



This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Weekly Scriptures:

Isaiah 45:1-8

Hebrews 6:13-20

Matthew 9:27-34

WE NEED NERF!

If you find you have extra Nerf bullet guns around your house as you spring clean this year, our youth ministry program would love to have them! Please drop off in the church office anytime.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS FOR SOTV

Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen SOTV? Participate in Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent's charitable outreach program. Thrivent Choice provides an online giving platform where you can make personal donations. Thrivent pays the processing fees, so 100 percent of your donation goes to help make an impact. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can also recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing Choice Dollars® to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including SOTV. In 2024, SOTV received \$465 in funding through Thrivent Choice. If you previously made a donation or directed Choice Dollars to us, we thank you for your support! If you haven't yet participated in Thrivent Choice but would like to do so or learn more about it, visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You can also contact your Thrivent advisor. Thank you for supporting our important work and helping to make good things happen. Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31.

LOVE AND LOGIC COURSE BEGINS MARCH 30

Calling all parents! Join Tia Pugh this spring for "Parenting the Love & Logic Way" beginning on Sunday, March 30 from 3 - 5 p.m. This six-week class will help parents raise their children in a way that is fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic. This Love & Logic course provides practical tools and techniques that will help you achieve respectful, healthy relationships with your children. Class materials cost \$10 and childcare during each class will be available. Register using the link [HERE](#).

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ONE FAMILY, FOLLOWING ONE SHEPHERD...

Welcome to the Journey!

USE RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS EVERY DAY

The Raise Right gift card program is the year-round and primary way you can easily support our High School Youth ministry. But don't let the term "gift cards" fool you. You don't need to have a special occasion coming up to purchase and use Raise Right gift cards. Using gift cards for everyday expenses is the easiest way to earn money for our High School Youth because it fits right into your daily life. All you have to do is purchase and use gift cards instead of cash or credit cards, and retailers automatically give back to SOTV! You can purchase physical cards through the Raise Right mobile app or at church on Sunday mornings or purchase e-gift cards instantly also using the app. You can add funds to many reloadable physical cards instantly directly from the app. Here are six everyday ways you can earn funds for our High School Youth using Raise Right gift cards:



Household Essentials

Stock up on earnings while you stock up on things like groceries, cleaning and office supplies, and even pet food.

Coffee and Dining

Whether its your daily Starbucks, date night or lunch after church on Sunday, use Raise Right gift cards to easily earn while you enjoy dining out.

Home Improvement

From large remodeling projects to small improvements, earn big while getting things done around the house using gift cards for popular home improvement stores and garden centers.

Clothing, Shoes and Accessories

Shop popular in-store and online retailers and earn up to 16% on purchases made to outfit your entire family!

Gas & Auto Services

Earn anytime you fill up your tank, wash your car or use a ride-share service. Some SOTV Raise Right users report earning up to \$200 every six months just by purchasing gas with Raise Right gift cards!

Gifts & Special Occasions

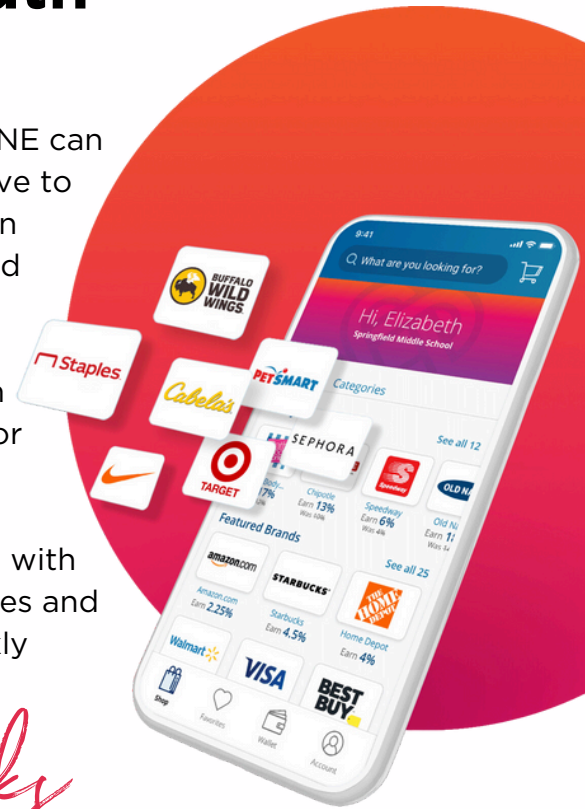
Of course, gift cards make great gifts! Or use them to purchase party decorations, food and other party supplies.

For more information on how you can support our High School Youth using Raise Right gift cards without spending or donating additional money, see our special insert below!

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RAISE RIGHT

Support Our High School Youth Through RaiseRight

Purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight is an EASY way ANYONE can support the kids in our High School Youth Group. You do not have to have a child in high school -- or have any children at all -- to earn money for this group by purchasing gift cards. For every gift card you buy, a percentage in cashback is deposited directly into our fundraising account to help pay for travel, food and other costs related to participating in mission trips, district events and youth gatherings. With 750+ brands to choose from, there is a brand for every household need or wish list. Plus, you can pick from eGift cards or physical gift cards. You can even use the app to easily reload funds onto existing physical gift cards. It's instant earning with every purchase. Gift cards from RaiseRight have no activation fees and they never expire. Earn even more during special daily and weekly extra cashback bonuses on selected brands.



How it Works



BUY A GIFT CARD

Let's say you buy a \$100 Gap eGift card from RaiseRight with 14% earnings. Pay with your bank account, debit card, or credit card.



USE IT

Your \$100 eGift card is delivered to your online RaiseRight Wallet instantly, ready to use or save for later.



EARN AUTOMATICALLY

With a 14% rebate, you automatically earn \$14 for your fundraising account. Way to go!



THANKS, GAP!

Your earnings come from the brand, so no extra money comes out of your pocket.



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RAISE RIGHT

How to Purchase Gift Cards Through RaiseRight

BUY PHYSICAL GIFT CARDS AT SOTV

Each Sunday between services, you can visit our RaiseRight cashier in the narthex and purchase gift cards on the spot or place an order for gift cards to be mailed to the church. Retailers we usually have on hand include HyVee, Fareway, Walmart/Sam's Club, Target, Kohls and more!

BUY PHYSICAL OR ELECTRONIC GIFT CARDS USING THE RAISE RIGHT APP

Download the RaiseRight mobile app to purchase e-gift cards instantly to use right from your phone. Download the RaiseRight app today at www.raiseright.com and sign up using our church enrollment code: CCB881C22L516. Click [HERE](#) to view a video on how to sign up.

When you enroll, it will prompt you to enter "Who are you supporting?" (For "name" you may enter a specific youth's name OR leave blank and it will support the entire group as a whole. Select "ACT-SOTV" for "group"). Select "Deliver to Coordinator" when ordering physical cards if you are local, and you may pick them up upon delivery on Sunday morning between services. You may also stop by the church office to pick up your purchase or -- for a slight fee -- choose to mail them to your home directly during checkout.

NEW! Earn Savings by Shopping Online

In addition to earning by purchasing gift cards, you can shop online across 550+ brands that offer online earnings. Browse available brands on our app or website, click through to go shopping, and earn when you complete a purchase. Log in at RaiseRight.com or the mobile app and select the new "Shop Online" tab to get started!



Shop through RaiseRight

Tap "Shop Now" on a brand page to visit their website and shop.



Make a purchase

Go to the brand's website from RaiseRight, shop, and checkout as you normally would.



Earn for your organization

Complete a purchase on the brand's website and automatically earn for your organization.

**Not just for gifts! Use
RaiseRight gift cards for
everyday expenses for
easy earnings!**

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Weekly Events

MARCH 12, 19, 26/APRIL 2, 9 : Lenten Midweek Worship

In our midweek Lenten series “Glory to the God Who Bleeds” we will hear from the Gospel of John as we meditate on who Jesus is and what He has come to do for us in His life, ministry, death, and resurrection. We will be moved each week to give glory and praise to God for the salvation He has won for us on the cross. Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.



MARCH 28 & 29: Twice Blessed Consignment Sale

For those looking for gently used items in good condition at lower-than-new prices, The Shepherd’s Flock ELC Twice Blessed Consignment Sale is one-stop shopping at its best. This will be the 22nd year the Shepherd’s Flock ELC has organized a consignment sale for children’s items. From toys to clothing to maternity items to furniture ... anything imaginable can show up at the sale! Click [HERE](#) for more details and information on how to be a seller or volunteer for this event.

MARCH 30: Youth Nerf Wars!

All middle school and high school youth are invited for a night of games, pizza and devotion from 5 - 7 p.m. Bring your own Nerf guns and ammunition if you have them. Let off some steam, compete for prizes and enjoy time together!

MARCH 30 - MAY 18*: Parenting with Love & Logic

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Click [HERE](#) for full church calendar and upcoming events.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Adult Choir

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Tuesday Night
Women’s Group

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. OurTime Bible Study (Zoom)
Women of the Word Bible Study (Zoom)

6:30 p.m. Middle School &
High School Youth Groups

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

7:00 p.m. JuBELLation

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

To contact our SOTV staff, please visit the Staff Page on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

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