

Host Church Offering

October 2023

We thank God for each church that hosts an EBS class. We also desire to express ongoing appreciation verbally and practically.

We suggest demonstrating gratitude for the host church in two ways each fall season:

- A thanksgiving offering for the host church
- Thank you notes to the pastor or leadership of the host church

The Offering

Set a date the offering will be collected. Begin to announce the thanksgiving offering two weeks in advance. Encourage members to prayerfully consider a gift as a way of demonstrating their gratitude. We desire that members are led by the Spirit and give as overflow from a grateful attitude. Share our recommendation of \$5.00 per person with those that ask.

Remind members to make their checks out to the host church, not EBS.

Two EBS leaders organize the checks and cash and place them into an envelope on the day the offering is collected. Together, they present the envelope to the host church pastor.

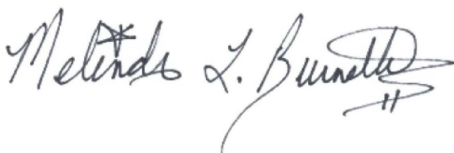
Thank You Notes

Thank you notes or cards are another way to express appreciation to the pastor and leadership of the host church. Encourage members to consider writing a note or signing a card. Pastors are especially encouraged to hear how God is changing lives through the EBS study. Knowing there is eternal fruit is the true reward of opening their building to the class.

Consider collecting the notes and cards and presenting them to the pastor along with the offering.

We are grateful for our EBS leaders and your efforts to extend our appreciation to host churches.

In Christ's love,



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