



Why We Give

Why do we give?

We believe that everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). As Christ followers, we believe that we are stewards of God's resources because He is the owner of all that we have. We give, because we can do more together. Giving enables the church to meet needs locally and globally and invest in discipleship and ministries. Giving is a beautiful act of worship.

Online Giving FAQ's.

Is online giving secure? Absolutely. Our online giving service is offered by a secure third-party organization called Planning Center. This transaction is solely by Planning Center's online security center. EBC will not have access to your banking information. We will, however, be able to generate reports of your giving history for tax purposes.

Can I use Credit or Debit Cards? You can use debit cards for online giving. Because of fees incurred by the use of credit cards and our desire to model debt free living, we won't be credit cards as a giving option. You may also give online using electronic funds transfer (EFT) which is an automatic withdrawal from the checking or savings account that you designate. With EFT, there is minimal cost to the church, so it is a more effective way to give.

When will my contribution be debited from my account? You make the schedule! A debit from your account will occur each month on the date you specify.

Once I schedule automatic withdrawal, can I make changes? Yes. Log into your account and modify your amount, withdrawal schedule, and frequency. You can make these changes and updates, including cancellation, at any time online.

How will I keep a record of my contribution? You will receive an email receipt for your contribution. In addition, EBC provides contributors with annual giving statements once a year. These statements include online gifts.

If I use online giving, will it feel strange to not put anything in the offering basket?

Giving is a matter of the heart. While online giving is in part a matter of convenience for some, especially those in our community whose military service may require long and frequent duty out-of-town, we recognize that for some, the physical act of placing something in the offering each week is a very meaningful act of worship. With our online giving service, if you choose, there is a feature that allows you to print a specific receipt that you can place in the offering during worship services as a physical act of giving.

Does Emmanuel have a report showing where the money goes?

Yes. During regular business meetings, reports are given to the church body showing financial and ministry information.

What are Emmanuel's financial accountability standards?

Emmanuel's finances are held accountable by a church approved budget, a firm set of internal controls, a church finance team, and an outside, independent CPA firm.

Financial Resources

At Emmanuel we desire to empower God's people to leverage our resources for His kingdom. We affirm and believe in responsible finances, including a debt-free lifestyle. Practical steps to responsible finances include building a budget, living within our means, making wise choices, giving generously, and understanding that everything ultimately belongs to God.

In order to support these efforts we offer the following resources:

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Financial Worksheets

[Debt Snowball](#)

[Monthly Cash Flow Planning](#)

[Giving Plan](#)

[Percentage Giving](#)

[Every Dollar App](#)

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