

Momentum Online Generosity Guide

OVERVIEW

We envision growing in generosity. Our hearts follow our treasures; giving reminds us that everything we have was given by God and that we depend on Him to meet our every need. Through His Spirit, each of us can meaningfully invest in telling God's story in our communities and throughout the world.

Below are giving strategies, prayer and reflection prompts to consider as you plan your financial commitment to Momentum.

PRAYER & REFLECTION

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:9, "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."

- Pray that your life would be transformed by the Gospel.

Reflect on Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it."

- Do you see yourself as a steward or caretaker of what belongs to God?

Paul writes in Philippians 4:12-13, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

- Are you content with God's current provision?
- Pray for contentment in your life.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, "Now about the collection of the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."

- As you consider your giving to the General Fund (and separately your giving toward Momentum), ask God what would be an appropriate sum of money in keeping with your income.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

- Pray that you will grow in the discipline of generosity.

PRAYER OVER YOUR GIFT

- Pray that God would use your gift to reach those in need of the Gospel.
- Pray that Fox River Christian Church would pull in the same direction, that God would grow generous hearts as we consider releasing resources for His work through Fox River and beyond.
- Pray for God’s continued guidance as we seek His will for our church in this season.
- Pray that our church experiences the truth of the words from Acts 20:35, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
- Pray for guidance in practicing the discipline of generosity in your own life.
- Pray that we move toward flourishing as we give ourselves away and spend ourselves for the well-being of others.

GIVING STRATEGIES

As you prayerfully think about what God will have you give, consider the strategies below. The included table worksheets could be a helpful tool in evaluating what your generosity could look like through December 2019.

Give through income

- Receive it, give it: Honor God by putting him first financially. As you receive income from your employment, bonuses, side work, gifts, tax returns, etc., give from it.
- Make sacrifices: Altering your lifestyle and priorities in small and big ways can create additional resources to give away. Commit to one less latte a week. Eat in. Take a staycation. Wait on remodeling your home or buying that bigger house.
- Keep setting it aside: After a debt is paid off, reallocate and give resources that were previously set aside for that expense.

INCOME GIVING POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
EXPENSE REDUCTION GIVING POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL INCOME & EXPENSE GIVING POSSIBILITIES	\$

Give through assets

- Non-cash gifts: Consider giving eligible appreciated securities, such as stock and mutual funds. You can receive giving credit for the full market value and avoid capital gains tax.
- Make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an individual retirement account (IRA).
- Consider other financial assets such as bank accounts or property. Consider releasing some of these resources.
- Something now, something later: One of the greatest gifts you can provide to ensure the vision continues is by making a planned gift through your estate.

ASSET GIVING POSSIBILITIES	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL ASSET GIVING POSSIBILITIES	\$