

Not an equal share

BUT AN EQUAL SACRIFICE

Nick Hatch, Pastor



As a church family, the concept of equal giving does not exist for us at Alexandria First Presbyterian Church. Instead, we believe it's the level of sacrifice that should be equal.

This ensures there is a role in this capital campaign for every member of our church to contribute. Everyone's sacrifice is important if we are to be successful in Restoring God's House. Your financial involvement is a decision between you and God. Giving is a part of our faith journey, but how you give must come from your heart as a response to God's grace in your life. You will never be pressured, nor told what you should give. We do ask that you pray to discern God's will for your participation in the campaign. Please join me in continuing to pray:

Lord, what do You want to do through me?

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to our church.

In Christ,
Pastor Nick



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Gifts Other than Cash

What are gifts other than cash?

Transferring ownership of an asset, rather than selling the asset and giving the cash, is an option other than a cash gift.

What kind of assets should I give?

Appreciated investment property held more than one year, such as publicly traded stocks, mutual fund shares, bonds, real estate, collectables and other such readily marketable property may have tremendous tax advantages. Personal property such as automobiles, jewelry and other items may also be given.

Why give gifts other than cash?

In many instances, the tax code is favorable toward this form of giving. Giving an appreciated asset to the church and letting the church sell the asset eliminates potential capital gains taxes and may help you make a larger gift than through donating cash.

How does the tax benefit work?

Itemized Deduction: An individual or business often is allowed to include 100% of the market value of most such assets as charitable contributions for tax purposes if held more than one year. The transfer of property does not generate a capital gains tax. The church, as a tax exempt entity, will realize the full market value, less transaction costs, at the time of sale without paying capital gains taxes.

What if I sell first then give the cash?

You may be subject to capital gains taxes thereby reducing the after tax proceeds from the sale.

How do I give other than cash gifts?

Contact the church at (908) 996-4333 for questions, referral guidance and transfer information.

Other Strategies

Cash Flow Gifts

A significant gift can be made by giving small amounts at regular intervals. Weekly, semi-monthly or monthly giving allows you to make a large gift.

Diverted Funds Gifts

By freeing funds that are currently going to other areas of spending, you may be able to increase giving to God's work. Some options are diverting funds from entertainment, dining out, dues, subscriptions, gifts, allowances, or transportation.

Activity	Year	3 Year
Eliminate 1 weekly family meal out	\$624	\$1872
Eliminate 1 movie rental weekly	156	468
Reduce Christmas budget	250	750
Reduce vacation budget	250	750
Eliminate 4 "dates"	120	360
Eliminate 1 cup of coffee per day	182	546
Son's (\$1) & Daughter's (\$.50) weekly gifts	78	234
Two found \$10 bills		20
Three Year Total		\$5000

Delayed Expenditures

By postponing the purchase of major items like automobiles, clothing or trips, you may be able to increase giving now.

Income Producing Assets

Interest income, payments from rental properties or monies from other income producing assets are sources for increased giving.

Raises/Bonuses

Dedicating raises and bonuses is a creative method people have used to increase giving while maintaining their current lifestyle.

Freedom from Debt

In planning ahead, you may discover some debt obligations will be fulfilled, freeing funds for additional giving.

Reallocating Your Charitable Giving

After reviewing your usual charitable donations, you may decide to reallocate some of the giving to the church.

Savings and Annuities

Savings for special projects, retirement or a "rainy day" may offer a resource for increased giving. Often we realize that a portion of our savings may safely be given to the work of God through our church.

Additional Income

Taking a second job or part-time job are successful strategies some people have used to increase giving. Some people also earn income from hobbies or skills that can support their giving.

"For God all things are possible"

Matthew 19:26b