

## Act of Giving

### 2 Corinthians 8-9

Giving is obviously important, but why do we do it during the worship hour?

- I. Giving in Acts:
  - a. A constant willingness and readiness.
    - i. Acts 2:44-45.
    - ii. Acts 4:32-37 (Barnabus. Just tell this story).
  - b. Giving is both a private and a public activity.
    - i. Acts 4:34-35.
    - ii. Acts 11:29-30.
- II. Four principles for our giving.
  - a. Giving is a weekly practice.
    - i. 1 Cor. 16:1-2.
    - ii. But what if...
  - b. Giving is to be a personal act.
    - i. Every Christian has this responsibility.
    - ii. We should be teaching this to our children.
    - iii. This is not only a privilege and a joy, but also a personal responsibility.
  - c. Giving is to be a predetermined act.
    - i. This causes us to reflect on what God has given us.
    - ii. It's not the leftovers!
    - iii. OT concept of the tithe and the first fruit.
  - d. Giving is a proportional act.
- III. Giving from 2 Cor. 8-9.
  - a. Giving is a pledge.
    - i. 2 Cor. 8:3-4.
    - ii. It is to be anticipated.
    - iii. It is also based on his gift to us! 2 Cor. 9:15.
  - b. Giving is an act of fellowship.
    - i. The Macedonians begged Paul to participate.
    - ii. In the context of 2 Corinthians, giving was an expression of unity.
  - c. Giving is an act of ministry.
    - i. 2 Cor. 8:4.
    - ii. 2 Cor. 9:1.
  - d. Giving is a text or proof.
    - i. It is the barometer of our interest in the kingdom of God.
    - ii. 2 Cor. 9:13.
    - iii. The Macedonian's passed the test.
    - iv. 2 Cor. 8:2.

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**Sunday Worship** (10:00 a.m.)

**Sunday Bible Study** (9:00 a.m.)

**Wednesday Bible Study** (6:30)

**Life Groups** (Various Locations)

**Minister:**

Doug Austin

**Elders:**

Tim Dunnahoo

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers

Kent Taylor - David West

**Elder Chairman of the Month:**

Lee Rogers



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# The Encourager

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**Song Leader:** Wayne Fenter

**Call to worship:**

**Welcome:** Brandon Cometti

**Songs:**

**Communion Song:**

**Communion Thought:** Lee Rogers

**Song:**

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – “Senior Sunday”

**Invitation Song:**

**Closing Song:**

**Closing Prayer:**

**Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)**

**1 John** – Doug Austin (Rm. 25)

**1 & 2 Peter** – Lee Rogers (Rm. 27)

**Genesis** – Oscar H, Quinton F, Jesse M (Small F)

**Revelation (Spanish Class)** – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22)

**Jr. High/High School** – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

**JL 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** – various classrooms, look for blue flag

**JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** – various classrooms, look for red flag

**4's, 5's & Kinder** – Amy Joy (Rm. 12)

**2's & 3's** – Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

**Nursery up through age 2** – Various teachers (Rm. 1)



Visitors, please scan this QR code and tell us a little about yourself!

Prayer Requests

- **Vernon Fenter** has a severe case of pneumonia. He is at ENMMC.
- **Jerry Salyards** continues to have issues with his abscess. Prayers are appreciated.
- **Alan Warboys & Billie Richards** both had cataract surgery this week!

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O’Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Doris Rodriguez, Lauren Simons, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Mary Ann Baeza, Koko & Beverly Blackwell, Pat Davenport, Ray Magness



**Looking for a way to help with VBS, but aren’t signed up to teach? Here are numerous ways you can jump in & help...**

- Invite children** that you know to attend. Registration takes place online at ccrccoc.com.
- Cookies, cookies, cookies!** We need lots of baked cookies during the week of Vacation Bible School. Sign-up sheets are on the foyer table, and we have many open slots!!!
- Ice cream**...help is needed to provide ice cream for the Wednesday evening Ice Cream Social. Homemade ice cream is preferred, but store bought is much appreciated, too!
- Staff lounge.** If you are helping with VBS in any way during the week, we ask that you please sign up to provide food to help keep our lounge well stocked for our hard workers.
- Set-up**—following services on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, help is needed with moving furniture and setting up tables. We will take all the help we can get! Please consider sticking around for about 30 minutes following services to complete this task.

**We are looking forward to another wonderful week of happy kids! Please begin praying for our teachers, helpers & volunteers. It’s time to plant seed—let’s grow a bumper crop!**

# Life@CCR

- **The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.**
- **Calling all kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade – high school seniors! The youth will be going to play laser tag on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** The cost will be \$5 which includes the laser tag and pizza. Please RSVP to Emily Cometti or the church office.
- **We will have a table setup from June 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> to honor Brooklyn Knight and her soon-to-be husband, Josef Roberson.** Brooklyn & Josef are registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath & Beyond.
- **We will be taking a group of kids to Summer Excitement at LCU the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>!** If your child is interested or if you need more info, please get in touch with the church office.

servants Among us

A very special thanks is extended to Cydni Vandiver for all her work in preparing a delicious spaghetti lunch for Senior Sunday. It was a tasty meal and so nice to just enjoy a time of fellowship together. Thanks also to Saira Mendoza who has been feverishly working to remove wallpaper and apply a fresh coat of pain to one of our old classrooms. Thanks, ladies, for sharing your time & talents.

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....107/108  
 Sunday AM.....223  
 Weekly Contribution.....\$6,740

Those Scheduled to Serve for May

**Deacons on Duty:** Dale English, Pablo Contreras, Jacob Puckett, Michael O’Neil  
**Men on Duty:** S.C. Morrow, John Matta, Tom Shaffer, Marco Ramirez

**Week @ a Glance**  
**Celebrations & Happenings**

<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Tina Dominguez & Logan Puckett’s b-day.
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Church office closed. Beverly Merritt’s b-day.
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Alicia Bennett & Beverly Blackwell’s b-day.
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m.
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Doug Austin’s b-day.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	April Puckett’s b-day.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Beth Madsen’s b-day.

**\*Pantry Needs: Jelly & Hamburger Helper**

Study Guide

1. Focus on 1 Cor. 16:1-4. What do you find important in this passage? Why?
2. What compels you to give? Are there other ways that we give? Think: time, talent, and treasure!
3. Is there a connection between our giving and God giving us more? Explain your answer.
4. Should our giving be a sacrifice? Should it “cost” us something? Is it just about the amount?
5. How can we convince other Christians, or even ourselves, to give the “first fruits” instead of the “leftovers?”
6. How is giving a barometer of our interest in the kingdom of God?