

4 Benefits to Automatic Giving...

1. You are taking a step of faith.

When you sign up to give through Automated Giving, you are deciding in advance to faithfully give.

2. You simplify your life.

You won't have to remember whether you gave this month or need to send an offering by mail when you're on a trip.

3. You will be helping the church.

Every person who gives through automatic giving makes our recordkeeping much easier and efficient.

4. You can focus on worship.

Instead of having to get out a pen and write out a check, you can focus on God during the services.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7, 8

Getting Started

The automatic giving process...

There are 3 steps to signing up for Automated Giving. It's simple and secure: all you'll need are a few minutes to go through the process...

1. **Complete the Automatic Giving Form on the back of this brochure.**
2. **Attach a voided check.**
3. **Return the completed form to:**
First Christian Church, ATTN: Karla Mahan,
PO Box 3548, Edmond, OK 73083

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can funds be withdrawn directly from my account?

Only with your authorization. No one can deduct money from your account automatically unless you specifically authorize it.

Q: Are electronic contributions risky?

No. An electronic contribution is safer than writing a check, and it can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail.

Q: When would automatic contributions be taken from my account?

Funds will be withdrawn from your account as you indicate: weekly or monthly.

Q: If I don't write checks, how do I keep my check book balance straight?

Your contribution is made on a pre-established timeline you determine, so you can deduct it from your check record at the appropriate time.

Q: Can I give to the Building Fund also?

Yes, specify your desire to do so on the enrollment form.

Q: Is there a charge to me from my bank?

No. There are no bank fees.

Q: Why can't I give by credit card?

We chose to set up automatic giving through ACH rather than credit card for two primary reasons:

- With ACH, your entire gift goes to the church. When using a credit card, as much as 3% of your gift would go to the credit card company.
- Although many pay off their credit cards each month, many also do not. We don't want to potentially put someone in the place of going in debt and having to pay credit interest on gifts given to the church.

Q: Will my automatic giving be included on my giving statement?

Yes. It will appear on your giving statement the same as if you had given by cash or check in one of our services.

Q: Can I cancel or change my automatic giving at any time?

Yes. You may cancel or change your giving at any time. However, we require notice at least 15 days in advance of your scheduled donation date to allow time to process the change or cancellation.

Q: How do I let you know I want to cancel or change my automatic giving?

Notification in writing may be sent to Karla Mahan at kmahan@fcedmond.org or mailed to First Christian Church, ATTN: Karla Mahan, PO Box 3548, Edmond, OK 73083.

