



*Grace
Gratitude
Giving*

**Giving in support of ministry
at Christ Church Hermanus**

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**GIVING TO
SUPPORT
GOSPEL
MINISTRY**

**Thank you
for taking
time to
consider
supporting
Christ
Church
Hermanus**

We have enormous opportunities for gospel work in our town. However, we need the financial support of our members to grasp those opportunities. Christ Church Hermanus is entirely dependent on the giving of the church family. We therefore ask everyone who considers Christ Church to be their spiritual home to consider making some contribution, however large or small, to our ministry.

Our expenditure supports our strategic aims, which are:

- to turn un-churched people into committed followers of Christ;
- to strengthen believers in their walk with God; and
- to support those who have been sent to serve Christ in other parts of the world.

If you have any queries about financial matters, please speak to the church treasurer or one of the members of the church Council (Tel 087 414 1225).

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

**Here are
three key
principles
that can
help us get
the right
perspective
on giving to
our local
church**

1. God, being rich in mercy, gave His only Son to die for us. Having received such undeserved generosity, we should be motivated to give generously in response. We are to be like God - ready, not reluctant givers, for God loves a cheerful giver.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor, that through His poverty you might become rich.”

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

2. All things come from God. As God's people, we are responsible to support His work with His money. This work includes all the various ministries of the church - preaching and teaching, pastoring, training, missions, children's and youth ministries, and so on. As we do this, we share in God's mission to “*unite all things in Christ as Lord.*” *(Ephesians 1:10)*
3. The Bible teaches that giving brings its own rewards. Firstly, those who receive the gift will be grateful to God, and the giver. Secondly, God supplies the resources to enable people to go on giving. Thirdly, those who give will be blessed by God.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. Test me in this” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it”.

(Malachi 3:10)

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

The New Testament criteria: Sacrificial Generous, Cheerful

In ancient Israel, Old Covenant Law established an annual tithe for the support of the temple and its staff. One tenth of the increase in produce, flocks and herds had to be given to the Lord as His tithe. In addition, freewill offerings were also to be made.

For Christians under the New Covenant, there is no hard and fast rule, though the tithe of the Old Testament is a good general guide.

The New Testament is far more radical - we are to be generous and sacrificial in our giving.

The New Testament gives us guidelines to help us see God's perspective.

Jesus commends the widow who gave her few coins, which, unlike the gifts of others, was not out of surplus funds, but what she needed to live on (Mark 12:43-44).

Paul commends the churches in Macedonia because out of their deep poverty they gave with great generosity for the support of fellow Christians (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

Here are some ideas you might find helpful:

- Plan a household budget for the year and decide how much to give on a monthly basis to the Lord's work in relation to anticipated spending on other needs.
- You might decide to give a fixed percentage of gross income. This can become a pattern for future years, automatically adjusting for inflation and any change in your means.
- Give priority to the group from which you receive regular Christian teaching and fellowship, in most cases, the local church.

Q & A

Some Questions and Answers

How will what I give be spent?

The church's budget is presented at the Annual General Meeting. All members of the church are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate in the decision-making process.

Surely support of the church staff is paid from REACH South Africa's central funds?

Each congregation has to be self-supporting within the REACH South Africa. Each congregation is also expected to pay 10% of all income received to central funds to finance denominational functions, including our theological college, missions and church planting.

I already give generously to a number of other Christian and charitable organizations. I can't afford to give to the local church as well.

If you benefit from the ministry of your local church, then it must have the first claim on your giving. The local community is where the mission of the church begins - as Jesus Himself pointed out in the Great Commission, and members have an obligation to fund ministry in their local church.

I don't have much of an income. I don't think I should be asked to give.

It's true that the privilege of giving most should belong to those who have the most to give. But the principle is clear: we should all be prepared to give from what God has given us, no matter how small. What matters is our commitment.

**WHAT ARE
THE
OPTIONS
FOR
GIVING?**

**Here at
Christ
Church we
try to make
it easy for
you to give**

There is a range of options from which you may choose to contribute to the ministry here and beyond.

Put loose cash in the offertory bags

This kind of giving depends on cash being available to use, and depends on you being present.

Use of offering envelopes

This kind of giving is completely anonymous. It also enables you to specify what your giving is intended to go towards. (ie, building fund, mercy fund, church operating costs (tithe), or missions)

Electronic banking at an ATM

This kind of giving is completely anonymous and is helpful from a security point of view. Your bank will be able to assist you with this.

Electronic banking (EFT)

Many people find electronic banking a very convenient way to give. Simply add Christ Church Hermanus as one of your beneficiaries and give each month when you pay your monthly bills. You can also set recurring payments so that it operates like a debit order, but allows you to control and amend as you see fit.

Debit order

If you do not have access to internet banking, you might wish to use a debit order. You will need to complete the relevant forms at your bank. Please speak to the treasurer if you have any queries.

Your will

You can make Christ Church Hermanus a beneficiary in your Will. You should talk to an attorney about this, but we will provide a sample wording for inclusion in your Will upon request.

MORE

Q & A

Does direct giving maintain confidentiality?

Yes. Not even the Treasurer will know your name and the amount you have chosen to give.

Can I alter or cancel the arrangements?

Yes. At any time you choose, you can easily change or completely cancel the arrangements.

What are Christ Church's bank details?

General Account:

(This account is for missions support, tithing, and benevolent fund)

Bank: Standard Bank, Hermanus

Acc name: Christ Church

Acc Number: 082256586

Branch code: 050312

Building Fund Account

(As the name implies – for our building and property development fund)

Bank: Standard Bank, Hermanus

Acc name: Christ Church Hermanus Building

Acc Number: 085127264

Branch code: 050312

If you have any further questions about any of the information in this brochure, please do not hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Ken Coetzer (079 880 2248), or the People's Warden, Ian Hendricks (083 632 5331/028 316 4565), or by email to christchurch.hermanus@gmail.com.



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