



Discovering Creative Ways to Increase My Giving

The *We Give, God Builds* offering on December 12, 2010, will include both an initial offering and a commitment to give over the next 36 months. Obviously, the more we are able to give up front, the sooner we will be able to build. Applying the following ideas initially and throughout the next 36 months will aid in helping us give more than we originally thought possible.

At first thought, most people do not think they have much cash lying around to give. But with a little creativity...and by taking advantage of the time we have until the offering, each of us can probably come up with a sizable cash gift. And together, it will all add up!

Here are some creative ways that others have used:

1. Eliminate eating out. Save that cash to be added to your offering.
2. Make coffee at home, avoid Starbucks!
3. Hold a garage sale. You probably have a garage or closet full of unused items that could be converted into cash. It is estimated that the average Fayette County resident has at least \$500 in assets sitting unused in his or her garage!
4. Take a second part-time job for a limited time.
5. Have everyone in your family locate the spare change in your house and begin collecting it all in one giant piggy bank.
6. Postpone a major purchase for a few months in order to give.
7. Make crafts and sell them to raise additional cash for the offering.
8. Give stock dividends, stock certificates, bonds, tax returns, IRA mandatory distributions (if applicable), etc.

Basically, there two approaches to finding more cash to give:

1. **Look for ways to reduce your expenses!**
2. **Look for ways to increase your income!**

By using a combination of these two, you'll be able to give far more than you thought!

Imagine, if 100 families in our church each found an extra \$500 in cash to give through these ideas, that alone would total \$50,000!

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

Hebrews 3:4