

Christmas Share Offering

Showing That We Care About...

Those in **distress** ... those we **dearly love**... those **without a church**

The 2017 CHRISTMAS SHARE OFFERING is a special offering with a goal of \$33,000 for four purposes:

The first special offering will be received on Sunday, November 26th and continue through December 31, 2017.

THE PURPOSES OF THE OFFERING

Those in distress . . . Benevolence & Crisis Counseling \$ 7500

God has allowed us to come along side of people in distress due to difficult financial times, a death in the family or a need for intense counseling. We want to continue to build on this foundation in 2018 to expand our benevolence support.

Those in our world . . . Evangelism \$ 7200

This offering will allow us to expand our focused approach to sharing the gospel with our world (The Persecuted Church in Laos and Global Scholars).

To reach the next generation...Youth \$ 7800

This offering will allow us to aggressively reach teens for Christ.

Those we dearly love . . . Preschoolers \$10,500

This offering will provide updated and allergy-free flooring in the 2-4 year old rooms.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY A SPECIAL OFFERING?

As part of God's plan to grow the faith of the people in His church, He calls us to sacrificial giving from time to time. This special offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and to prepare us for what God wants to do through our church in 2018. This offering is not because we are behind on budget, but rather it will position us to make a greater impact in 2018.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TITHE AND THIS SPECIAL OFFERING?

The regular Cypress Point offering is the proportional amount (the full tithe of 10%) that we set apart on a systematic basis and give throughout the year. From time to time there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. The annual Christmas Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith. The special offering should be over and above what you regularly give.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

Since the goal is almost \$33,000 this special offering will involve everyone. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Many in our church can give a \$1,000 - \$15,000 gift. Others will be able to give \$100 - \$500. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

WHEN SHOULD I GIVE?

The best time to give will be on Sunday, November 26. Please pray about making your best gift on this day. However, you can continue to give until December 31, 2017. Please use the Christmas Share Offering envelopes or include a note designating that your gift is for the Christmas Share Offering. For those who would like to make special arrangements to give stock or an early 2017 gift to the Christmas Share Offering simply contact our office 813.986.9100

CAN I GIVE ONLINE, VIA BANK CHECK, THROUGH AUTO-DEBIT or GIVING KIOSK?

Of course! When you give at www.cpcconline.com simply mark your gift in the memo area as being for the "Christmas Share Offering." Likewise, you can use your bank online payment option to send a check directly to the church office. Again, simply mark in the memo area that your gift is for the "Christmas Share Offering". It's simple and convenient.

ARE MY GIFTS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

All gifts to Cypress Point, whether via the regular offering or this special offering, are completely tax-deductible. Be sure your gift arrives at our office before December 31, 2017 to insure that it can be applied to your 2017 Giving Statement. Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you in early 2018 for your tax preparation.

HOW DID WE ARRIVE AT A \$33,000 GOAL?

It is a God-sized goal that can only be accomplished through 100% participation and sacrificial giving by our Cypress Point attenders and members.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF WE REACH OUR GOAL?

Please pray for God's guidance as we all give sacrificially. You will be updated in The Point's e-news and during our Sunday services.

Have additional questions? Please contact us at 813.986.9100