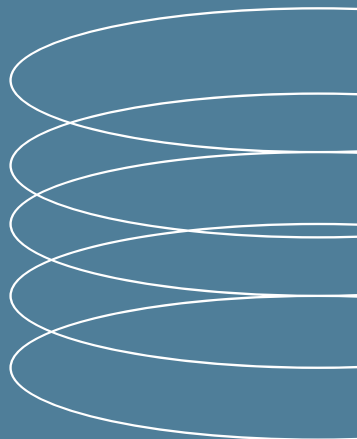




Giving Information



THE HOW & WHY OF
CHRISTIAN GIVING



Giving At The Good Shepherd

Giving is one of the joys of the Christian life. It is a privilege to support the work of the gospel, care for those in need, and respond to God with gratitude for all He has given us. This brochure outlines some of the Biblical principles that shape giving at The Good Shepherd (TGS).

Why Should We Give?

BECAUSE WE ARE GIVING TO OUR GOOD GOD.

As Christians, we recognise that everything we have comes from God. He is our Creator, Provider, and gracious Father. Giving is one way we express our thankfulness, trust, and worship. It is a practical way of honouring God with what He has entrusted to us.

Our giving also helps support the ministry of the gospel, both within our church family and beyond. Through the generosity of God's people, the good news of Jesus continues to be proclaimed, disciples are encouraged to grow, and practical needs can be met.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

How Much Should I Give?

The New Testament does not prescribe a fixed amount for every believer. Instead, Christians are encouraged to give prayerfully, thoughtfully, and generously, according to the resources God has provided.

Many Christians have found the practice of tithing (giving ten percent of their income) to be a helpful guide. At TGS, we see this not as a rule to be enforced but as a useful starting point for considering faithful generosity.

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How Much Should I Give? (Cont.)

Ultimately, our giving is not about meeting a target but about responding to God's grace with willing and joyful hearts.

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."
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

What Should I Give To?

The Bible encourages Christians to support gospel ministry and care for those in need. For most believers, this includes giving regularly to their local church, where they are taught God's word and share in the life of the church family.

At TGS, financial gifts help support our staff team and the ministries they lead, enabling the church to make disciples, care for people, and reach others with the gospel. We also partner with ministries beyond our local congregation and seek to steward all gifts responsibly and transparently.

"The one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor." (Galatians 6:6)

Where Does The Money Go?

TGS is entirely dependent on the giving of its people, we have no other sources of income.

Therefore, we spend most of the money we receive on resourcing the ministry and supporting the staff team here. Their role is to equip God's people for ministry, and if you are reading this, that probably means you! We provide our pastors with a stipend so they can spend their time building us up so we can achieve our vision:

To be an ever growing, Jesus-focused family, full of disciples who love, serve and share Jesus with the people of Cairns & beyond.

We also think it is important to be generous so we budget an amount to give to various mission agencies.

How Can I Give?

Giving can be arranged in a variety of ways. Many people choose electronic giving because it allows them to give regularly and intentionally throughout the year. Others prefer to give by cash during church services.

Whatever method you choose, regular giving is a practical way of partnering in the ministry of TGS and helping support the work God is doing among us.

"When you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:3-4)

A Final Encouragement

Christian giving is ultimately a response to the generosity of God. We give because God has first given to us. Above all, we remember the grace shown to us in the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our salvation.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

If you would like to support the ministry of TGS you can give electronically to:

Bank: Anglican Financial Services

Account Name: The Good Shepherd Anglican Church

BSB Number: 704 901

Account Number: 000 104 90

For more information, please speak to one of our ministers, wardens, or you can contact the office: office@tgs.org.au