

## How to give:

### - Weekly Sunday Morning Offerings

- Cash or Cheque

*(Offering envelopes available at the Lobby Information Desk or from an Usher)*

### - On-Line Giving to Heritage - through your financial institution's on-line banking

*See the On-line Giving Brochure at the Giving at Heritage Display at the Lobby Information Desk*

### - Pre-Authorized Giving

*See the Pre-Authorized Giving Brochure at the Giving at Heritage Display at the Lobby Information Desk*

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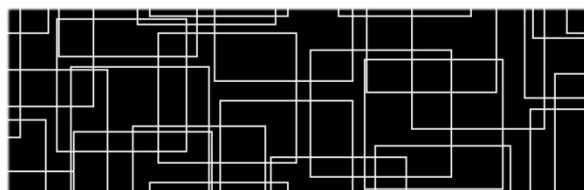
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Annual charitable donation receipts will be issued for all enveloped, on-line and pre-authorized giving received.



**Heritage Alliance Church**  
*is an affiliate member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities and seeks to uphold the highest standards of financial integrity and stewardship.*

**Heritage Alliance Church is affiliated with the Pacific District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Canada.**

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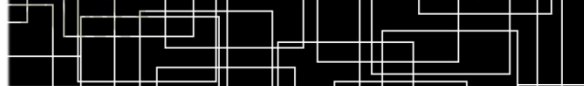
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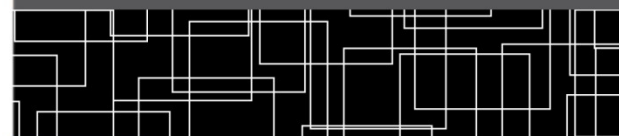
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# *Giving at Heritage*

# 2011



**Heritage Alliance Church**



**Giving isn't easy, we all have financial needs in our lives and God understands that. Giving is an act of faith. We give out of faith in God's provision and to demonstrate His lordship in our lives.**

## Some teachings on giving ...

**First and foremost, God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize He is truly the Lord of our lives.**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

Everything we own, everything we have comes from God. So when we give, we simply offer Him a very small portion of all the abundance He has already given to us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God! It comes from a heart of worship. For everything we give already belongs to Him!

*Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10*

**The value of our offering is not determined by how much we give, but how we give.**

*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44*

**The Widow's Offering – some principles:**

**God values our offerings differently than men do.**

In God's eyes, the value of the offering is not determined by the amount of the offering. The text says that the wealthy gave large amounts, but the widow's offering was of much higher value because she gave all that she had. It was a costly sacrifice. Note that Jesus did not say she put in more than any of the others, He said she put in more than *all* the others.

**Our attitude in giving is what is most important to God.**

The text says Jesus "watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury." Jesus observed the people as they gave their offerings, and He watches us today as we give. If we give to be seen by men or with a stingy heart toward God, our offering loses its value. Verse 41 says the rich *threw* in their offerings, further indicating that they gave carelessly with no thought. The widow carefully *put* in her offering. Jesus is more interested and impressed by *how* we give than *what* we give. This illustrates again that God watches what and how we give.

## Some Background

God instructed Old Testament believers to give a tithe, or a tenth, because this 10% represented the first, or most important portion of all that they had. The New Testament does not suggest a certain percentage for giving, but simply says for each to give "in keeping with his income."

**Believers should give according to their income.**

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1 Corinthians 16:2*

Note that the offering was set aside on the first day of the week. When we are willing to offer the first portion of our wealth back to Him, then God knows he has our hearts. He knows—and we also know—that we are submitted completely in trust and obedience to our Lord and Savior.

**Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of thanks to God from the heart, and not a legalistic obligation.**

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**We are blessed when we give.**

*... remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35*

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

**Luke 6:38**

God wants us to give because He knows how blessed we will be as we give generously to Him and to others. Giving is a kingdom principle; giving brings even more blessing to the giver than to the recipient.

**We shouldn't take giving lightly.**

Let's not be mistaken, God takes giving seriously and He desires we demonstrate our faith in Him and demonstrate in a tangible way His lordship in our lives.

*"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. Malachi 3:8-12*

It's important we all do our part in supporting our local church. The Bible has numerous examples in both the Old and New Testaments of the priority placed on supporting your local place of worship.

# Giving at Heritage

**We consider it a privilege to be able to give to God's work and to trust God in this act of obedience.**

WE'VE GOT IMPORTANT WORK TO DO.

*At Heritage we earnestly seek to carry out together the important work of God and make Heritage a true instrument in God's hands to Restore, Nurture and Serve in our congregation, our community and the world.*

**Giving at Heritage can be designated as follows:**

### General Ministries:

-Funds cover all church operating expenses and ministries (all undesignated funds go to the general ministries fund).

### Missions Fund:

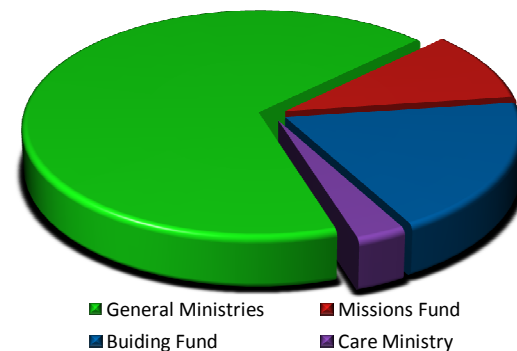
-All funds go to Alliance National and District missions programs and several selected local ministries.

### Building Fund:

-Funds used to service Heritage building debt principal and interest as well as pay for equipment, facilities, property upgrades and special projects.

### Care Ministry:

-Funds used to support and assist persons in need. Funds are administered by Heritage's Care Ministry Team.



## Heritage Alliance 2011 Financial Budget

General Ministries	\$ 466,042	64.9%
Missions Fund	80,000	11.1%
Building Fund	150,000	20.9%
Care Ministry	22,000	3.1%
	<u>\$ 718,042</u>	<u>100.0%</u>