



Hey there!

You've grabbed this brochure because you have some questions about our church finances. That is so cool! We appreciate your interest and hope that this helps answer your questions.

The church is a non-profit organization where 100% of its income is from the giving of those who attend. Our ability to build the Kingdom of God comes from personal giving and sacrifice.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

This brochure has been designed to answer some of the most common questions regarding the finances in our church. Feel free to direct any follow up questions to me or those listed on the back of the brochure so that you have a greater confidence about how we manage our finances.

Thanks again for your interest and thanks for your support and contribution toward the mission of our church!

Pastor Terry | Lead Pastor



[Who Can I Ask Questions To]

Our Church Board reviews our budget each month. The best people to ask church financial questions would be:

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Church Financial FAQ's

*"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."*

- Jesus Christ

[Why Give to the Church]

The act of giving to the Church is as old as mankind. God has called his people to give a portion of their earnings (including crops or livestock) as an **act of worship**. As God led his people (through Abraham, Moses and others) one thing he established quickly was a pattern of surrender: **our plans to his direction, what we think is right to his law, and what we earn to his house.**

God asks his followers to give to the church so that the mission of the church would go forward ...

- so that the "good news" could be spread
- so that the leaders would be cared for
- and so that we would not be people consumed by our personal greed and need for more money.

All that we have is a blessing from God!

[Leviticus 27:30, Numbers 18:26, Malachi 3:9-10, Luke 11:42, Acts 2:45, 4:34-37, 2 Corinthians 8, 9:7, James 1:5]

[How Can I Give to the Church]

Many churches receive an offering by passing a special plate/basket during a worship service or they collect their offerings near the sanctuary doors in special containers.



At Flushing Community Church, we have placed two wooden boxes that serve as collection sites for your contributions (similar to the one pictured). As you stop by and place your gift in that box, it is our hope that you will see this as an act of worship toward God.

For your convenience, you may also give electronically (see below). As you give, it's our desire that you will not be consumed by a feeling of guilt, but rather, pure joy and thankfulness!

[How Do I Give Online]

There are two main ways to contribute to the church electronically. First is by setting up the church as a payee through your bank's online banking system. For most banks all you need is our mailing address to do this (PO Box 264).



The second way to do this is through our online giving link located on our website. We have partnered with Stewardship Technologies, Inc. to provide a simple, safe and easy way to give online. Detailed instructions are located on our website on how to get started. You can make one time gifts or schedule your giving out for the entire year. You can give toward our general fund or even designate your gift toward various options provided for you.

Presently, we do not allow the use of credit cards through online giving due to the fees that we would be charged. However, we are considering newer technology that is making card transactions more cost effective at kiosks right in the building.

[What Happens After I Give]

As soon as our worship service is over, we have a team of people take all the contributions to the back storage room to count and report all financial gifts from that day. The offering is never in possession of only one person.

Once the offering is counted and recorded, both counters take the deposit envelop to our bank for immediate after hours deposit. Once the bank deposits our funds, we double-check the amount deposited to ensure accuracy in our record keeping.

For new givers, we use the address shown on your check. If you are giving with cash, please use one of our giving envelopes (located at the Welcome Table or on the Offering Boxes) so that a clear record of your gift can be maintained.

At the end of the calendar year, everyone who gave to the church receives a detailed ledger of their giving so that they can receive a tax deduction from the IRS. While this shouldn't be our main reason for giving, it sure is a nice benefit!

[How Much Should I Give]

As we read the story of God and His people in the Bible, we see that there was a system of giving the first 10% of one's income to the temple. This was for two reasons: first, to demonstrate a dependence on God's continued provision and secondly, to take care of the Levites who were called to work in the Temple.

Today, we no longer live under the strict nature of the Law but rather under God's amazing gift of grace. This doesn't mean that we are exempt from giving. In fact it means that we must live our entire life in obedience to Him who has given us so much! Some times we may be challenged to give 5% and other times 10% or even more.

The key is to see the truth that everything is the Lord's to begin with. All He asks of us is to manage it by being generous at all times.

If you currently don't give to the church, we recommend starting slowly and asking God to help you trust in His provision. You may find the blessings of giving far outweigh the concerns at home. It's not uncommon that as people begin to give to the church, they don't go without. The key is getting started and giving faithfully, consistently and sacrificially. **God provides - He is faithful!**

[How Does the Church Spend this Money]

Our church treasurer monitors very closely our income and expenses. Our elected church board reviews our current financial situation each month. We operate with a clearly defined budget that is developed with faith by our ministry leaders.

Below is an over simplified chart that shows our 2013-2014 budget in percentages.

