



NOT EQUAL **giving**
 EQUAL **sacrifice**

Equal giving is not our goal. This community of faith is a diverse body, with a range of life experiences, hopes, opinions, jobs, histories, and, yes, financial assets. What we share is an investment in building a community where all people are invited to know God's love and join God in transforming the world. There is a role in the capital campaign for everyone and each contribution enables our success. You will not be pressured or told what you ought to give. Instead of equal giving, our prayer is for equal discernment, equal willingness to prayerfully consider what God wants to do through us for those who will come after, and equal sacrifice.

A LOOK AT ONE FAMILY'S STRATEGY TO INCREASE GIVING

ACTIVITY	WEEK	YEAR	3 YEARS
Eliminate a family meal out	\$30.00	\$1560.00	\$4680.00
Reduce Christmas budget		\$500.00	\$1500.00
Reduce vacation budget		\$250.00	\$750.00
Delay car purchase by six months		\$3000.00	\$3000.00
Eliminate three date nights		\$170.00	\$510.00
Eliminate two cups of coffee	\$10.00	\$520.00	\$1560.00

3 YEAR TOTAL \$12,000

"In addition, we will continue to support the annual budget and mission programs of the church."

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CREATIVE STRATEGIES
 for giving

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."

—1 Timothy 6:17-19

Gifts Other Than Cash

WHAT ARE GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH?

Gifts other than cash include stocks, bonds, annuities, property, and other assets.

WHAT ASSETS COULD I GIVE?

- Appreciated assets held more than one year, such as publicly traded stocks, mutual funds, bonds, real estate, collectibles, and other readily marketable property often provide tax advantages.
- Personal property such as automobiles, jewelry, and other items may also be given. There may be no capital gains tax benefits to give these gifts, but the financial and spiritual benefits can be tremendous.

WHY CONTRIBUTE GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH?

The tax code is very generous to those who use this form of giving.

HOW DOES THE TAX BENEFIT WORK?

- Itemized deductions. One hundred percent of the market value of most assets can be included as charitable contributions if held for more than one year.
- Because of its tax-exempt status, the church will receive the full market value, less transaction costs, at the time of sale without paying capital gains.

WHAT IF I SELL AND THEN GIVE CASH?

You may be subject to capital gains taxes thereby reducing the after-tax proceeds from the sale.

How Do I Give Non-cash Assets?

Contact Brenda Burrell, Director of Finance, at brenda@fumcaustin.org so that she can provide you with instructions for giving non-cash assets. If you are transferring stock, you will also need to contact your broker to request the necessary paperwork.

Additional Giving Strategies

CASH FLOW GIFTS

Smaller gifts add up! Make small contributions regularly and frequently and they add up to larger gifts.

DIVERTED FUNDS GIFTS

Freeing up funds that are currently going to other spending allows a person to increase giving to support God's transforming work.

DELAYED EXPENDITURES

Postponing major purchases like cars or trips can provide substantial giving opportunities.

RAISES/BONUSES

Contributing raises and/or bonuses is another way to increase your giving.

SALE OF ASSETS

Sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land, or business, provides new income.

CORPORATE GIFTS

Business owners may provide in-kind gifts that result in significant savings to the church and may have additional tax benefits to the business owner.

**Together, we are laying a faithful
foundation for the future
God is still building.**