



SHOWING WE CARE CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2025

Love gives... What will you give to show you care?



Happy Thanksgiving, Tennessee Valley!

Welcome to our 2025 *Showing We Care Christmas Offering*. This is not merely a slogan but a powerful display of our giving becoming a reality through this special, once-a-year offering. We, as a church family, have helped so many in our own church family, as well as meeting local, national, and global needs, because of your generosity. God's Word is very clear:

"¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"
(James 2:15-16, ESV)

Each year, we give, not out of *necessity* but out of the *blessings* we have received; it's not about equal gifts but equal sacrifice. We are blessed through God's invitation to give! It's the paradox of the gospel: by dying, we live; by being last, we're first; and by giving the blessing, we receive the blessing! The Apostle Paul reminds us of Christ's words when he writes...

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
(Acts 20:35, ESV)

Our annual SWC offering meets many needs, both at home in Henry and surrounding counties, Tennessee State Missions, as well as national and global mission efforts. Through SWC, we also support local benevolence, helping TVCC families in need of short-term assistance and others in our community who need help. We support our local men's Hope Center, a year-long in-house recovery center. Other ministries we support include Tomorrow's Hope Pregnancy Medical Clinic, R.E.A.L. Hope Youth Center—an after-school program for elementary children, and the Carl Perkins Center, to name a few. When you give through SWC, you also help send mission teams to Africa and support the four churches and seven schools of New Hope Missions International in Haiti.

Remember, *Showing We Care* is not something we *have* to do but something we *want* to do; it's an *invitation*, not a *provocation*. Together, we give, not *to* the church, but to promote the kingdom of God *through* the church, the people He chose to use to reveal His Son, and to bless the world.

Winston Churchill said it this way...

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Therefore, be encouraged as...

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."
(2 Corinthians 9:7-8, NLT)

Tennessee Valley family, let's make 2026 our greatest giving year ever by *cheerfully giving* and trusting God as He *generously provides all we need*.

Pastor Steve