



Church Giving Policy

Part 1: Purpose and Types of Contributions

Purpose

This policy ensures that all financial contributions to the church are managed with integrity, transparency, and alignment with our mission: Discover God, Develop Faith, and Display Christ-like Love. It reflects our biblical call to faithful stewardship.

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” —1 Corinthians 4:2

Types of Contributions:

1. Tithes & Offerings

These are undesignated gifts that support the church’s general operations, including worship, discipleship, outreach, and missions.

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts...” —Malachi 3:10

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” —2 Corinthians 9:7

2. Memorials & Bequests

Gifts given in memory of individuals or through estate planning will be directed to the Operating Fund unless otherwise approved by the Finance Committee and aligned with church priorities.

“A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...” —Proverbs 13:22a

3. Designated Giving

Designated gifts must align with one of the church’s core values and be approved by the Finance Committee. Donors may suggest a designation, but final allocation is subject to church leadership oversight.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce.” —Proverbs 3:9



Part 2: Fund Categories

1. Operating Fund

All undesignated giving (tithes, offerings, memorials, and bequests) will be directed to the Operating Fund. This fund supports the church's operating budget, including staff, facilities, worship, discipleship, outreach, and annual missions' expenses.

"The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea." —Acts 11:29

"Let all things be done decently and in order." —1 Corinthians 14:40

2. Designated Funds

Designated funds are limited to approved ministry areas that align with the church's mission and core values. These may include specific missions and outreach projects, building and vehicle purchases, or ministry initiatives.

All designated accounts must be:

- Clearly defined in purpose
- Approved by the Finance Committee
- Monitored monthly for activity and balance

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?" —Luke 14:28

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." —Colossians 3:23

Legacy and Discretionary Accounts

Existing discretionary accounts for ministers or ministries will be reviewed for alignment and sustainability. Legacy accounts may be consolidated or sunsetted with care and transparency.

Any designated account with no activity for 5 years can be submitted for review to the finance committee, if necessary the finance committee will direct the designated fund to be sunset and funds to be redistributed at the direction of the finance committee.

"So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." —Romans 14:12

Part 3: Oversight and Accountability

1. Monthly Monitoring

All designated accounts will be reviewed monthly by the Finance Committee. Reports will include fund balances, activity, and any concerns related to usage or alignment.

"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds." —Proverbs 27:23



2. Negative Balance Prevention

No designated account may carry a negative balance. If a deficit occurs, it must be addressed immediately through budget adjustments or fund reallocation.

“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost?” —Luke 14:28

3. Ministerial Discretionary Accounts

Ministers with discretionary accounts must submit quarterly reports detailing expenditures and fund usage. These accounts will be reviewed annually for continued relevance and alignment with church priorities.

“So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” —Romans 14:12

4. Finance Committee Authority

The Finance Committee has the authority to approve, consolidate, or sunset designated accounts. All decisions will be made in prayerful consideration of the church’s mission and financial health.

“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.” —Proverbs 15:22

Part 4: Alignment with Mission and Policy Review

All giving must support initiatives that reflect our church’s core values:

Discover God — Worship, evangelism, and outreach efforts that help people encounter God.

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” —Jeremiah 29:13

Develop Faith — Discipleship, education, and spiritual formation programs that nurture growth in Christ.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” —Matthew 28:19–20

Display Christlike Love — Missions, benevolence, and community service that reflect the love of Jesus.

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” —John 13:35

Policy Enforcement and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Finance Committee. Updates will be made as needed to reflect the church’s evolving needs, financial realities, and ministry priorities. All changes will be communicated clearly to ministry leaders and deacon body.

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” —Proverbs 16:3

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” —1 Corinthians 14:40