



First Baptist Church
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Information for Donors to First Baptist Church Keller

When you chose to financially support the work of First Baptist Church Keller, we want you to be confident in our stewardship of the funds entrusted to us. Our mission includes many ministries, but all can be summed up as working together here on earth to further the Kingdom of God and bring glory to God alone (Soli Deo Gloria).

Donors to FBC Keller have the right to know how we intend to use resources received. Our church operates on an annual Ministry Plan whose fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, and this plan details all the anticipated activities of FBC Keller from a budgeting perspective. The Ministry Plan is generated each year by a Ministry Planning Committee made up of several volunteer church members and our Senior Pastor. A copy of the current year's Ministry Plan is available upon request and is also published annually to our congregation in advance of an approval vote by church membership. Voting usually takes place in late April or early May.

During the year, expenditures are reviewed, compared to budget, and subsequently approved weekly by a Finance Committee which is also made up of several volunteer church members. As a donor to FBC Keller, you have the right to know the identity of the members serving on this committee. We will provide those names upon written request.

In accordance with Jesus Christ's teaching in Matthew 6:4 regarding confidentiality of giving, only the senior FBC Keller finance staff members have knowledge of any individual's gifts and only as necessary to comply with tax and accounting requirements. Ministerial staff and other church members have no access to individual giving records.

FBC Keller holds regular monthly business meetings on Wednesday nights which include a financial report reflecting funds received and expended by Ministry Plan category and compared to budget, as well as information regarding "Restricted" and "Designated" funds.

"Restricted" funds are donations whose use is restricted by the donor. FBC Keller has no discretion in the management and disbursement of such funds pursuant to state law and such donations may not be tax deductible to the donor. Restricted fund donations accepted by FBC Keller must be solely for a purpose consistent with our ongoing ministries. We retain the right to deny any gifts because of a conflict of interest with our established mission or for any unreasonable restriction. If you are interested in making a restricted donation, please call the church prior to doing so. Our Finance staff will discuss the restrictions with you and answer any questions you may have.

"Designated" funds are donations made with the stipulation by the donor that they are to be used for a specified purpose (i.e., an approved project, mission, or ministry of FBC Keller). Examples of such



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Designated funds would include The Vision Fund or The Great Commission Offering (Missions). Gifts to established FBC Keller Designated funds should be tax deductible to the donor.

Other gifts, where the donor designates a specific use outside the established FBC Keller designated funds may, still be tax deductible to the donor if the donor indicates that the donor's suggested use is advisory only. FBC Keller retains full control of the donated funds and discretion as to their use.

Both Restricted and Designated donations are held and expended by FBC Keller for the specific purpose outlined by the donor. To the best of our ability, we will honor that restriction or designation. When the need for a specified purpose has been met or cannot be completed for any reason, as determined by FBC Keller, any remaining restricted or designated contributions will be used where most needed to further other ongoing FBC Keller ministries if approved by the original donor, or funds will be refunded to the donor.

We engage a public accounting firm annually to perform an audit of our books and records. As a donor, you have the right to access the church's most recent audited financial statements. These statements will be provided to you upon written request.

Donors can be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and confidentiality. Donors should feel free to ask questions when donating and can expect to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers in a courteous and professional manner from our Finance staff members.

Approved by the Finance Committee 3/21/18