



## Alabaster Stomp!

At St. Marys Church of the Nazarene, we supplement our Alabaster fund by saving and selling aluminum cans (any aluminum actually, i.e. carports, foil, etc.).

Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of Ted Hicks, our Alabaster chairman, everyone in the church tries to contribute something...even Ted's great-granddaughter, Mackenzie! When she hears the cans rattling outside, she will call "Paw-Paw" and will not be distracted until she is out there with him, smashing cans!

When Ted has a truckload, he, his wife, Peggy, and Mackenzie are off to sell the aluminum at the best possible price. He then reports the additional dollars for Alabaster to the congregation!

God has richly blessed our church with willing workers like Ted in all aspects of NMI.

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## Get Creative With Alabaster Giving

- Have a contest in your church to find the "Most Creative Alabaster Participant"— see who discovers an unusual way to get money for Alabaster. In the past, there was a cow named Alabaster, and her milk was sold to provide money for buildings around the world.



- See if any of your people have Alabaster boxes that are one of the older designs. Ask the people to talk about special memories associated with their Alabaster boxes.

- Ask several groups (all ages) to help with the Alabaster promotion. Give them a sheet with basic Alabaster information on it—what it does, results, when the offering for your church will be, etc. Ask each group to develop a creative way promoting the offering. Preview all promotions before presenting them to the congregation. They may be presented over a period of weeks or all at one time. Allow the congregation to vote on which they think is the most creative promotion.

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