

Surprise Church NEWSLETTER

Consecration Sunday is November 18!

We're throwing a generosity party at Surprise and we want you to be there! That's right, a *generosity party*. Why? Because the people of Surprise don't think about donating money simply to pay our bills, but rather as a way to grow in our relationships with God through "percentage giving."

Surprise Church's Leadership Team has again selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. As always at Surprise, we'll focus on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.

Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we see one another as followers of Jesus Christ who *want* to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, *What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?*

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday (**Nov. 18 at 10:30 AM**), we'll offer community members an opportunity to make a financial commitment to Surprise Church's mission. There will be one service that morning rather than our usual two-service format so that we can all celebrate and eat together!

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily. We urge people to attend this event and catered meal even if they choose not to submit a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card, and all commitments are kept confidential.

Please mark Sunday, November 18 at 10:30 AM on your calendar for this "generosity party"! You'll be able to RSVP in worship starting Sunday, November 4th.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events!

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