WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

THIS PAST WEEKEND, MY WIFE AND I HOSTED THE WRVM BUS TRIP TO THE WISCONSIN DELLS FOR THE WISCONSIN GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL. I MENTIONED THIS WAS OUR 80TH BUS TRIP. EVEN MORE REMARKABLE WAS A FACT I LEARNED OVER THE WEEKEND. AND THAT IS THAT THE PERSON WHO DROVE THE BUS FOR OUR VERY FIRST BUS TRIP, TO FOUNDER'S WEEK IN 1997, WAS OUR DRIVER FOR THIS OUR 80TH BUS TRIP!

OVER THE WEEKEND, A LISTENER ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION VIA EMAIL.

Good morning. I would like to know if we give using our credit card do you lose a percentage of the donation. If you do, we will send a check. Thanks,

THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. HERE'S THE ANSWER. WE PAY A 3% FEE FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS. HOWEVER, ON OUR ONLINE GIVING FORM YOU ARE GIVEN THE OPTION OF COVERING THE COST OF THE FEE ALONG WITH YOUR GIFT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU WANTED TO GIVE \$100 THE FEE WOULD BE \$3. IF YOU CHOOSE TO COVER THE COST OF THE FEE YOUR CARD WOULD BE CHARGED \$103 AND WE WOULD RECEIVE THE FULL \$100. IF YOU CHOSE NOT TO COVER THE FEE WE WOULD RECEIVE \$97 AND YOUR CARD WOULD BE CHARGED \$100.

ANOTHER OPTION GIVEN YOU WITH OUR ONLINE GIVING FORM IS TO SEND A GIFT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK'S CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT (KNOWN AS AN 'ACH' TRANSACTION). THE FEE FOR THAT TRANSACTION IS 25 CENTS REGARDLESS OF THE GIFT AMOUNT. THUS IF YOUR GIFT IS HIGHER THAN \$8.25, IT IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO DO AN ACH TRANSACTION.

AND AS THIS LISTENER INDICATED, THEY WILL SEND A CHECK. THERE'S NO FEE FOR A CHECK. HOWEVER, JUST A THOUGHT, HOW MUCH ARE YOU PAYING FOR POSTAGE AND AN ENVELOPE AND HOW DOES THAT COMPARE WITH THE TRANSACTION FEE BY GIVING ONLINE?

HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR YOUR GIFT. WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS, THE GOSPEL MESSAGE IS GOING OUT OVER WRVM. THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US.

OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS: WRVM, PO BOX 212, SURING WI, 54174

OR GIVE ONLINE AT WWW.WRVM.ORG.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.