



Dear Westside Church Family,

At Christmas we are reminded how God generously gave us his son to save us from our sins. In past years, we have shown great generosity to our lord especially at the end of each year. My prayer for this December is that we would all consider our many blessings God has provided and to consider generously giving back to God this Christmas season as a celebration of Christ's birth.

I have prepared a list of many options that you may consider in your year-end giving. Please reach out to our church finance office and officers, or myself with any questions or inquiries regarding your giving.

Thank you for your ongoing and year-end generosity,

Pastor Dave



Cash Donations: The most common way to give and secure a charitable deduction is with cash and/or checks. These can be placed in the offering baskets during worship or delivered to the church office. If you mail your gift to the church office, please make sure the envelope is postmarked on or before December 31. This postmark will qualify you for the 2017 giving deduction, even if we receive the gift in early January 2018.



Online Giving: You may also give electronically through our online giving portal: mywestside.church/give or at the giving kiosk in the lobby at the church. Both of these systems are safe and secure.



Bonuses: Some will receive a year-end bonus. This bonus might be extra income or a significant portion of your annual salary. Tithing on bonuses is a great way to honor the Lord.



Stocks and/or Mutual funds: This past year the stock market has had significant growth (over 22%). If you have investments that have increased in value, you can save on income taxes by giving all or a portion of your investments directly to the church rather than selling them and giving the proceeds in cash. A gift of stock to the church avoids capital gains tax for you on the increase in the value of the stock. You will receive a deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift

to the church and you will help us end the year with a gift we can use equal to the full value of the investment. It is generally not wise to sell the stock on your own and give the proceeds to the church. Selling the stock on your own means you will have to pay capital gains tax on the transaction. You pay unnecessary taxes and the church receives fewer funds for ministry.



Non-Cash gifts: You may also donate assets to the church that have value like a residence, rental home, vehicles, land, jewelry, etc... If this asset has appreciated in value through the years, giving the asset to the church will possibly reduce your tax obligation. By giving the property to the church, you would avoid the capital gains tax and receive a deduction for the full fair market value of the property. Because the church requires

due diligence in accepting all gifts, the church reserves the right to accept or decline gifts of real estate.



Life insurance: You can also name the Church as a beneficiary of your policy. This will have more of a long term than immediate impact.



Corporate Matching: Your employer may match your giving to the church. Some employers will not match gifts to religious organizations but will give to our preschool or Olivet Nazarene University. See your HR department for more information and then contact the finance office at the church for assistance.

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