



Responding To The Financial Needs Of Our Church

1. Prepare your heart with God's perspective on giving:

Be encouraged for what you *can* do rather than be burdened for what you *cannot* do.

If married, pray with your spouse, and talk about how God is leading you.

Talk to your children and give them an opportunity to participate in what God accomplishes.

We will have a Kids Giving Station so we can announce and celebrate the total amount given by our children. This will help them to learn that their giving is important and that they can make a difference.

Read and pray over 2 Corinthians 8-9, which is the most extensive New Testament teaching on giving.

2. We are asking everyone to consider their giving in two areas:

(1) Prayerfully assess your *regular giving* to the General Fund.

(2) Give to the *Renovation Fund* for our repairs and renovations. We are asking for 18 month commitments.

Note: It is important that you remain consistent with what you already give to other Greentree funds, rather than shifting what you currently give to the Renovation Fund.

3. Look at different ways that enable giving:

Consider how you can make a commitment to give as God directs from your regular income. The biblical model of giving has called God's people to return one tenth of their income to God.

Are there monthly bills that can be reassessed for significant savings: phone, cable and subscriptions?

Can you give from rental properties, or from stocks, bonds, and other securities?

Consider changes in eating out or coffee drinks, etc. which can free up a lot of money over the course of a year.

Do you own property, vehicles, art, collections, or other items of value that could be sold?

Giving directly from an IRA can provide significant tax benefits (*contact your tax advisor*).

4. Rest in how God leads you:

Be content in the way God provides and leads you to give.

5. Fill out a commitment card by Sunday, June 30th:

This will enable us to schedule repairs and budgeting.

You can fill out the enclosed card or make your pledge online at www.greentree.org/renovations

Together let's respond with faithfulness and joy over God's sovereign goodness in this challenge He has given us.