



Grace Gratitude Giving

Giving to support the
ministry of Christ Church Midrand

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GOSPEL
MINISTRY**



**Thank you for taking
time to consider
supporting the work
of Christ Church
Midrand.**

Situated in the centre of Gauteng we have enormous opportunities for Gospel ministry.

Our expenditure supports our strategic aims:

- To turn unchurched people into committed followers of Christ.
- To strengthen believers in their walk with God.
- To send out people to serve Christ.

For 16 years, God has blessed the proclamation of the Gospel from Christ Church Midrand. We started with 4 adults and 2 children in April 1994 in the Protea Midrand Hotel. God has abundantly blessed our labours and today we have a church family of over 1,000 people.

In addition, that early ministry has spawned a school of over 550 learners, church plants in Fourways and Pretoria, student ministries in Midrand and Pretoria, sports and music ministries, the training of future church leaders through our Apprenticeship Scheme, a lunchtime business ministry in Sandton, missionary work in Africa and a school for vulnerable children in Tembisa. Our vision is for Christ Church Midrand to continue being a platform for Gospel ministry in Gauteng and beyond.

There is a temptation in a large church like Christ Church Midrand to feel that your contribution doesn't make a difference. However, financing the ministry of Christ Church Midrand is entirely dependent on the giving of our church family. We therefore ask everyone who considers Christ Church to be their spiritual home to consider making some contribution, however large or small, to the ministry.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE?



**Here are three
key principles that can
help us get the right
perspective on giving
to our
local church.**

1. God, being rich in mercy gave his only son to die for us. Having received such undeserved generosity we should be motivated to give generously in response. We are to be like God – ready, not reluctant givers, for God loves a cheerful giver.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, that through his poverty you might become rich.

(2 Corinthians 8:9)

2. God owns all things and we are only stewards of God's resources. As God's people we are responsible to support his work with his money. This work includes all the various ministries of the church — preaching and teaching, pastoring, training, missions, children and youth ministries, church planting and so on. As we do this we share in God's mission to "unite all things in Christ as Lord." (Ephesians 1:10)
3. The Bible teaches that giving brings its own rewards. Firstly, those who receive the gift will be grateful to God and the giver. Secondly, God supplies the resources to enable people to go on giving. Thirdly, those who give will be blessed by God.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. 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)

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?



New Testament Criteria

Sacrificial

Generous

Cheerful

The Old Testament commanded a tithe (10%). One tenth of the increase in produce, flocks and herds had to be given to the Lord as his tithe.

For Christians under the new covenant there is no hard and fast rule, though the tithe of the Old Testament is a good general guide. Some will give more than 10% of their income, others less.

In fact, the New Testament is far more radical – we are to be generous and sacrificial in our giving.

The New Testament gives us guidelines to help us see God's perspective.

Jesus commends the widow who gave her few coins, which, unlike the gifts of others, was not out of surplus funds, but what she needed to live on. (*Mark 12:43-44*).

Paul commends the churches in Macedonia because out of their deep poverty they gave with great generosity for the support of fellow Christians. (*2 Corinthians 8:1-5*)

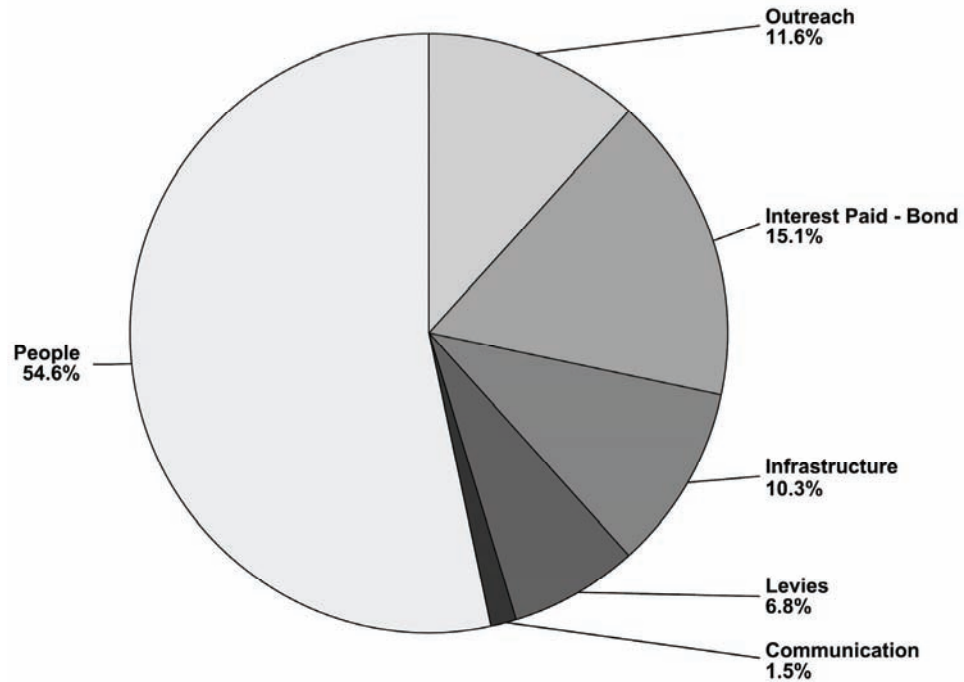
Here are some ideas you might find helpful:

- Plan a household budget for the year and decide how much to give on a monthly basis to the Lord's work in relation to anticipated spending on other needs.
- You might decide to give a fixed percentage of gross income. This can become a pattern for future years, automatically adjusting for inflation and any change in your means.
- Give priority to the group from which you receive regular Christian teaching and fellowship, in most cases the local church.

**HOW WILL
WHAT I GIVE BE
SPENT?**



The church's budget is presented at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AGM). All members of the church are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate in the decision making process.



People – includes salaries, pensions, accommodation and other staff costs.

Bond – the monthly payment on our bond for the buildings and property.

Communication and Infrastructure - cost of administration, church office and maintenance of ministries and property.

Levies and Outreach - our levies to the denomination are used for theological training, church planting etc. We also support various mission projects and projects to disadvantaged people.

Q & A



Some Questions And Answers

Surely CESA central funds pay for the support of the church staff?

Each congregation has to be self-supporting within the Church of England in South Africa. Each congregation is also expected to pay 10% of all income received to central funds to finance denominational functions including our theological college, missions and church planting.

I already give generously to a number of other Christian and charitable organisations. I can't afford to give to the local church as well.

If you benefit from the ministry of your local church then it must have the first claim on your giving. The local church is where the mission of God begins — as Jesus himself pointed out in the Great Commission, and members have an obligation to fund the ministry of their local church.

I don't have much of an income. I don't think I should be asked to give.

It's true that the privilege of giving most should belong to those who have the most to give. But the principle is clear: we should all be prepared to give from what God has given us, no matter how small. What matters is our commitment.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR GIVING?



**Here at Christ Church
we try to make it easy
for you to give.**

There is a range of options from which you may choose to contribute to the ministry here and beyond.

Put loose cash in the offertory basket

This kind of giving:

- depends on cash being available to use.
- depends on you being present.

Electronic banking

This kind of giving:

- is completely anonymous.
- is helpful from a security point of view.
- for details see Reference Guide at back

Chapter Two

Chapter Two is a Christ Church Midrand account used exclusively for capital and building projects. Our properties are funded through a mortgage bond with CESA. All gifts for building or capital projects are allocated to Chapter Two. This kind of giving:

- decreases our monthly bond payments.

Interest Free Loans

This is a long term loan, of R5000 or more, which the church will use to offset its bond. See Treasurer for details. This kind of giving:

- allows the church to rapidly reduce its debt.
- preserves your original capital

Your Will

You can make Christ Church Midrand a beneficiary in your Will. You should talk to an attorney about this, but we can provide a sample wording for inclusion in your Will upon request.

ELECTRONIC BANKING



**It's
Your
Choice!**

Internet

Many people find this a very convenient way to give. Simply add Christ Church Midrand as one of your beneficiaries and give each month when you pay your monthly bills. You can also set recurring payments so that it operates like a debit order, but which you can control and amend as you see fit.

Stop Order

If you do not have access to internet banking you may wish to use a stop order. You will need to complete the relevant forms at your bank. Please speak to the treasurer if you have any queries.

These automated methods of giving;

- must be budgeted in advance — an excellent way to be disciplined in your giving
- is convenient and doesn't depend on your memory
- gives the church immediate access to funds.

Does direct giving maintain confidentiality?

Yes. Only the Treasurer will know your name and the amount you have chosen to give.

Can I alter or cancel the arrangements?

Yes. At any time you choose, you can easily change or completely cancel the arrangements.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this brochure,
please do not hesitate to contact our Treasurer:

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REFERENCE GUIDE

Christ Church Midrand Account

Account Name : Christ Church Midrand
Account Number : 202 481 131
Bank : Standard Bank
Branch : Midrand
Branch Number : 001155

Chapter Two Account

Account Name : Christ Church Capital Fund
Account Number : 202 534 804
Bank : Standard Bank
Branch : Midrand
Branch Number : 001155



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