

# INVESTING YOUR TREASURE

## Financial Stewardship and Giving

### Stewardship

At Nations Ford Community Church, we hold a firm belief in the Word of God which teaches us that “everything we have belongs to God”. According to Psalm 24:1, **“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”**

The Bible teaches that we are “stewards” or managers, not owners of anything. Everything is owned by God, including those of us who have been saved by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. **Haggai 2:8; I Corinthians 6:19; Luke 19:11-27.** Therefore stewardship extends beyond just money and finances but to everything that God has given to us.

Because everything belongs to God and because we are his stewards and managers of His resources, His money, His talents and abilities... it is only reasonable, just and proper for us to give an account to God for the manner in which we use the money, the talent, the time and the intelligence He gives us to use for Him. God expects and requires each of us to use all His resources that He gives to faithfully advance His Kingdom agenda. Therefore stewardship deals not with how much or how little you have but rather what you do with what you have.

### Giving

Our Attitude when Giving

- Give Cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Give Generously (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- Give with Urgency (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

Why we Should Give

- To support those who labor and work in the ministry
- To spread the Gospel
- To demonstrate faith in God and his word
- To bless others

What Should We Give

- The tithe – first 10% of all your earning (Genesis 14:18-20; Proverbs 3:9-10)
- Out of our abundance has God has blessed (Proverbs 3:9)

At Nations Ford Community Church, we believe that our faithfulness in stewardship begins with an understanding that our growth in giving begins when we take the right attitude in giving. Then as we honor God with the tithe he will in turn honor us and bless our lives. Anything given above and beyond the tithe is considered an Offering, a freewill, sacrificial gift. At NFCC, our offerings given by members can be designated for a specific cause, function or event.