

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We give because HE gave.



God is a giver in fact, the biggest giver there is or has ever been. At Christmas-time, we celebrate God's greatest gift – JESUS! The Bible says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son . . ."

This year for the Christmas Offering, we compiled a list jointly through each of our Rock Spring ministries for needs here and in our community. We believe that each of the following items would help Rock Spring in fulfilling our mission of: Building community through loving God and loving others. Please consider giving to one or more of the following items:

- * Angel Tree - typically \$75 to \$125 per family.
- * Recovery Bibles - \$20 per Bible
- * Jefferson Community Ministry - Goal is \$500.00
- * Unplugged Teens Retreat - 20 students at \$100.00 per student
- * Credo Weekend for Teens - Goal is \$500.00
- * Samaritan's Purse - Goal is \$500.00
- * Kidz Power Pacs - feeding children, souls and empowering communities with His love - Goal is \$500.00
- * Faith Builders - Goal is \$500.00
- * Sundays and Big Events - Goal is \$8900.00
- * Defibrillator - Cost is \$1275.00

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As always there are simple ways you can give:
ONLINE through our website (<http://www.rockspring.net>) Click on the Christmas Offering Tab, then click on the Give Now button. Choose the Christmas Offering, then pick which areas you would like to give to.
IN PERSON (during our weekend gatherings) Be sure to indicate on your check or offering envelope which area you want to give to.

ANGEL TREE: Every year there are families in our area who without help, will lack the joy of Christmas. We will have three trees decorated with cut out angels and on each angel is an item listed to purchase for a family in need. Beginning in December, you can pick one or more angels off of the tree and purchase the item(s). Additionally there are some items that do not get purchased, or there is a need within the congregation, and for that additional funds are needed.

RECOVERY BIBLES: The Sistas in Christ Women's Group would like to continue to support the women in the Washington County Jail who regularly ask for the Recovery Bibles. These Bibles provide a way forward in a relationship with Christ and healing from addiction.

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: Safe Space, second Saturday of every month, a few Rock Spring members serve at the Jefferson Community Ministries. A fund is needed to pay for the meals served, plates, and cutlery. Consider not only a gift of money but a gift of time by helping to serve. Contact Danielle Truax at 304-279-7901.

UNPLUGGED TEENS RETREAT: A summer retreat for teens so that they can grow and learn about Jesus on their level in a safe, fun, and supportive environment. Our last retreat is where 30 teens followed Christ in baptism.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE: Millions of children living in impoverished, dangerous parts of the world are vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and exploitation. These little ones need food, shelter, and the assurance that they are safe, but they also need to know that they are loved and valued by God. You can help Samaritan's Purse reach children in desperate circumstances as we care for their needs, offer Biblical teaching and counseling, and introduce them to the eternal hope found only in the Lord Jesus Christ.

FAITH BUILDERS: Our preteens room needs proper furniture. This is critical to providing a safe and fun environment.



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KIDZ POWER PACS: CCM (Combined Community Ministries) is a 501(c)3 non-profit. Under our umbrella of services are Kidz Power Pacs (KPP), a weekend feeding ministry for school aged children. KPP serves on average 900+ children / 19 schools in Berkeley & 20 schools in Jefferson Counties, WV. CCM loves serving our community by empowering families and helping them network with area outreaches and more! Each KPP provides a child with seven meals + snacks. Our weekend feeding ministry covers their Friday night meal and all three meals on Saturday and Sunday. This also helps cover the cost of all three meals while the child is on break during school and through our summer program.

CREDO WEEKEND FOR TEENS: Credo is a community outreach ministry reaching all youth in a place without walls to build up strong leaders for our community

SUNDAY AND BIG EVENTS: Sunday worship and our big events are our best opportunities to be the light Christ has called us to be. In order to do this, we must continually replace worn out or damaged equipment like our current keyboard that actually has keys that do not work; or to expand the story of God's Word through live-stream. This requires funding that our budget cannot provide.

DEFIBRILLATOR: Our facility is being used by people seven days a week. Several hundred for our services, Wee Disciples Christian Academy, Bible studies, Unplugged open gym; basketball league, pickle ball, and at our last big event, we hosted approximately 1500 people. That's a lot of beating hearts! We've needed first responders on several occasions and minutes count. One item we've learned we should have on site is a defibrillator.

**Remember, all year-end gifts are tax-deductible
and must be postmarked on or before December
31 to be included as a 2018 charitable
contribution.**