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FOLLIES



Mardi Gras is the French (and mostly New Orleans originated) celebration prior to Lent. It is a time to have fun and fill ourselves with acts and items that we may give up during the season of Lent. Today the celebration

is mostly about fun parades and food.

This year, the annual Choir Follies is scheduled on the Sunday before Fat Tuesday, and thus has taken on a Mardi Gras theme.

The Choir has been planning a full day of events to help them raise funds to support music ministries at Eules First,

specifically Children's Bells and Monday Night Children's Music. Join the Choir on March 2 for a Cajun Cook-off, umbrella decorating contest, Follies and fun. Cajun dishes and performers are still needed contact the church office, or Carol Bolton, or Carla Fink for more info.

FOLLIES

What: Talent Show/Fun Event

When: March 2, 1:30 p.m. Proceeded by a Cajun Cook-off for lunch

Who: Everyone is invited to enjoy (performers are still needed)

PRESCHOOL FAMILY DINNER AND AUCTION

The Eules First United Methodist Church Preschool and Kindergarten was founded in 1969, and has been a pillar of the community and provides an excellent education. They are the only preschool with a contract with the HEB ISD, and serve HEB students who are highly functioning with special needs. The Preschool has the lowest tuition of any church preschool in the area. The 2013-2014 school year has been a difficult year for the Preschool, with registration being a little down. This is mostly likely in part to the economy picking up and parents needing full time childcare. As a result they need your help to raise funds. Please come out and support this fantastic community institution!

The Eules FUMC Preschool



and Kindergarten's **25th Annual Family Dinner and Auction is Saturday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** This year there will be vendors, a silent auction and children's activities starting at 10:00 a.m. We will be serving lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be your choice of hamburger, hot dog, or grilled cheese; with chips, beans, salad, and a drink. Cost is: adults - \$6, and children (12 and under) - \$3. Desserts will be sold separately.

The **Live Auction** will start at 2:00 p.m. Here are some highlights from items that will be available.

Live Auction Items include:

- Bed and Breakfast in

Jefferson, TX

- Family Suite at the Great Wolf Lodge
- Autographed sports memorabilia including a signed Nolan Ryan ball, a signed Ian Kinsler ball, a Michael Young game day bat, and an Alfonso Soriano game day bat
- Hotels
- A white gold diamond necklace
- A tea set

Silent Auction items include:

- Local restaurants
- Theatres
- Museums
- Family Fun activities
- Toys
- Games
- Electronics accessories
- Household items
- And more!!!

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PRAYER LIST

If your prayer request has been left off, please resubmit it. All requests are for 30 days only, and will need to be resubmitted after that time.

All the hungry people	Dunkan and Barbara	Kellsey Abbott,	Melissa Schilling and her	Roger Ivey Jr.	Warner Muirhead
Allison Fry, Rachel	Tandy	Sherwood and Cheri	son Oliver, Darlene	Ron Hula, Stephen	William, Amanda, Seth,
VanVleet's cousin	Edna Utesch, Johnny	Abbott's	Carter's great niece	Pilney's friend	and Alex Newsom
Alton Ray	Watts' mother	granddaughter	Merrick family	Ronnie Jones, Sharon	
Ann Burns	Evelyn Coutoumanos,	Kevin Maines	Merrit family	Menix's friend	In the Military:
Anne Smith	Alan and Lynne	Kimberly Massey and	Michael Mulholland	Rose Everett, Charlotte	Carl Miller
Archie Miller, Dale	Moffatt's friend	Shawnee Zelis,	Michele Heroux and	Everett's daughter	Chris Mulford, Pat
Miller's father	Family of Chris Manzo	Milford Roop's step-	family, Amber	Roxanna Berg	Bailey's grandson
Ashley Hagggar, Shelly	Family of Lois Johnson	sister and brother-in-	Hawthorne's friend	Safety and peace for all	Colton Hardaway and
Grant's cousin	Family of Madeline	law	Michele Moffatt, Alan and	the Olympians and	Kayla Davis, son and
Beth Gathings	Wermuth	Kirk Johnson	Lynne Moffatt's sister-	spectators	daughter of Michael
Bobby Trainham, Jay	Gordon and Linda	Leah Bennett	in-law	Sandra Clopton, Robbie	and Lore Osborn
Bradford's friend	Roberts, Nancy Bickel's	Lillian DePuy, Linda	Michelle and Baker	Clopton's mother	Devan DeBoyington,
Brent Young, Paula	friends	(Larry) Lewis' mother	Ingram	Shayla Hangar	Robin Biles' friend
Wood's brother	Greg	Linda Kinnaird, Shelly	Michelle Miller	Shirley, Derexa	Eric Sherrer, Justin
Cameron Mode	Heather Maxson, Billie	Grant's friend	Mike Watts, Teresa	Wooley's mother	Sherrer, Patric Owen,
Caro and Pierre Kenyon	and Jay Bradford's	Linda Lett	Watt's friend Marianne	Shirley Andrews, Ron	and Alan McClelland,
- Praise,	friend	Linda Sargent, Janet	Schmidt's brother-in-	Coats' mother	Grandnephews of Vic
Carol Hail, Dale Cox's	Jack Loftin, Stephen	Ledbetter and Cindy	law	Stan Clarke, Sue &	Judy Torres
aunt	Pilney's co-worker's	Balentine's friend	Morgan Long, Sharron	Richard Morrow's	Gail Worofka
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's	father	Loretta Santos, Linda	Hine's granddaughter	friend	James Fiaccone, Sue
daughter	James Gordon	and Don't Martin's	Nancy Jones, Billie	Steve, Michael and Lore	Fiaccone's grandson
David Viggiano, Nancy	Jamie and Julie Taylor and	friend	Bradford's cousin	Osborn's friend	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille
Bickel's cousin	son Samuel, Kristi	Lori Goodrich	Nick and Lisa	Sydney Gorton	Link's nephew
Diana Teran, Caro	Abernathy's cousin and	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie	Schoenberger, Ron	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat	Josh Crow, Annette
Kenyon's friend	newborn son	Bradford's friend	Coats' friends	May's great niece	Kelleher's son
Diane and Nick Lara,	Janet Kohler, Milford	Marcie Dauphine	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara	Terri Marlow	Justin Knighton
Denise Foley's friend	Roop's ex-wife	Mark Baker	Collier's father	Terron Muller, Les	Stephen Tate
Don Bell, Lee and Sandy	Jena Mitchell's mother	Maurine Padgett	Pat Holland, Cindy	Foley's niece	Travis Thomas
Swann's son-in-law	Jim Richter, Caro and	Nancy Bickel's co-	Balentine's sister	Those in active	
Dot Prestwood, Ryane	Pierre Kenyon's friend	worker	Pierre Tshimanga's family	addiction	Deaths:
Barker's great-	Kari and Lee Carter,	Maxine and Bill	Rachel VanVleet	TJ Pepper	Lois Johnson
grandmother	Kaitlin Coats' mother	Wallace, Kimberly	Rich Harris	Travis Lusk, Sharon	01/26/2014
Dottie Rust	and step-dad	Knighton's friends	Rios family	Menix's grandson	
Dovie Pilney, Mark,	Katherine Edwards, Shelly	Melisa Deforest, Glenn	Robbie Breaux, Audrey	Vinece Carlisle, Eileen	
Stephen, and Randy	Grant's friend	Best's friend	Coats' friend	Mode's friend	
Pilney's mother	Katy Ott, Kathy Knowles'		Robert Cheek		
	grandmother		Robin Biles		

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Iva Nail/ Memorial Fund: Joe Cannon, Don & Linda Martin, Rob & Sonia McMillon, Vic & Judy Torres, Bill Byers, James & Betty Fuller, Anjalie & Lee Gilby, Elaine Green, Roger & June Ivey, Kent & Tami Polenz, Eugene & Peggy Robertson, Jim & Linda Hunsuckle, Mrs. F.B. Hughes, Ginger Latta-Fuller, Frank & Rose Reaves

In Memory of Iva Nail/Pastors Emergency Fund: Darlene Carter, Pat May

In Memory of Iva Nail/ Food Pantry: Doris Brown & Dana & Lauren Thorsell, Sharon Menix, Alan & Lynne Moffatt

In Memory of Iva Nail/ Choir/ Janet & Mac Ledbetter

In Memory of Francis Hodo/ Food Pantry: Alton & Reta Ray, Alan & Lynne Moffatt, Bill Byers

In Memory of Francis Hodo/Memorial Fund: Joe Cannon

In Memory of Francis Hodo/ Pastor's Emergency Fund: Elaine Green

In Memory of Carol Franciose/ Memorial Fund: Bill Byers

In Memory of Carol Francoise/ Food Pantry: Elaine Green

In Memory of Jerrie Keller's sister/ Memorial Fund: Unity Class

In Memory of Leah Bennet's sister, Mary Fisher/ Memorial Fund: Unity Class

In Memory of Ialeen McGinnes/ Memorial Fund: Weldon Cannon

In Honor of Kendyl asking Jesus into her heart/ Kristi Abernathy: General Budget

In Memory of Dave Lewis' Mom/ Memorial Fund: Kent & Tami Polenz

BIRTHDAYS

February

21 –Laura Halleck, Derexa Wooley, Noah Marlow

22 –Lori Francis

24 –Katie Lucas, Michael Sparks

25 –Linda Lewis

26 –Barbara Ledbetter, Adam McMillon

27 –Garry Sparks

28 –Kathy Streetenberger

March

2 –Kevin McGehee

3 –Robert Sims, Mary Turner

ANNIVERSARIES

February

7 –Travis & Nancy Thomas

14 –Stephen & Teresa Sprague, Bob & Barbara Collier, Lee & Anjie Gilby

25 –Vic & Judy Torres

MISSION TRIP

There are several mission trip opportunities coming in 2014.

Youth and adults are invited to two Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission (CTCYM) trips this summer. If you would like more info, please ask Shane Mullin.

Second, Pastor Beverly is going on the Conference Older Adults trip to Sager Brown in May. Sager Brown is the headquarters for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. When there is a crisis in the world they

send supplies and materials to help. This trip will have participants help organize and sort in the warehouse. Regardless of your physical capabilities, this trip is for you. There are still a couple of openings. Contact Beverly Springer for more info.

Finally, Pastor Steve is looking to join in the Bishop's Mission Trip to Kenya. Bishop Lowry and Rev. Dawne Phillips, CTC Director of Missions, will lead the journey to join and serve the people of Maua, Kenya. The trip is set for Sept. 18 -30, preceded by two team

meetings at 6:30 p.m., April 29 and Aug. 4, at the Central Texas Conference Service Center. Visit the Conference Mission Opportunities page on ctcumc.org to view a PowerPoint presentation on the trip and to download all the required paperwork.

Pastor Steve is planning on attending this trip and would love for you to come along. Please contact him if you are interested.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Eules First Food Pantry is now the proud recipient of DONUTS from Shipley Donuts, at 925 N. Industrial Blvd. in Bedford. We pick up donuts from Shipley's each week and hand them out to our clients. Please go by and purchase a donut or two or more and let them know that our pantry and Church is grateful. Here is the volunteer schedule:

February:

21 –Darlene Carter, Kathy

Chapman, Marie Bean, Judy Torres

28 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg

March:

7 –Brenda Hurlbut, Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Torres, Judy Tribble

14 –Phyllis Augustus, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Maggie Lucas, Joe Roberts

21 –Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Marie Bean, Sheri Roberts

28 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg

Needed Food Items:

- canned soups
- canned fruit
- and any other donations

Remember the third Wednesday is the Food Bank Work Day. Next one is March 19th. Meet at the church at 8:15 if can come help.



UMW DONATIONS NEEDED

It may not have felt much like it in the last couple of weeks, but winter will end. While the cold will go away, it is not too late for you to donate any coats or sweaters that you might find that you no longer need. While many of us were warm in our homes during this cold winter, there are still many folks among the homeless and less privileged who may still need protection from the chill. So if you would like to

help them out, United Methodist Women are continuing to collect these items until March 2, 2014. Donations are being collected in a our large white container in the Swor Parlor.

The United Methodist Women are always working to help women and children in our community here and around the world. You can help them with this task. Coats are one way, another is through supporting

children at South Eules Elementary School. Eules UMW collects socks, underwear (sizes 4-6 & 6-8) and school supplies for students. These donations are collected all year, regardless of the season. These also can be placed in the white container in Swor Parlor.

Thank you in advance as we strive to help those who need us the most in our community.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

Euleless First United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten are beginning registration for the 2014/2015 school year.

Registration for current students and church members begins February 26 .

Registration opens to the public March 3. Registration fee is \$50 before April 1, and \$60 on or after April 1.

Classes Available:

- Cherubs: 2 yrs. of age by

Sept. 1, 2013, Mon/Wed/Fri and Tue/Thurs classes

- PK1: 3 yrs. of age by Sept. 1, 2013, Mon/Wed/Fri, Tue/Thurs and Mon-Fri classes
- PK2: 4 yrs. of age by Sept. 1, 2013, Mon/Wed/Fri, Tue/Thurs, and Mon-Fri classes
- Kindergarten: 5 yrs. of age by Sept. 1, Mon-Fri
Classes are 8:30 -11:30 a.m.

Extended hours are available until 2:00 p.m., with Enrichment or Lunch Bunch Classes. For more information, please visit our website at www.fumceuleless.org and click on the Preschool link.

Please keep Euleless FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten in your prayers as we begin enrolling new students and for the growth of the school.

-Aubree

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I love February. It's that transition time between winter and spring. Some days are super cold and some days are perfect. With the fluctuation of the weather, I am always reminded that no matter how many things in our daily lives change, God's love always remains the same! My hope is that we are all aware of God's

immense love for us, not just on Valentine's Day, but every day.

The Preschool Silent Auction is Saturday, February 22.

Come out and show your support for this wonderful organization! Also, plans for Vacation Bible School are in the works. The dates are June

23-27. This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders." If you are interested in volunteering your time this summer, please email Michelle Pepper at mpepper@tx.rr.com and let her know! It is going to be a great time!

-Aubree



A NOTE FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Linda and I have been members of Euleless First for over 20 years and in that time we have experienced some amazing years, but without a doubt there are signs that this year and next year are poised in so many ways for being some of the greatest.

Our Lay Leadership "Nominating" Committee is working on organizing us to deal with the high.

Our Church Council met last night to share results for year.

Euleless First commitment to our Discipleship Journey and to "Know, Grow, Go, Glow" is outstanding. We can see it at work through the success of

Alpha, and God's Grand Plot.

The Soccer Tot's Launch has begun classes at Euleless First! We should take every opportunity that arises to share our facilities.

We have 17 South Euleless Mentors meeting with students. What a great beginning to our goal of 50.

We are hosting a District Wide Training on February 23rd. This offers a great chance for our leadership to get extra training for the committees they serve on and to share with other local churches the great things going on at Euleless.

We are getting ready for Lent and will provide several options to grow in faith. There will be Wednesday Intergenerational Evening Services, a weekly noon lunch devotional each Tuesday, Holy Week lunch devotionals, worship services and more. Each of us are in a different place in our spiritual journey and as we begin to move into the Lenten season, please consider jumping into something new for your journey at Euleless First.

Being a part of the excitement in 2014 and 2015 is something you won't want to miss! See you Sunday! Dave Lewis

FROM THE PASTOR

I had a conversation about you this week. It will make you proud. It should make you proud.

On the phone with a local business person, I was asked to clarify which church I was with. I replied, of course, "Eules First UMC."

The reply: "is that the Church with the Food Pantry?"

Why, yes it is!

These days churches and

Christians are often misjudged. One of the fastest growing religious segments of the population is "none of the above," and many of these "nones" have left churches.

Polls have shown that a near-majority of Americans associate words like "hypocrite," "judgmental," "too political." Sadly, we Christians have done too much to earn all these stereotypes.

Isn't it refreshing to know that, at least for some, our congregation's reputation is that we have a Food Pantry?

One of the questions healthy churches are willing to face is "If our church were suddenly gone, what difference would anyone notice?"

We have made a difference. You have made a difference. Jesus has made a difference through our Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

To help students discover who God is calling them to BE. LOVE. and SERVE.

Our vision for student ministry is that if everything that we do helps students discover who God is calling them to Be. Love. & Serve. If we do this, then we believe that students will become disciples of Jesus Christ empowered to transform the world.

[LOVE: The Great Commandment]

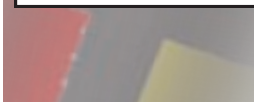
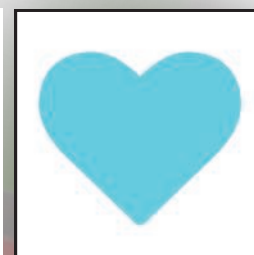
Not only did Jesus live a life of

love, but also when asked about God's greatest commandments He said that we should love God and love others. He also told his followers that the world would know who his disciples are by the ways in which they love one another. We want students to embrace the message of Jesus, learn how to live the life of love he demonstrated, and to allow themselves and their relationships with others to be transformed. Disciples of Jesus have another way of living that sets them apart from others - a way of life that is

defined by love. .

For E1ement Students, the visual reminder of LOVE. is a "heart" - this serves as a visual reminder that a disciple of Jesus Christ is a person whose life is marked by love for God and love for others.

-Shane



BE. LOVE. SERVE.

E1EMENTSTUDENTS





ALPHA DINNERS

Alpha is off to a great start with 28 people taking the course! This is such a great opportunity for participants to explore their faith. They need your help to support these persons as they grow. Each week a dinner is provided for the group. Sunday School classes and other groups are asked to support Alpha by providing a meal. Please sign up. We ask that you prepare enough food to serve approximately 40

people.

Jan. 28 –Genesis : Soup and Corn bread and Dessert

Feb. 4– New Beginnings: Stuffed Potatoes and Dessert

Feb. 11– Genesis: Mexican Casserole, Salad, and Dessert

Feb. 18– Unity: Taco Salad and Dessert

Feb. 25 –Fresh Start

Mar. 4 –New Generation:: Baked Potatoes

Mar. 11-

Mar. 18 –Rejuvenation

Mar. 25 –Fresh Start

April. 1 –New Generation

April 8-

April 15 -

To sign up, please contact Gloria Daves at 817-267-4806.

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BE THE MATCH WALK TO SUPPORT MARK BAKER 9:00 AM FOLLIES REHEARSAL
2 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 SONRISE CAFE 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:00 CAJUN COOK OFF 1:30 FOLLIES 5:00 ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS 5:30 DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY III	3 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 TRUSTEES MEETING	4 10:00 HARMONY HOPE 6:30 ALPHA	5- ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 ASHES TO GO 7:00 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 8:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	6 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	7 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	8
9 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS 5:30 DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY III	10 SPRING BREAK 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 6:00 UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7:00 FINANCE MEETING	11 SPRING BREAK 12:00 LENTEN BROWN BAG LUNCH DEVO 6:30 ALPHA	12 SPRING BREAK 6:00 LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	13 SPRING BREAK 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 THOUGHT FUL FRIENDS	14 SPRING BREAK 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	15 9:00 ALPHA DAY APART
16 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 3:00 KAIROS EVENT 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS 5:30 DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY III	17 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL	18 12:00 LENTEN BROWN BAG LUNCH DEVO 6:30 ALPHA	19 ELEMENT SERVICE PROJECT 6:00 LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	20 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	21 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS JR. HIGH NIGHT OUT	22 7:30 UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30 UMM BLOOD DRIVE
23 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:15 SOCIAL MEDIA CLASS 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS 5:30 DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY III	24 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL	25 12:00 LENTEN BROWN BAG DEVO 6:30 UMM MEETING 6:30 ALPHA	26 6:00 LENTEN SERVICE 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	27 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	28 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	29
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HIGHWAY UPDATE

Here is the latest on the highway project:

The Trustees are in the process of interviewing attorneys to represent us during negotiations over our property.

A surveying team came on Monday, February 4 and marked the potential lines with stakes and pink paint. The survey team

returned Wednesday, Feb 12 and changed some marks on the south eastern corner of our property.

The Lay Leadership Team met Sunday, February 16 to begin to set up committees and work teams for various phases of how we will deal with these upcoming changes.

Keep praying for all of changes at Euleess First. We know God has a plan, and we will be faithful followers. Help us Lord to go and serve in all the ways we are needed.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Is It Time to Stop Tithing?

By Geoff Surratt

Growing up in church, the concept of tithing was drilled into my little Bryl-creem'd head.

We tithe because we are told to.

We tithe in response to Jesus dying for us.

We tithe because the church will close if we don't.

I'm not sure if that is what was taught, but it is what I walked away with.

When we realized church should be more than a holy huddle, however, we stopped talking about tithing. The new conventional wisdom said that outsiders thought all the church cared about was their cash, so the best way to get them to listen to the Gospel was to stop talking about money. We still believed that true believers should tithe, but we eased them into it.

The Prosperity Gospel has driven us further underground.

We are repulsed by the idea that we should give because it's the best investment scheme on the planet. Stories of television preachers with airplanes and multiple mansions reinforce our resolve to keep the tithe on the down low. Giving is still a good

idea, but only if you're really, really sure you want to.

The last thing we ever want to do is give the impression you are being coerced.

I wonder if it's time to drop talking about tithe altogether?

Not because it's not biblical or because it's offensive. My problem with the way we've talked about tithing is it completely misses the point.

Giving because I'm told to or because I'm grateful or because the church needs it aren't bad things, they're just secondary.

Really, really secondary.

Generosity opens up the soul. Generosity connects me with God.

When I give away what I've worked so hard to earn, I begin to understand the Gospel. I begin to experience the heart of God as he sees his son dying on a cross for the sin he did not commit.

Generosity is the key to the treasure chest of joy. When I give, I experience just a taste of heaven.

Teaching people that giving is about duty or thankfulness or responsibility is like getting married because she cooks a

mean apple pie. Apple pie is fine, but marriage is so much more.

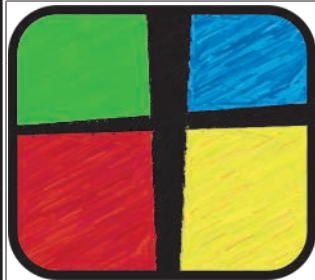
Percentage giving is fine, but generosity is so much more.

Not sharing the joy of generosity because of the abuse of selfish fools espousing a false Gospel is robbing the very people we've been called to protect. We shouldn't shy away from talking about money and giving and generosity. We should talk about it more and more and more.

But we have to talk in terms of generosity. Sure, give to the church and give to the homeless and give to the mission in Africa. Give a percentage because that will help you crack the shell of selfishness that encases your soul, but don't stop there.

Sometimes I think we're afraid to teach true generosity, not just supporting the local church, but becoming people who give in every direction because we have a scarcity mentality. If people don't tithe, the church will shut down.

I believe the opposite is true; if people learn true generosity and the joy it brings, if the local church becomes at least as generous as the most generous givers, the storehouse will overflow...



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