

Scrip Program

What is Scrip?

Scrip is a “gift certificate/gift card” program that enables you to buy groceries, gas, and many other goods at retail stores and restaurants in the same manner you would purchase these things with cash.

Why do it?

The Academy receives percentage (1.5% to 20%) of every Scrip purchase made depending on the retail outlet. When you buy with Scrip you pay exactly the same amount as you would with cash, but the Academy receives a percentage of the purchase price. For example, you can go to Pick ‘N Save and buy \$100 of groceries and pay by cash or check and the Academy receives nothing. But, if you take that same \$100, using either cash or check, and buy a \$100 Pick ‘N Save Scrip card from the Academy and then go and purchase \$100 in groceries the Academy receives \$3, at no extra cost to you. Additionally, if you were to buy a \$50 Exxon/Mobil Prepaid fuel card, the Academy receives \$0.75, again, at no cost to you. That does not sound like a lot of income for the Academy. But, if every family in the congregation and Academy were to use Scrip to purchase all of their basic necessities, like groceries and gas, the Academy would receive around \$25,000 a year in profits. And that is a lot of income for the Academy! And again, it costs you no more than what you would spend at the grocery store and gas station. Of course, once you see how easy it is, you will also want to use Scrip or all of your shopping, dining out, and gift giving (from any of the nearly 200 participating vendors nationwide) which increases the amount of income for the Academy!

The question has been brought up as to why we promote Scrip, which only has profit percentages of 1.5% to \$20, instead of such fund-raisers as pizza sales which offer 40% in profit. In answer, there are two reasons for our decision. First, even in the most successful pizza sales, the profit is only about \$100 per family. Over the course of a year, a family using Scrip for groceries and gas will give \$150 in profit. Second, the profit from Scrip is generated from buying those things you would buy anyway, without buying extra items like is done with fund-raisers like pizza /candy sales.

How do I purchase Scrip?

Scrip for Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly, Culvers, Kohl’s Department Stores, BP, Exxon/Mobil, and Mill’s Fleet Farm is kept on hand and is available for immediate purchase on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings after each service at the Bookstore, in the narthex, and in the church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All other Scrip listed on the Scrip Order Form need to be purchased from our co-op, Great Lakes Scrip Center, and delivered to us. Order forms for future orders are available in the narthex at the Bookstore and in the church office. For your convenience, orders for Scrip are processed every week. We order the *Scrip* on Monday and it is available to you on Thursday morning. Ordering is as simple as...

1. Filling out the order form.
2. Turning in the order form and your payment to the church office by 9 a.m. on Monday morning.
3. Picking up the Scrip anytime after Thursday morning and using it when it is convenient for you.

Also, you can now order Scrip online through shopwithscrip.com. When you register use enrollment code L52ECAD181L5, to link your orders to our account. Follow the online instructions for setting up your account and ordering Scrip.

You can order as frequently during the month as you wish — weekly, every other week, or monthly. Also, please remember that there is no minimum order. Order the amount of Scrip you need, when you need it.

“Now that I bought Scrip, how do I use it?!”

Using Scrip is as simple as using debit card or cash. For example, we will assume you bought a \$50 BP Gas Card. You purchase the Card as outlined above. Then, the next time you need to fuel your vehicle, pull up the pump and follow the instructions for using a debit/credit card at the pump. Or, you can follow the instructions for filling up and paying inside and when you have finished filling up, go inside and present your card to the cashier. In either case, if you did not use the full amount of the card (your purchase came to \$47), the unused amount (\$3) remains on your card and you can use the card again (the receipt will indicate how much is left on the card). All of the vendors that use gift cards, treat them as prepaid debit cards, which means that the card is good until the original value is used up. If you purchase a \$100 Pick ‘N Save card, you could use it to buy \$5 of groceries a day for 20 days. Some vendors still utilize paper certificates for Scrip. Some of these vendors, Menards is an example, treat them like gift cards and mark on the certificate the current value. Other vendors treat them like cash and give you cash back for the remaining value of the certificate.

Many of the retailers participating in Scrip have online stores and will accept payment using the Gift Certificates/Cards that you buy through Scrip. However, there are wide variations on how the different retailers allow you to purchase online using Scrip.