



Building a Community of Faith

October 16, 2022

Members and Friends of Gateway Covenant Church,

Stewardship is the responsibility we have to take care of the resources with which we have been entrusted. We can be good stewards by taking care of each other and of our neighbours through financial support of our Gateway family. Additionally, we can be good stewards by giving of our time, talent and energy to the many ministry opportunities offered at and through Gateway. We are all called to give back joyfully to God in thanksgiving for the abundance He has given us through pledges of time, talent and treasure!

Returning to God from that which God has given us is a tangible way to express our faith. We are extremely grateful to the households that tithe each year. When each of us gives as we are able, together we fund ministry within our church, to the community, and to the world. Tithing should be the practice or goal of each member. If it is a goal, one can increase their proportional giving to grow into this habit.

Tithing (giving the first tenth or 10%) is scriptural:

Malachi 3:10 – *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. 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 there will not be room enough to store it."*

Numbers 18:26 *"Speak to the Levites and say to them: 'When you receive from the Israelites the tithe I give you as your inheritance, you must present a tenth of that tithe as the Lord's offering'"*

1 Corinthians 16:2 *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."*

Enclosed with this letter is a pledge form. The pledges received will be totalled and used as a guideline by the Church Council in preparing our 2023 Budget. A pledge is an estimate of giving. Each household should base their financial pledge upon a percent of income. Your pledge amount may be increased or decreased during the year at any time as your financial circumstances change.

Pledging allows you to make intentional decisions about your financial giving. We ask that you prayerfully consider what level of giving is right for you and your family. Every pledge makes a difference, regardless of the amount. Your pledge matters!

You may pay weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly via cash, cheques, pre-authorized payment or electronic fund transfer.

Stewardship & Properties Committee