

Ways of giving at Shore...

Because giving should be intentional and not haphazard, we encourage you set up a system of giving regularly and systematically to Shore:

- 1. Decide on a percentage of your income that you will contribute to Shore.**
- 2. Before you start giving, contact the church office to obtain a giving number, so you can claim a tax rebate on your giving.**
- 3. Set up a system of giving by using one of these two options:**

Option 1—automatic giving

Most banks allow you to set up an automatic payment through internet banking (see direct debit account number below). Alternatively, you can create an automatic payment by filling out an AP form (available from the Info Centre on Sunday) and taking it into your bank.

Option 2—manual giving

You can give manually by placing a cheque or cash in the offering bag as it is passed out on Sunday mornings. Make sure you indicate your giving number on the cheque. If giving cash, you can put it in one of the brown giving envelopes available from the Info Centre and write your giving number on the outside.

Automatic payment/direct debit account:

Shore Community Christian Church
12-3119-0062915-00

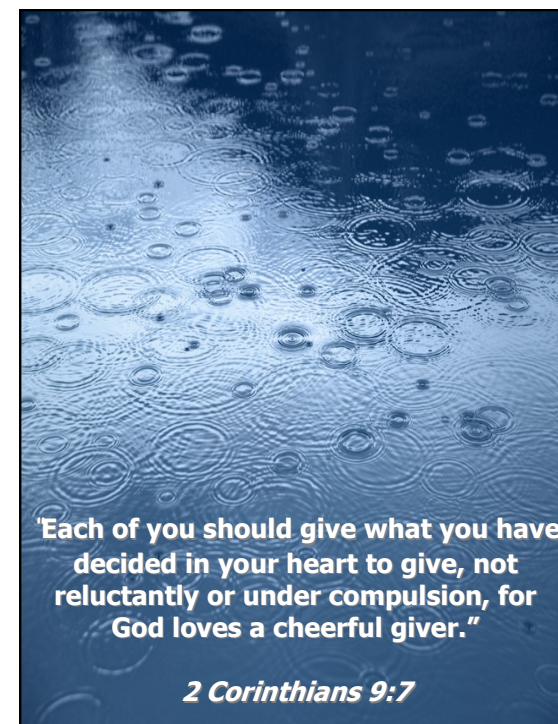
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Giving to the Church



What is giving all about?

Financial giving is simply part of following Jesus. Just as God asks us to honour him in our relationships, and with our time, he wants us to honour him with our money. Of course, God wants us to use *all* our money in ways that honour him, but he also asks that we offer back to him a specific portion of our income to his work in the world.

Why give to the Church?

Two reasons...

It's part of following Jesus. Giving a portion of our income away loosens our grip on our own finances and reminds us that everything we have belongs to God. It helps prevent us from becoming slaves to our money and teaches us to trust in God's provision.

It contributes to the work of the church. Money is a practical need of a church. While money is not our driving force at Shore, we require financial resources in order to lease property, pay staff, provide children's resources, support missionaries, run Connection.Resources, and do many other things that help people discover Christ and become fully-devoted followers of Him.

Some verses to look up on giving...

2 Corinthians 8:5

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

2 Corinthians 8:5

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Matthew 6:19-24

Acts 20:35

Luke 6:27-38

What do these verses teach about giving?

How much should I give?

In the Old Testament of the Bible, 10% of people's income was the standard amount (Lev. 27:30). The New Testament does not give us a specific figure, but teaches that we are to give generously (Rom. 12:8, 2 Cor. 8:7).

Where should my giving go?

In the New Testament, followers of Jesus gave primarily to the local church. The church then distributed money to other needs that arose (Acts 4:34-35). It's great to support other ministries and organisations, but our primary giving responsibility is to our local church.

What if I'm in debt?

Giving doesn't mean casually giving handing out vast sums of money while we are burdened with debt. If you are in serious debt beyond your ability to repay, your first priority should be to gain control of your personal finances. Contact the church office if you'd like a referral to financial planning services.