

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION! PLEASE READ ENTIRELY!**

***S.N.S. Ministries, Inc. Financial Policy***



We are often asked, "What is your financial policy for coming to minister here with us at our church/ministry event?" This is a legitimate question, and we desire a clear understanding before coming to minister with you.

1. We go to any church or ministry, regardless of its size, to preach the Word of God and minister to your people.
2. We come by faith on a **love offering basis** for **church-wide meetings** or, **an honorarium basis** for **conferences and student events**.
3. Finances will NOT be a criteria for Scott's coming to minister in your church or event.
4. If you are taking a *love offering*, we would ask you, the pastor or event leader, to help your people to have some understanding of our financial needs (items 6-11 below) with your people, as you are the spiritual leader and they should follow your admonitions concerning our needs. We ask that a love offering be taken in every service in support of our ministry.
5. If you are giving an *honorarium*, we set no minimums but sincerely ask that you please remember the needs of this ministry as outlined in the following items.
6. *Some of the following information may be considered too obvious to require mentioning. However, due to past experiences with certain few churches, we have learned that nothing is to be taken for granted if we are to steward well the ministry that the Lord has entrusted to us. We are bound as stewards to communicate clearly and we appreciate you understanding and accommodation.*
7. All offerings go directly to *S.N.S. Ministries, Inc.* (a non-profit 501(c)3 ministry which is supported through the offerings of God's people), NOT to Scott Smith. In this way, as funds come into the ministry, these funds are supplying the Scott Smith family with their only source of livelihood, but also far more. The offerings will also be used to fund and pay for **mission trips, phone bills, printing, mailings, postage, office assistance, office rent, and other necessities of the ministry.**
8. **Please keep in mind that Scott not salaried by a church.** Scott is on salary with *S.N.S. Ministries, Inc.* which is funded by love offerings.
9. All offerings are accounted for and we are governed by a Board of Directors. Scott's personal salary is set annually by the vote of the Board.
10. There are some weeks that Scott Smith cannot preach or does not preach in order to attend to family priorities, administrative duties, writing and preparation, vacation, a conference or other meeting (such as Director's meetings), or even perhaps due to sickness, or simply to "re-balance" his life. Those are weeks wherein no offerings will come into the ministry. Regular love offerings, no matter how big or small, must be used to fill in these "gap" weeks as well. Some churches have made the assumption that the offering they receive during the revival week is "too much for a preacher" in comparing it to an average worker's weekly salary. Based on this item, as well as item #7, you will see that such is the equivalent of comparing apples to oranges and that any offering totals that may seem exorbitant will, in fact, be put to good use in non-preaching weeks and will in no wise increase Scott's personal salary.

11. Your church's giving is a direct investment in what God is doing through us. We pray that you will lead your people to support *S.N.S. Ministries* as an eternal investment for the kingdom of God.
12. If you have had Scott and Scarlet minister in your church before you may remember that they were traveling and live full-time in a motor home. As of April, 2006, that is no longer the case.
13. Scott will be traveling by plane or by car to your event and will request a hotel room. We request that the church secure a clean, quiet hotel room and provide plane ticket reimbursement or mileage reimbursement at the current customary mileage rate.
14. We ask the church to pay our travel expenses over and above the love offering or honorarium. This is very reasonable and workable with most every church.<sup>1</sup> That is, please pay our expenses out of the budget rather than the love offering, otherwise we will, in effect, be paying our own expenses since offerings are given to the ministry. A separate check for expenses is preferred for our bookkeeping purposes. **Please make both checks (love offering total & expense check) payable to S.N.S. Ministries, Inc.**

We have tried to develop a workable plan in accordance with the suggestions for revival expenses and offerings which the North American Mission Board has provided in their Revival Training Seminar Notebook:

**Procedures for Evangelists' Expenses and Love Offering**

Budget all revival expenses -- travel, lodging, meals, promotion, etc. Also, avoid revival expense offerings. Budget well in advance so you take only one offering, a love offering for your evangelistic team.

**1. Expenses**

Soon after the evangelists have arrived, ask them for their expenses or the amount of their plane fare. Ask the treasurer to make a check for the travel expenses and give it to them early in the week. In some cases you may want to send the evangelists their plane fare in advance.

**2. Love Offering for Evangelists**

All of the love offerings should be divided as decided between the preacher and singer. It is usually best not to take travel expenses, lodging and meals out of the love offering.

We thank you for your help and cooperation in these matters. If there are any questions or concerns, you may contact Scott Smith at (865)771-3281.

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<sup>1</sup> If your church/ministry organization for some reason is unable to afford to pay our expenses, please notify us immediately so that we might work toward something feasible for you. *Again, finances will not be a criteria for our ministry in your church.*