



## The Commitment Process

**After you have prayed, held a family conference and sought God's will, you will be ready to move forward with a commitment.**

Our *We Give, God Builds* offering will be the greatest spiritual test that God has given to many of us. It will test our faith...our hope...and our love. You may ask, "How do I decide what God wants me to give?"

### Six Questions To Ask Myself

1. Will I give based on Reason or Revelation?  
*Is my gift just what I think I can afford or is it what God wants to give through me?*
2. Does this amount really stretch my faith?  
*"God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others."  
2 Corinthians 9:8*
3. Does it show I value my hope of eternal reward more than material things on earth?  
*"Use your money to do good, always being ready. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourself in heaven--it is the only safe investment for eternity. You'll live a fruitful Christian life down here as well." 1 Timothy 6:19*
4. Will this amount demonstrate how much I love Christ and share his heart's desire for the unchurched and unsaved?  
*"...be a leader in the spirit of cheerful giving...This is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words." 2 Corinthians 8:8*
5. Does this amount represent a genuine sacrifice?  
*"I will not sacrifice to my God an offering that costs me nothing!" 2 Samuel 24:24*
6. Does this amount express the level of thanksgiving I have for how Liberty Baptist Church has blessed my life and family?  
*"With a freewill offering, I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord."  
Psalm 54:6*

Once God has shown you what part he wants you to have in Liberty's *We Give, God Builds* capital stewardship campaign, you're ready to complete a Commitment Card. Expressing your desire to give over and above your regular tithe to the *We Give, God Builds* campaign over the next 36 months, this card is simply a statement of intent. It also helps the church to better plan, knowing what gifts are intended to be given during the coming months.

First, the church will have a **Challenge Sunday**. During this time we will share with the church the total advance commitments made by the pastors and the *We Give, God Builds* Leadership Team.

**For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.**

**Hebrews 3:4**



Second, the church will have a **Commitment Sunday**. During this time we will receive an initial cash offering and 36-month commitments. Commitment cards will be viewed solely by our Business Assistant Jackie Merkison and one Finance Team member for the purpose of substantiating valid commitments and eliminating the possibility of a child turning in an unrealistic commitment. The cards will be destroyed immediately; however, Jackie Merkison will retain that information in the event an individual requests their original commitment amount. The pastoral staff will not participate in tallying of the commitments.

Commitments can be made by (but certainly not limited to) any or all of the following ways:

- Lump Sum – one-time and/or annually
- Per Pay Period
- Weekly
- Quarterly
- Online through our website
- Cash or in kind donations

Third, we will follow up the next Sunday with our **Celebration Sunday**. We will announce the total received in our initial offering and total commitments. This will serve as our benchmark for the next 36 months.

Follow-up, the My Giving Ledger has been developed as an aid for you to keep track of your giving progress in relation to your original commitment whether it was weekly, monthly, annually, or other. It is available in hardcopy (attached) as well as a downloadable electronic version accessible via Liberty's website ([www.lbcfayette.org](http://www.lbcfayette.org)). We encourage you to use this ledger to record your participation in our ***We Give God Builds*** Capital Stewardship Campaign.

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