

2 ways to give

Direct giving

The best way to give is by directing money from your bank account straight into The Lakes account. Many people from The Lakes set up a regular transaction on their internet banking (say once a month). It's a great help to us and also you, because it means your giving is not affected by your memory or attendance at church.

Another method of direct giving is called 'Planned Giving'. This is where you authorise The Lakes to withdraw money from your account according to whatever amount and frequency you request. To give via Planned Giving you need to fill out an authorisation form (you can get one of these from Craig Ayling or Stewart Kingsland).

Giving bags

For those who are unable to give directly there is an opportunity at the end of each Sunday church meetings to give. Simply place cash or a cheque in the giving bags as they are passed around after the Bible Talk.

General Giving Details

Account Name: The Lakes Evangelical Church Inc
Bank/Branch: CUS Level 2, St Andrews House, Sydney
BSB: 704 998
Account Number: 100 005 093

Building Project Giving Details

Account Name: The Lakes Evangelical Church Inc
Bank: Westpac, Tuggerah
BSB: 032 627
Account Number: 178 706

More information

If you would like more information about any aspect of giving at The Lakes, contact our treasurer, Craig Ayling (p. 4388-9047, e. craig@ayling.com.au).

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How to Give



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Why should we give?

The Scriptures provide several reasons why God's people should learn to give...

- It is a grateful response to the generosity of God, shown most clearly in the death of his Son (2 Corinthians 8-9).
- It appropriately recognises that our wealth and possessions belong to God, and are given to us as a gift (1 Chronicles 29:10-16).
- There are certain people whom God commands us to provide for. (James 1:27)
- We are partners in God's Gospel (Philippians 1:3-7).

Where should we give?

- Christians have a responsibility to provide for both themselves and their families (e.g. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 1 Timothy 5:3-8).
- God also commands that Christians support those whose work amongst them in preaching and teaching the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:7-14; 1 Timothy 5:17-18).
- We are to provide for poor Christians (Romans 15:25-29; 2 Corinthians 8-9).
- We are to do good for those in need generally (Galatians 6:10).

How much should we give?

While God's command to the Israelites to provide a tithe (a tenth) may be a useful guide, since the coming of Jesus there has been no hard and fast rule about how much to give. Instead, the New Testament guides our giving with the following principles:

- Generosity, according to what we have (Luke 21:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4).
- Cheerfulness (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- Regularity (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
- Sacrifice (2 Corinthians 8:3-4).

With these principles in mind, each of us must prayerfully decide in our hearts and minds how much to give. This will be different from person to person and family to family. Since our incomes change and because we all move through different stages of life, our giving is something that needs regular review.

