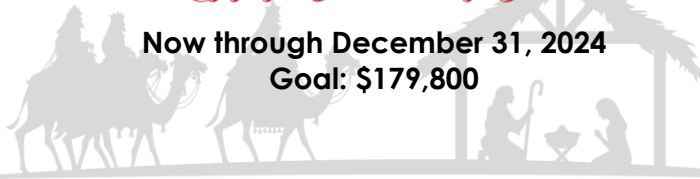


Happy Birthday Jesus

Now through December 31, 2024

Goal: \$179,800



Why we do a Special Offering?

God, in His infinite wisdom, encourages us to embrace sacrificial giving as a means to enhance the faith of His church. This Special Offering is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow spiritually and get ready for the exciting things God intends to accomplish through our church in 2025. It's essential to understand that this offering is not a substitute for our budget; its purpose is to equip us to further our mission and make a more profound difference in our community, state, and across the globe in 2025.

What's the Difference Between the Regular Offering and this Special Offering?

At EBC, we practice a consistent approach to giving through tithes and offerings, which we contribute systematically throughout the year. While many choose to give weekly, others prefer to donate when they receive their salaries. Occasionally, we encounter unique opportunities to give sacrificially, and the Special Offering is one such moment that challenges us to deepen our faith. This offering is intended to be in addition to your regular contributions.

How Much Should I Give?

As we aim for a goal of \$179,800, this Special Offering calls for the involvement of everyone. We invite you to consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith and glorify God. The amount you choose to give is a matter solely between you and God. Some members may be able to contribute \$5,000, \$10,000, or even \$25,000, while others might find it feasible to give between \$100 and \$500. It's important to remember that the emphasis is not on equal giving, but on equal sacrifice. What can you give that will genuinely stretch your faith?

How Should I Determine What I Give?

Open your heart in prayer: "Father, all that I have is a gift from You. What can I offer to honor Your Son as we rejoice in His birth?" Listen for His direction and act on it. This Christmas, as you share your gifts with loved ones, ensure that you also present your greatest and most meaningful offering to Him, just like the wise men.

How Was The Goal Determined?

We have outlined four essential focus areas that will enable us to enhance our church's generosity and advance our mission: strengthening families, transforming homes, supporting the most vulnerable in Christ's Name, and extending our gospel reach both in our region and beyond.

EBC has been committed to dreaming big for God. Such ambitious dreams require immense faith and additional resources. The fulfillment of these dreams will depend on your support through this Special Offering.

When Should I Give?

The ideal moment to contribute will be our next Sunday together. We encourage you to reflect and consider your most generous gift as soon as you can. Contributions will be accepted until December 31, 2024. To ensure your donation goes towards the special "Happy Birthday Jesus" offering, please include a note in your regular offering envelope or make a note online. You can also find "Happy Birthday Jesus" envelopes at the offering boxes for your convenience. Keep in mind that regular contributions accumulate over time—if someone donates \$100 each week for six weeks, that totals \$600 for this Special Offering.

How Can I Give?

You have five options for giving: First, you can place your envelope labeled "Happy Birthday Jesus" in the offering boxes on Sundays. Another option is to send it via mail to our church. You're also welcome to bring it directly to the church office. Additionally, you can make an electronic donation through our EBCRockyMt app, available for free in all app stores, or visit our website at www.inglewoodbaptist.com/give.

Can I Give In-Kind Gifts of Stocks or Bonds?

Definitely! Since Englewood Baptist Church is recognized as a 501c3 organization, you can enjoy substantial tax benefits by making in-kind contributions. For more information on this giving option, please connect with Dianna Thorne at dianna@inglewoodbaptist.com.

Are My Gifts Tax-Deductible?

Any donations to Englewood Baptist Church, including those made through the regular offering or this Special Offering, can be deducted from your taxes for the year they are given. To ensure you receive charitable giving credit for 2024, please make sure your gifts are received by December 31. Don't forget to include your name and address with your donation so we can issue a receipt for your tax purposes. While you have the option to forgo the tax deduction, it is available for all contributions.

Is This Special Offering Used To Supplement Our Church Budget?

At EBC, we trust that God provides the necessary resources for His mission through the regular and generous giving of His community. Therefore, we do not engage in fundraising campaigns, benefit concerts, or street solicitations for donations. Your consistent tithes and offerings are what enable us to carry out all the missions, ministries, and operations within our church budget.

This special Happy Birthday Jesus offering will support mission and ministry initiatives that are not included in our budget. Each of these initiatives needs funding at the start of the year, rather than throughout the year.

How Will I Know if We Reach Our Goal?

We encourage you to pray for God's wisdom as we all engage in sacrificial giving. Expect regular updates on our progress during the offering period. Achieving this goal will be a point of celebration, showcasing what we can accomplish together as we trust in God's leadership.

What Happens if We Surpass Our Goal?

Contributions exceeding our \$179,800 goal will be earmarked for the City of Refuge Mission Field Project. We'll celebrate our journey together during the campaign, and the results will be communicated to the church on the first weekend after the special offering ends!