



Why is returning an Estimate of Giving Card important?

By completing and returning an Estimate of Giving Card, you are expressing your intent and affirming your desire to honor God with your resources. Returning your Estimate of Giving Card makes it possible for our church to plan and implement ministries without hesitation. Knowing your plans allows wise management of resources throughout the year. All ministries our church implements are dependent on the generosity of God’s people.



What happens to my Estimate of Giving Card once I return it?

Your Estimate of Giving Card will remain confidential and is not a legally binding contract. It is your personal commitment to the Lord. If your situation changes and you would like to increase or decrease your estimate, email our financial advisor, Wendy Dugall, at wendy@mysumc.org.

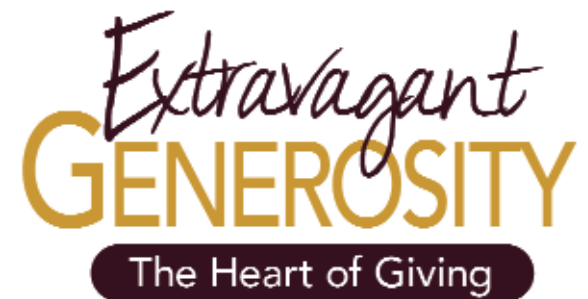


Scriptural Definition of the Tithe

The Bible speaks of the tithe as a standard for giving. The tithe is defined as the first ten percent of our earnings, returned to God and the work of the church. This is difficult for some, and others have grown in their generosity well beyond this biblical standard.

Growing in the grace of giving is a worthy, God-honoring goal to consider each year. Your intentional decision to give in proportion to your resources will enable you to accomplish your personal, good steward goal.

Monthly Income					
percent	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
12%	300	600	900	1,200	1,500
10% The Tithe	250	500	750	1,000	1,250
8%	200	400	600	800	1,000
6%	150	300	450	600	750
4%	100	200	300	400	500
2%	50	100	150	200	250



Estimate of Giving

A Personal Challenge

Finding ways to grow deeper in our faith requires opening our hearts to prayer and a willingness to personally evaluate and challenge existing habits. One way to do this is to return a portion of our financial blessings to God through our tithes and offerings. Our giving recognizes God as the source of our blessings. Our gifts help to create and implement ministries that change lives, transform communities, and spread the good news of Christ.

“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.”
(2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV)

How much should I give?

Giving comes from the heart, and prayer is essential for determining what to give. Your decision to be faithful in giving originates out of your love for God. This is best seen in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life” (CEB).

Evaluate your current giving. Does it reflect your blessings? Is it generous? Is it time for you to increase your giving to God and the work of the church? In these questions, you will find your answer. See the chart on the back of this card for an illustration of the tithe.

Extravagant GENEROSITY

The Heart of Giving

Estimate of Giving

Trusting God for the future, I/we desire to be faithful in giving so others can experience God’s love through the ministries of our church.

Estimate of Giving for the Next 12 Months

\$ _____
12-MONTH TOTAL

Anticipated schedule and amount:

\$ _____ Weekly for 52 weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 12 months

\$ _____ Quarterly

\$ _____ Annually

Name(s)

Preferred Address

City/State/Zip

Preferred Telephone Number

Primary E-mail Address

Preferred Method of Sending of Gifts
(Please choose one)

- Check EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
 Online Bill Pay/Banking mysumc.org

Signature(s)
