"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10

First Fruits refers to the first portion of the harvest

that is given to God. Most notably the first fruits are:

- The first to come in time
- The best
- A pledge or hope of the greater harvest to follow
- Specially dedicated to God.

A First Fruits ceremony is described in detail in Deuteronomy 26:1-11

We are no longer agricultural farmers, so our *fruit* is what we do, produce or recieve. Our work product is converted into income and/or money. This is what we offer unto God.

Example: If a person makes or receives \$24,000 a year income that would be equivalent to:

\$2000.00 Monthly (Yearly Income divided by 12 months)

\$462.00 Weekly (Yearly income divided by 52 weeks)

\$93.00 Daily (Yearly income divided by 260 days- based on a 5 day work week.)

If you are this person and you vowed to pledge a weeks income, your First Fruit offering would be \$462.00.

To calculate your First Fruit offering, complete the worksheet below.

| First Fruit Selection | Enter Yearly Amount | Divide By | First Fruit Offering |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| • Monthly | | ÷ 12 | |
| • Weekly | | ÷ 52 | |
| • Daily | 1 11 9 1 | ÷ 260 | |

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CMBC First Fruits Pledge Card

We believe all we have belongs to God and that we are to be good stewards. We also believe giving is an act of worship and makes it possible for CMBC's ministry to function and glorify God

2 Chronicles 31:5: As soon as the order went out, the Israelites generously gave the First Fruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything.

We are asking that you honor God with a First Fruit Offering. Note: This is not to be a random offering or tithe. This is a beginning of the year sacrificial pledge offering.

I ______, pledge to give the following as my 2020 First Fruit Offering: Select One according to your Faith:

| F | First Fruit Selection First Fruit Offering Amount Pledged | |
|---|---|--|
| | First Month Income | |
| | First Week Income | |
| | First Day Income | |

We are asking each member to bring their First Fruit offering on our **First Fruits Sunday, March 1, 2020.** Note: If you would like to present your First Fruit offering in installments, we are accepting them between Now and March 1, 2020. Please prayerfully consider responding to God's call to worship with your First Fruit, by making this commitment today.