

2 Year Gift Guide

\$1.6 Million

Number of Investors	2-Year Gift Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$100,000	\$4167
1	\$75,000	\$3125
1	\$50,000	\$2083
2	\$40,000	\$1667
3	\$35,000	\$1459
3	\$30,000	\$1250
7	\$25,000	\$1042
10	\$20,000	\$834
20	\$15,000	\$625
30	\$10,000	\$417
Remainder	< \$10,000	< \$417

As you continue the spiritual journey to make a decision about what amount of the resources God has given you to commit to **BREAKTHROUGH**, use this gift guide as a place to begin your personal prayer journey.

First, take a look at the middle column of the Gift Guide and start with your eyes focused on the top amount of \$100,000, then move your eyes down that column until you come to the level where you could consider a two-year gift. In your mind, circle that amount.

Now, move your eyes back up the column one level and begin to think and pray about ways to give that dollar amount as your two-year commitment. A good prayer starting point is, *"God, what do you want to do through me to accomplish your plan at First Church of God."*

A Final Thought

Giving does not have to be in equal increments over the two-year period of the campaign. You might be able to give more in the second year than in the first. As you think about your financial commitment to the campaign, think not just of your potential to give right now, but also of your potential to give in the future. It might be that you can make a two-year commitment in which 35-40 percent is given in the first year, and 60-65% is given in the second year.

BREAKTHROUGH GIVING BEGINS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 18, 2018



Meeting people where they are...
Loving them to where Christ wants them to be.



God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.
-- 2 Corinthians 9:8 (CEV)

the way we LIVE is the way we GIVE

Generosity Initiatives rely on church members making gifts that **BREAKTHROUGH** their current level of giving. The best path to increased giving is the spiritual path where you set your heart on things above. Financial priorities then take shape from the spiritual priorities.

King David declared, "I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." -2 Samuel 24:24 David understood the gift that would touch the heart of God must first touch the heart of the giver! This is the spirit of Lifestyle Stewardship: If it is for my God, my gift must have value and meaning to me.

The challenge of Lifestyle Stewardship is to find ways, boldly and prayerfully, to let your giving touch your living!

It often means giving up something in one area so that you can give more of yourself in another. The three keys to effectiveness in Lifestyle Stewardship are:

- Reassessing lifestyle
- Rearrange priorities
- Reallocate resources

Many believers have been amazed at their ability to give more generously to their church. The following are seven ways offered to help you in this regard.

SEVEN WAYS TO GIVE

PRIORITY BUDGETING

Many families will choose to **rearrange their priorities** in their current budget in order to give more. Priority budgeting may mean **postponing a planned expenditure** such as a vacation, new car, or home remodeling. Many Christians find a way to give through **sacrificial commitments made in faith** coupled with priority budgeting.

INCREASED INCOME, INCREASED GIVING

As you receive pay increase or bonuses in your occupation, **commit the full amount** of increase to giving.

REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES

Often, families have significant **short-term expenditures**. A car loan being paid off, or a child graduating from college during the giving initiative can free up cash flow. As a result a family is able to **increase their commitment** during campaign.

GIVING FROM EXCESS

A young man decided that two collectors' baseball cards worth over \$20,000 he had been holding for a number of years would be the most appropriate means of a **touching sacrifice** for his family. Some families save money over a period of years for a special project. A couple had saved \$80,000 to build a lake cabin. When their church entered a generosity initiative, they decided the needs of the church were **greater than their need** for a second home.

UNEXPECTED CASH

Often, people **pray for God to show them ways** to give more. A couple had been praying for weeks about what they would give to the church generosity initiative. Much to their surprise, they **received an inheritance** of several thousand dollars. They gave the entire amount to their church as part of their two-year commitment, **in addition to** a commitment from their regular income.

DONATE APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many people own stocks that are worth **significantly more** than the original purchase price. That is good news. The bad news is that if these stocks are sold, a significant portion of the gain would be lost to taxation. By **transferring ownership** of the asset to the church, the donor avoids capital gains taxes on the sale of the asset. In addition, the donor receives an income tax **charitable deduction** for the full market value of the asset. Before making a commitment of this type, please consult your CPA, tax attorney or other financial advisor

SACRIFICE YOUR TIME

You might have extra time you would be willing to use in a **part-time job** to be able to give more. This is particularly true for families whose children are grown and away from home and for semi-retired or retired couples.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name(s)

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WHAT I CURRENTLY GIVE IN A YEAR

Last Name

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MY **BREAKTHROUGH** GIVING

E-Mail

X 2 YEARS



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STORED RESOURCES GIFT

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Phone

=

MY TWO YEAR **BREAKTHROUGH** INVESTMENT

COMMITMENT BREAKDOWN



I/We are committing to join with the First Church of God during the 2-year initiative which allows our church to IMPACT debt, TRANSFORM our facilities, and UNLEASH the mission of our Church, continuing to make a difference in lives around Defiance for generations to come.

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____