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Choice Dollars Expire

Choice Dollars expire on Easter - Sunday, March 31, 2024. Please keep in mind that the phones will be very busy on *Thursday, March 28th*, as this is the *last day by phone* to designate Choice Dollars. Why not designate your Choice Dollars today. It is simple and doesn't cost you anything but your time. YOU MUST RENEW THE DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. YOUR CHOICE OF A PRIOR YEAR DOES NOT CARRY OVER.

There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to

www.thriventchoice.com

or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation.

Thank you for considering OGT when making your Choice Dollars donation.

OGT Responds to Call for Help

Nancy Helmke, coordinator for OGT's [Ohio Collection Center in Napoleon](#) has a personal connection to the March 14 - F3 tornado that ripped through Lakeview and 3 miles away at Indian Lake, OH. Nancy's sister Peg and her husband Doug Dammann live in Lakeview, their brick home had very little damage yet all their neighbor's homes were severely damaged by the tornado. Peg recently had knee surgery and it took five firemen to get her out of the house to a safe place with utilities. It was God's blessing that Doug was not home so they have an unharmed vehicle. Nancy immediately did what all OGT volunteers do and that was load a trailer with relief supplies and go to where the need is. Nancy and husband Marty delivered utility lights, shop vacuums, scrub buckets, blankets, heaters, tarps and bikes to Indian Lake Community Church, which is on the outskirts of town and not effected by the tornado. This is one of the sights set up for donations and distribution of goods. Nancy feels blessed that her family is safe and prays for the families of the three local people that lost their lives.

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Hay for Texas

Randy Reinke (left) donated a load of small square bales of hay for the Texas fire relief and Pastor Bartens assisted loading the hay. Thank you to both of you for your generous hearts with helping Texas Ranchers!

Blessings From Wisconsin Branch

Water for Life in Liberia will soon be receiving 21,384 KAH meals, sleeping mats, clothing, hygiene kits, school kits, lunch tables, and student desks with chairs to bless many children and adults!

[Wisconsin Branch](#)

Christian Mission New Life in Ukraine is looking forward to a shipment of 47,520 Food for Kidz meals, 15,000 pounds of baked beans and canned vegetables, blankets, diapers, medical equipment and other needed aid. Prayers continue for the many families in need in Ukraine.



Blessings From Norfolk Warehouse

Vine International in Guatemala is grateful to be receiving 256,608 Mercy Meals from the Norfolk Warehouse! What wonderful blessings to feed and nourish many hungry families which will be shared with the Gospel!

[Norfolk Warehouse](#)

Public Organization "Mayak" in Tajikistan is anxiously waiting for 71,280 Mercy Meals, several hand-cranked Mobility Carts, student chairs and other aid from donors and volunteers at the Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska. Praise be to God!



Help Volunteer Near You

Rejoicing!

Castle Rock's shipment to Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia has arrived and is unloaded! Distribution photos to come. Thank you, volunteers and donors!

[Castle Rock Collection Center](#)



Loaded for Overseas

After a chilly 'March Madness' week of heavy rain, high winds, and even a snow squall, our first real taste of balmy spring weather arrived just in time to load for Republic of Georgia on March 13th. Thanks to excellent pre-staging and organization the loading went off without a hitch. Our Mid-Atlantic Branch in West Grove, PA had seven adults and two teenagers begin on time right after the truck arrived at 9am. We finished loading all the clothing, Kids Against Hunger meals, medical equipment, sewing machines, and bicycles at 11:45am, perhaps a new record for MAB. Twelve additional volunteers came just to sort and pack, so we had lots of reasons to smile for our team photo!

[Mid-Atlantic Branch](#)



Additional News

Latin American Lutheran Mission (LALM) in Laredo, TX. recently received 1,500 pounds of potatoes, several pallets of various foods and household items from Norfolk warehouse. What wonderful gifts for families along the border. Praise be to God.

Bob Schleppenbach, OGT's Logistic driver delivered Bibles, toys, sewing material, medical equipment, diapers, hygiene kits and other goods to Fran George with Trinity Navajo Bible Church in Thoreau, NM. Fran text Bob the following message after leaving: *'Brother Bob, I just want to thank you so much for bringing the items out. We are praying for a safe trip home. God loves you for everything you do especially for the Navajo people out here. We have churches coming in picking up items tomorrow. Give our best regards and love to everyone at OGT. Praise God.'* So grateful for the goods from our dedicated donors and volunteers!

Weekly Devotion

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, & that He was raised, on the third day according to the Scriptures . . . (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

A Creed? Some Biblical scholars believe that Paul's words in *1st Corinthians* may have been an early version of a creed. According to dictionary.com, "creed" means "any system, doctrine, or formula of religious belief . . . any system or codification or belief or of opinion; an authoritative, formulated statement of the chief articles of Christian belief." Synonyms include "doctrine, faith, ideology, profession, religion, tenet, confession, conviction." By those measures, *1 Cor. 15:34* is a creed. Why do we have creeds? Early Church fathers believed that it was crucial to succinctly express the key tenets of the Christian faith, including the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ. This eventually led to the Apostles', Nicene, & Athanasian Creeds. These creeds were also used to address heresies that plagued the Church then & now. We continue to confess these creeds in our worship services today. And what is an important, irrefutable teaching of the Church? *"But Christ*

has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a Man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Cor. 15:20-22) Within the last few years I've witnessed how our loved ones have lost those who were near & dear to them. Our hearts go out them. We, ourselves, may also have lost loved ones. These words are meant to comfort us in a time of grief. What do we believe with unwavering faith? We have a Savior who conquered death. There is a heaven, & there will be a glorious resurrection. This is most certainly true!

Prayer Prompts: Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith in Jesus' resurrection & in our own resurrection from the dead.

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