

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP IN GIVING?

NEXT STEP GIVING

Perhaps you have not yet taken the step to be a next step giver at NFCC, yet your desire is to follow God's plan for giving. Here are the simple steps that will get you started:

1. Commit to give for the first time
2. Commit to giving regularly...weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly
3. Commit to giving a tithe. A Tithe is the first 10% of the income God allows you to earn or receive in any form.
4. Commit to give extravagant offerings. An offering is any amount over and above the tithe. God loves a cheerful and generous giver

Resources To Help You With Understanding Biblical Giving

- *"Prosperity With A Purpose"*
By Wendell Smith
- *"The Treasure Principle"*
By Randy Alcorn
- *"The Total Money Makeover"*
By Dave Ramsey
- *"Taming The Money Monster"*
By Ron Blue
- *"Taking Care of Business"*
By Lee Jenkins
- *"On Money"*
By Lee Jenkins

LOOK AROUND YOU AT NATIONS FORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

People talking and enjoying the fellowship of the NFCC Family; the **Worship Team, Band, and Choirs** leading us in inspiring worship of God; **Someone** diligently listening to a life-changing message and taking notes; the **Media Team** showing excellent quality visuals and graphics; **Guest** learning more about NFCC from a volunteer at the Information Center; **Adults** from all walks of life, studying the Bible together in Life Impact Classes; **Young Adults** sharing life decisions; **Students** worshipping and experiencing community, in their own way; **Children** discovering the truth of the Bible; **Preschoolers** learning about their world and the love of Jesus.

All of this is possible because Nations Ford is a member-supported Church. We rely solely on God's provision through the tithes and offerings of you, our members, partners and friends. Without the giving of our members and attendees it would not be possible to offer the various ministries that help people, strengthen their families and serve their communities.

Imagine what could happen if **100%** of NFCC's members and attendees took the step to become regular giver at NFCC. These are just a few of the things that would be possible:

- More people able to go on mission trips to serve and share the Gospel
- More lives changed through the expansions of our current ministries
- Deeper personal relationships with Jesus Christ and deeper knowledge of the Bible
- Greater impact on our city, our nations and the world

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GIVING?

The Bible says more about giving than it does about heaven, hell, prayer, or even faith! Here is just a sample of what God says in His Word about giving:

- **Faithful Giving acknowledges that God owns everything and that I am a manager of what He has given me.**

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

Psalm 24:01

- **Faithful Giving reminds me that everything we have is because of God.**

"But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth."

Deuteronomy 8:18

- **Faithful Giving draws me closer to God.**

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

- **Faithful Giving is the key to a full life.**

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their trust in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

1 Timothy 6:17-19

- **Faithful Giving Blesses Me In Return**

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. 'Test Me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.'"

Malachi 3:10

"...remembering the words of Jesus, Himself who said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
Acts 20:35

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

- Giving allows me to be obedient to God.
- Giving helps me grow in my faith.
- Giving supports the ministries of NFCC.
- Giving allows me to be a part of God's story here in Charlotte and around the world.
- Giving is one of the greatest measures of my spiritual maturity. Stewardship (*honoring God with our resources*), is a form of discipleship that will help you to become a fully developing follower of Jesus Christ.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

As a New Testament Christian, **our giving begins with the Tithe (the first 10% of our income)** as the foundational base upon which we build our stewardship and faithful giving. The questions we should ask about our giving are:

- Is this the first 10% of my income?
- What is my ability to give more? 2 Corinthians 8:3
- Is my giving generous? 2 Corinthians 8:1-2
- How does my giving compare with other committed Christians? 2 Corinthians 8:8
- Is this my fair share? 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

IS MY GIFT TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

All contributions are 100% tax deductible. A cash gift must be given in an offering envelope with your name and address in order to be included in your record of giving. Giving statements are mailed at the end of the year or may be requested at anytime during the year.

EASY WAYS TO GIVE

- **Give on Sunday and/or Wednesday.**
Using the envelopes made available to you at the Information Center or from an usher; simply place it in the offering basket during the offertory period or put it in one of the Offering Boxes in the Lobby or give it to an usher.
- **Give by Auto Pay**
You can utilize your bank's bill pay service to have checks automatically sent to NFCC.
- **Give Online at our Website**
Giving online is a safe and easy way to give. Go to: <http://www.nationsford.org> and click the online giving tab in the dropdown lineup.
- **Give by Mail**
You can also mail your gift to: NFCC, Attention: Finance Team, 5901 Nations Ford Road, Chlt. NC 28217.

For more information about giving options contact your Deacon or the Finance Team Leader, cellriott@nationsford.org