

Frequently Asked Questions:

What does the church believe about money?

We recognize that Jesus talked more about giving than he did on almost any other subject! Matthew 6:21 records Jesus as saying, "For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also." For our hearts to be turned towards God we're invited to give back a portion of what God has given to us.

What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?

The word "tithe" means one tenth. So when you tithe, you give one tenth or 10% of your earnings. The Israelites would tithe the first fruits of their harvest to God. Today, we strive towards giving 10% as a sign of our gratitude. Often people pledge as a percentage of their income towards the goal of tithing. Offerings are special gifts outside of one's tithe or pledge of support.

Why should I give to the church?

Giving helps us become what God wants us to be. This is not merely about the church's need for resources but about the Christian's need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, it's a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to change the world and to change us in the process!

What are my giving dollars used for?

Your gifts are used to fund God's work through the ministry of the church. We do this through our weekend services for adults and children, and through our support of local and world-wide outreach efforts. We can accomplish more together than separate.

What if we believe we can't afford to tithe right now?

The Lord desires us to be faithful regardless of how much He entrusts to us. Luke 16:10 says "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." God wants us to trust Him in everything, including our finances. God asks us to tithe because through that, we become unselfish people and we show that we trust God to provide for our needs. Growing our relationship with Christ always requires faith. Trust God by giving to Him even when it seems impossible and allow Him to show you His provision for your life.

Does your church have a budget?

Yes. Our budget each year is determined based on the goals and objectives of each ministry area within the church.

What payment method options can I choose from?

The online giving program is configured to accept direct payments from checking or savings accounts. We also accept credit & debit card payments.

How often will payments be pulled from my account?

You can decide to pull funds from your account at a frequency that is right for you.

How can I get a record of my giving?

We will send you quarterly statements. This statement will cover both your automated giving as well as any offerings you have given. To request a statement be sent to you, please e-mail [Kathy Alexander](#) or call the church office at 317-846-3404.

How do I update my bank account or credit card information?

If you need to edit your bank account or credit card information, please edit your profile and update or delete your profile.

Can I test this system by giving one time?

Yes. There is an option to give a one-time gift. This is a great way to better understand how the system works.

I've signed up for the automated giving program but would like to change my preferences or need to stop. How do I do this?

You can make changes at any time by using the "View Giving Profiles" buttons on the sidebar. Once you login you can change any of your preferences or stop your automated giving. If you have any trouble, please feel free to email [Kathy Alexander](#).