



Emmanuel

BAPTIST CHURCH

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Crestview Donation Acceptance Policy

January 29, 2024

Emmanuel Baptist Church (EBC) will accept unrestricted donations, and donations for specific programs and purposes, provided that such donations are not inconsistent with its stated mission, purposes, and priorities. EBC will not accept donations that are too restrictive in purpose and/or not in alignment with its current designated fund accounts. Donations that are too restrictive are those that violate the terms of EBC's constitution and bylaws, donations that are too difficult to administer, or donations for purposes outside the mission/vision/ functionality of the church. All final decisions on the restrictive nature of a donation, and its acceptance or refusal, shall be made by the EBC Administrator or Executive Pastor, in coordination with the Finance Team (if necessary). Donors will be notified if the donation will not be accepted. The donation can be reallocated to unrestricted giving, reallocated to current designated account, or returned to the donor.

Donating to Emmanuel Baptist Church:

- EBC will receive donations in the form of cash, checks, ACH transactions, donations received through ebccrestview.com/giving, or through the churchcenter app
- Donations given through the website or through app will be receive from bank debit card or ACH (no money from credit accounts will be accepted)

The following criteria govern the acceptance of each donation type.

Cash: Cash (USD) is acceptable and can be given during the giving portion of Sunday Services, or at any drop box around EBC's campus.

Checks: Checks can be given during the giving portion of Sunday services, or at any drop box around EBC's campus, mailed to the church at 3252 E James Lee BLVD. Crestview, FL. 32539, or delivered in person to the church office at 3252 E James Lee BLVD. Crestview, FL. 32539.

Checks shall be made payable to "Emmanuel Baptist Church"

Other donation options:

- Given through EBC's churchcenter app
- Online giving through the website <https://www.ebccrestview.com/giving>

DONATION NOTES:

1. Online access to your giving statements can be accessed by logging into the EBC ChurchCenter App or through ebccrestview.com/giving. If you need assistance on logging into the system, please reach out to the Church Office 850-682-9416 or email: office@ebccrestview.com.
2. Donations must be received by December 31st of the year to be included on that year's Giving Statement. Donations mailed must have a postmark and be dated on or before the 31st of December, otherwise they will be included on the following year's giving statement in accordance with IRS guidelines.
3. Annual Giving Statements will be available online through the church giving portal by the end of January following the contribution year. The Church Office will provide downloadable statements before the end of January following the contribution year. Donors that have not downloaded Annual Giving Statements will be mailed the Annual Giving Statement before the end of January following the contribution year.
4. Any payment to the church where a good or service was received in exchange for a donation will not be shown on the contribution statement. An example would be money paid to attend a retreat, etc.
5. Donations designated to the church's current programs like benevolence & scholarships, and that are administrated by the church ministries, will be reflected on the donor's record of contributions if no "strings" are otherwise attached to the donation.
6. Donations to the church designated for the use of a specific individual or individuals are not considered a tax-deductible donation per IRS rules because control is retained by the donor. This includes money given for benevolence and for mission trips. Such donations will not be reflected on the donor's record of contribution.