



Giving in Grace - Scheduled Giving

As we plan our giving to the church in 2019, we would like you to consider “Scheduled Giving”. Scheduled giving is an automated giving to the church on a regular basis. It can be done through a regular withdrawal from a checking or savings account. It could also be done through an automated credit/debit card withdrawal.

There several [advantages for you](#) - the giver

- **You Give Of Your “First Fruits”** - Our giving, in whatever form we chose, is done as a joyful response to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. Giving in Grace shifts our way of thinking from one of scarcity and budgeting to abundance and gifting. It is an initial response instead of giving what we have left over.
- **You Can Easily Budget Your Giving** - Scheduled giving becomes a part of our budget planning. It becomes a part of our life on a daily basis.
- **It Provides Better Security Than Writing Checks** - When check are written, you are giving out you account number, as well as your “Routing” number. In scheduled giving the church only has access to the last 4 digits of your account numbers.
- **It supports The Church Even When You Don’t Attend** - When we are unable to attend church, we may not increase our giving the next Sunday to make up for it. You don’t have to think about, it just happens.
- **You Can Give Any Time & Can Change Your Giving Anytime** - If you would like to change the way you are giving, or if you want to increase or decrease you giving, you can make those changes at any time. If you are using our church software this is available 7 days a week / 24 hours a day. You can also cancel any scheduled giving at any time.
- **Immediate Feedback** - When a withdrawal is made from a checking/saving or credit/debit account, you will receive an immediate “Thank You” from the church giving you the receipt number, the fund that the money was applied to, and the amount given.

There are several [advantages for the church](#)

- **Easier to Budget For The Year** - Having a more accurate and regular income stream, allows the church to be more accurate in creating a budget.
- **Allows the Church to Provide Financial Information on Demand** - When people in the church use the available financial software, they can see their giving and financial commitments to the church at any time
- **Less Staff Labor** - Scheduled giving is automatically entered into the church’s financial software eliminating the need for manual entry by the staff

How do you set up Scheduled Giving?

- Decide how much you want to give each week/month
- Decide where the gift will be withdrawn from checking/Savings or Credit/Debit account
- Use our financial software system “REALM”
- You need to have an e-mail address, and computer

If you are interested please contact our church office and someone will be in touch with you to help you set it up. We have found that if you are at your computer and the “help” person from church is at their computer, we can walk you through the steps easily without seeing the confidential information you are entering.

At the present time we have about 10 people using scheduled giving. We would like to see that at least double. In the vast majority of cases, people who use scheduled giving find it very helpful.

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