

Welcome! I have something exciting I want to share with all of you. In an effort to be faithful stewards with what God has entrusted us with, I want to tell you about a new service we are using to help with our calling of being generous believers. In 2 Corinthians, Paul demonstrates the call of stewardship to the Church in support when he says these words:

*6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. (2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 KJV)*

As of this morning, August 9, 2018, we now offer online giving to our congregation. The hope and prayer of our church staff and myself is that offering online giving will allow us to accomplish a couple of things. First, it will provide the flexibility for our members and visitors to give how they want to, regardless of day or time. You'll be able to give your tithes and offerings in several different ways. We have a link, here on our website (above), where you can give. You can also give on our mobile giving app, via text message. Of course, you'll still be able to give via check, cash, and now through our online giving platform. You are able to give with a credit or debit card with any of the new giving mediums I mentioned above (even though I do not recommend credit cards unless you pay them monthly to avoid finance charges). Second, it will help all of us better develop a habit of giving regularly. Online giving is going to help us be better stewards by affording you the opportunity to give on a regular basis. You will be able to even set up recurring tithes and offerings. How many of you pay bills online? This is much the same, but it's not just paying a bill because I don't pay those very cheerfully! Giving, as mentioned in the Bible, is being obedient to God and fulfilling what He calls us to do.

Small group leaders are also going to be talking about it with you. We're going to be letting you know about it on our social media outlets. And if you keep an eye out, you should see it soon on your bulletin and on the screens. Either way, you'll see some more details on ways to give and how to sign up to give online. I encourage you to tell others to visit our website sometime soon.

Pray about how God is calling you to give and how to be a faithful and obedient steward in our mission of making disciples. Giving is truly a worship experience, and online giving can enrich that experience by making it available also to those who are sick, watching online, out of state, or unable to attend regular services. I love our church. I love our people. I love the Body of Christ that our church represents. And I love the opportunity to be faithful in our tithes and offerings to Him. As Paul reminds us, God loves a cheerful giver.

Sincerely,

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