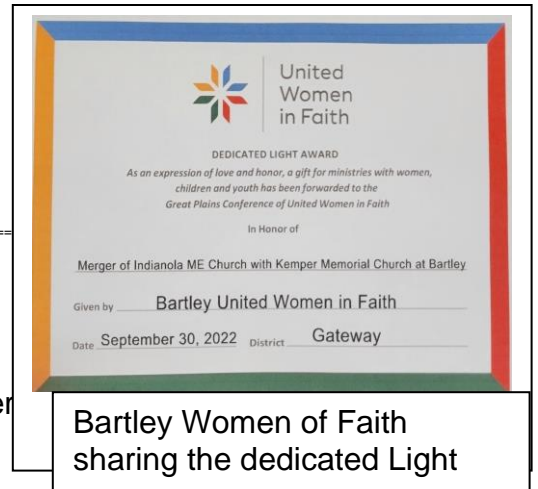
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November 2022

Please pray for the Pastor, Ruah and family this month as they travel to Korea and for their safe return

	1	2	3	4	5	
		UWF at 1:30 pm Bible Study 5pm				
6 Fellowship 9:45am Pastor Art Phillips Communion End of Daylight savings time	7	8	9 Bartley UWF 2pm Bible Study 5pm	10	11	12
13 Fellowship 9:45am Pastor Melody Adams Sunday School at 10:am	14 Elizabeth Circle at noon	15	16 Bible Study 5pm Lois Circle 7pm	17	18	19
Collection of Shoeboxes						
20 Fellowship 9:45am Music at 10 am Pastor Melody Adams	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Fellowship 9:45am Annie Harding	28	29	30			



Daylight Saving Time Ends!!!
Remember to reset your clocks
November 6
Fall behind!

2022 Picnic in the Park



ALF at the Pumpkin Patch



Happy Anniversary
November 1
Owen & Donna Elmer

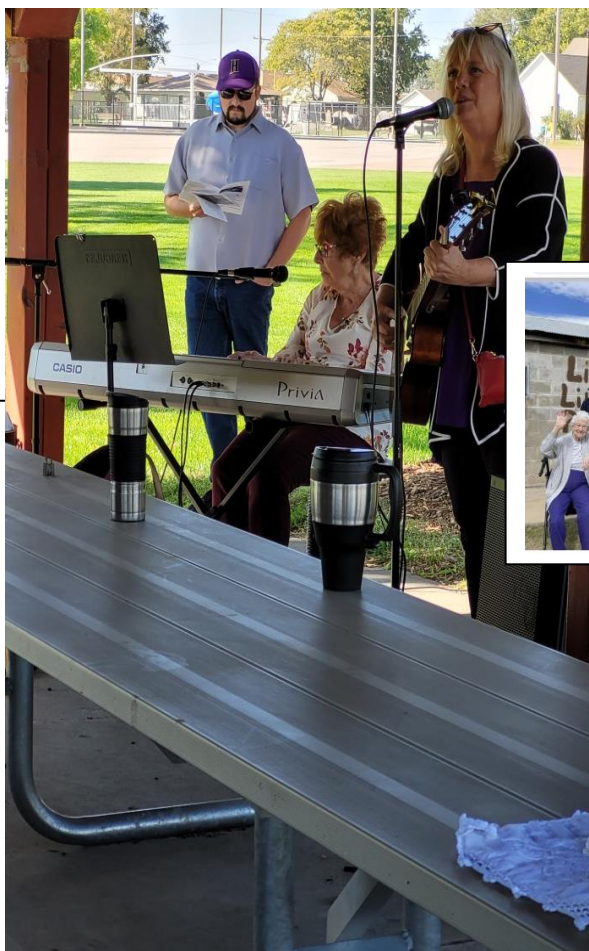
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David_Kim@greatplainsumc.org
9:45am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

**Indianola /
Kemper Memorial United
Methodist Church**

9:45 am Worship
Followed by Fellowship

November

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| 2 | Cody Vandegrift | 17 | Jenna Ebbers |
| 3 | Donna Pearson | 19 | Charlene Colson |
| | Alec May | 20 | Pam Downer |
| | Debbi Runner | | Deb Horst |
| | Reese tenBensel | 21 | Lindsey White |
| | Gavin tenBensel | | Braden Jones |
| 5 | Carla Potts | 22 | Daryl Brown |
| | Lexie Sines | 25 | Jim Jackson |
| 6 | Hael Kim | 27 | Tyler Brooks |
| | Keller Ruf | | |
| 7 | Braden Sandfort | | |
| 10 | Burton Burton | | |
| | Kim Cramer | | |
| 13 | Dale Cramer | | |
| | Ryan Cramer | | |