

What will be the results?

When our giving is in line with the discipline of biblical teaching, then great things happen:

Financial commitments are honoured and bills are paid (Romans 13:1-10).

Buildings and furnishings are maintained and improved (Exodus 25:1-2, 8).

Poverty is alleviated (Acts 4:32-35).

Christian workers are paid (1Corinthians 9:1-14 and 1 Timothy 5:17-18).

Other churches and organisations are helped and supported (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

The recipient of the gifts is full of thanks and praise to God (2 Corinthians 9:12-15).

The giver is blessed (2 Corinthians 9:6, 14).

People will recognise your Christian faith is real (James 2:14-17).

God is glorified. This is the ultimate reason and motivation for giving (2 Corinthians 9:12).

Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer, DBC can claim back some of the tax you have paid on the money you donate, through a government scheme for charities called Gift Aid.

For every £1 you give, the Chancellor gives us 25p. So a gift of £1 becomes £1.25, £100 becomes £125. A simple one-off declaration is all that is necessary. Please ask the Church treasurer for a declaration form.

You will then be designated a number against which all of your giving will be allocated. Your future gifts should be put in an envelope given to you by the Treasurer and placed in the offering bag as usual. Standing orders should also be mentioned to the Treasurer so that the amount can be allocated to your Gift Aid number. The tax will be reclaimed by the Treasurer every quarter.

All financial information is kept strictly confidential.

Why allow the Chancellor to spend all the tax you pay when using Gift Aid means you have a say in how your taxes are spent?

Please consider Gift Aiding your offering!

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The Bible reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God and really belongs to Him, not to us (Psalm 24:1 and Deuteronomy 10:14).

God's greatest gift to us was His Son, Jesus, who, by dying on the cross, took the punishment for sin that should have been ours. Paul encourages us to give generously to the church, not only in gratitude for this amazing gift, but also as a way of following Jesus' example of generosity (2Corinthians 8:7-9).

Giving can take many forms: financial, time, talents, but whichever way we give, it is a key part of our discipleship.

The rest of this leaflet concentrates on financial giving. If you need more information on how to give in other ways, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

Giving to God cannot be restricted to pounds and pence.

All we have comes from Him and belongs to Him.

At Dumfries Baptist Church we encourage people to give of their time, talents and treasure to God.

Financial giving is a key part of our discipleship.

What is there to pay for?

We do a tremendous amount with the money we receive at DBC. The following is a summary of where the money goes:

1. We need to pay the salaries of our pastors and support staff.

2. Building costs: which include electricity, water, insurance and maintenance charges, add up to over £26,000 per annum, £500 per week.

3. Administration, publicity and literature for the church generally, plus running costs for children's work etc.

4. We support Christian workers overseas, including those linked to Dumfries Baptist Church, as well as regularly supporting other mission organisations both locally and further afield; and also make an annual contribution to the Baptist Union of Scotland. Last year, our total missionary giving amounted to over £27,500 (20% of our income).

How should we give?

The Bible encourages us to give in the following ways:

Earnestly and lovingly (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Generously (2 Corinthians 8:3)

Wholeheartedly (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2)

What should we give?

No-one is forced to, or told how much to give at Dumfries Baptist Church. How much an individual gives is between themselves and God. However, we believe that the Bible provides guidelines to help us in this area:

Generously

Giving is an expression of our faith (Luke 6:38)

Proportionately

Paul encourages us to set aside a sum of money in keeping with our income (2 Corinthians 9:6-10 and 1 Corinthians 16:2).

Faithfully

For some members whom God has blessed with material prosperity, giving could well be one of their key areas of Christian service. The needs are great, so we need great givers to bring honour and glory to God (Matthew 6:2-4).

God's desire is that His people will be faithful stewards of the financial resources He has given to them.

So how can I do my part?

There are a number of different ways you can give. The most efficient method is to set up a standing order from your bank to DBC's bank (standing order forms available from the church treasurer). If you prefer, you can put cash or a cheque in the offering bag which is passed around during the Sunday morning and evening services (cheques made payable to Dumfries Baptist Church).