

The Number One Reason Why People Give

Numerous studies have shown that the number one reason people give is a belief in the mission of the institution. We here at **Your Church** have a mission statement. **Insert mission statement.** I want you to know that our mission statement is more than a cute phrase. We truly believe this is what God has called us to be about. It is our way of doing Kingdom work for Jesus.

Consider if you will that this summer we have... (Please insert your own achievements below)

- **Sent X amount of dollars to mission work overseas.**
- **Given to various special causes.**
- **Sent our youth on a mission trip.**
- **Fed X number of people through our crisis center.**
- **Supported the work of our denomination around the globe.**

I could go on and on about all we do with the gifts that you so freely give us. We take seriously the trust you give us every time you put money in our offering plates. Sure we pay the light bills and the salaries but we do so much more. Your gift allows us to make a difference in our town for Christ. Without your faithfulness in giving none of what I just listed would ever happen.

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth about their giving and said, “This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.” II Corinthians 9: 12 – 13

This church is making a difference for Jesus not only here locally but around the globe. As such it is worthy of our support. Consider that as our ushers come forward to take up the offering today. Your gift can and will make a difference in countless lives. You know what else? You benefit from your gift too. You benefit from many of the ministries that we do here. So if for no other reason, give today to support the work we do for you! It is making a difference.