Don’t Throw Your Money in a Pit!

This is a simple sketch about churches’ money needs and budget. It could be done with puppets or live actors during a stewardship emphasis. Joe is at the cash register. Fred is paying.

Joe: That’ll be two dollars and fifty-two cents.

Fred: Will you take a check?

Joe: That’s a pretty small check . . . but sure.

Fred: Oh, that reminds me: I’ve got to deliver this check to the church before we leave on vacation. First tithe check since I became a Christian a few weeks ago.

Joe: Good for you.

Fred: Is it?

Joe: Sure.

Fred: You’re a member of my church, aren’t you?

Joe: Have been for twenty years.

Fred: I’m new at all of this. Does God need money?

Joe: Nope. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

Fred: Then why do we give?

Joe: Faith!

Fred: What?

Joe: Faith!

Fred: You mean Faith? The girl who lives down the street.

Joe: No, Fred. Giving is an act of faith.

Fred: With me it really is an act of faith. I never was very good at balancing my check book.
Joe: I was thinking about the kind of faith that’s sacrificial. It demonstrates our belief in the faithfulness of God.

Fred: Then if that’s all there is to it, couldn’t we just throw the money into a pit?

Joe: But there is more to it than just faith. Your offerings are important because they fund ministries.

Fred: Like the missionaries.

Joe: Right, missions are primary in our efforts. But there is also pizza.

Fred: Pizza??

Joe: Sure.

Fred: What does pizza have to do with giving?

Joe: Youth eat it! And it’s a great way to attract young people to events. Just ask our youth minister.

Fred: Hmmm.

Joe: And then there’s the light bill.

Fred: Oh, I get it. If we didn’t have money from the church budget for the light bill, Sunday night service would be very, uh . . .

Joe: Dark. You’re catching on quick!

Fred: And what about gas money for the church bus, and the senior adult home bound ministry?

Joe: And Computers.

Fred: Don’t forget pest control!

Joe: Exactly. Especially if your Sunday School class leaves sticky buns in the room for a week. If people didn’t give, you would probably have a church without heat, landscaping, mission efforts, a youth program, transportation, buildings, food closets, training events—

Fred: I see what you mean.
Joe: So don’t forget to turn in that check.

Fred: Don’t worry. I’m not going to throw it in a pit.

Joe: Smart move. The church has other plans for it.