**May Sample Newsletter 2016**

**Why that “*Blue Box”!***

As we watch the flowers bloom and listen to the birds singing sweetly in the trees, let us give God thanks and praise, for there are many who do not have the privilege of seeing nor hearing.

Let us ask ourselves “when was the last time we said thanks to God in the form of a donation to the **U**nited **T**hank **O**ffering ***B****lue* ***B****ox*? I am sure we have something to be thankful for each day?

Every day we give thanks to God for food, clothes, our jobs, the sun, moon, rain, and stars. We thank Him for our health, even though for some of us it may be deteriorating. We say thanks for our family, friends, and neighbors. We thank Him for the happy times, the sad, the good times and the bad. If every time we say “thank you Lord”, we put a nickel, dime, quarter or any other monetary thank offering in our blue boxes, we are sharing the many blessings that the Lord has given us. God does not provide for us only when we remember to pray. He is always there for us even when we do not ask. Let us therefore be a blessing for someone else. “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:9.

**Generosity** leads to charity and forgiveness. “Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands – all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.” Luke 6:38 (TEV)

Let us match our coins in the blue box with our prayers of thanksgiving and hope. Let us share the many blessings that the Lord has given us, so that those who benefit will continue God’s work in their communities and improve the lives of others.

“O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.”

1 Chronicles 16:34