



Preparing People to Meet Jesus

Valley Baptist Church Electronic Giving

“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Cor. 8:7 (NIV)

Valley Baptist Church is offering its members the ability to give electronically (*eGiving*). This is a wonderful new tool that will help you grow in your walk with Jesus Christ. Now you can give your **tithe**, give to the **building fund**, give to a **mission** of your choice, or give an **offering** at the convenience and privacy of your home computer. You can choose to give: one-time, weekly, semi-monthly (bi-monthly), monthly or in any way the Lord leads you.

Many of our members enjoy the convenience of making utility or other payments electronically and now we can give to the Church electronically. This will help us in our giving when we miss a Sunday and help us to prioritize the Church in our finances and be good stewards of what God has entrusted us. It will also help us in being consistent and obedient in keeping with our commitments that we have made to the Lord, both in our tithes and our offerings.

Three benefits to *eGiving*:

What does the Bible tell us about giving?

- 1) **You are taking a step of faith** – When you sign up to *eGive* you are deciding in advance to faithfully give. God always blesses that kind of faith!
- 2) **You will simplify your life** – You won't have to remember whether you gave this month or need to send in an offering by mail when you are on a trip.
- 3) **You will be helping the church** – Every person who gives through *eGive* makes our record keeping much easier and you will help the Church keep up its cash flow during the summer vacation months.

To sign up for *eGiving*:

Go to Valley's website at <http://www.valleyconnex.org> and click on the *eGive* button near the bottom of the page. This will take you to the *eGive* website where you may setup a My *eGive* account to give to Valley. You may monitor your gifts to the church by signing into your My *eGive* account and may give special one times gifts anytime from the convenience of your home computer.

eGiving Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to our most commonly asked questions...

Q: How can funds be withdrawn directly from my account?

Only with your authorization. Nobody can deduct money from your account electronically 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. To sign up for *eGive* you are only giving information that is already printed on your check. National laws, rules, and guidelines govern all Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) transactions. Over eighteen billion EFT transactions are processed annually in the United States.

Q: When would this automatic contribution be taken from my account?

On the *eGive* online secure giving form or on the paper giving form, you can specify whether you want your contribution made one-time, weekly, semi-monthly, monthly or as designated. When the date you have selected falls on a weekend or holiday, the transaction will occur on the next business day.

Q: Can I test this by giving one time?

Yes. You may test online giving by selecting "One-Time Gift" in the Giving Amount and Date section of the sign up process.

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

Your contribution is made on a pre-established day, so you can deduct it from your check record then and you will receive a general Email reminder thanking you for giving to Valley Baptist Church each time your giving is posted.

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

We chose to set up *eGiving* through electronic funds transfer rather than credit card for two primary reasons:

- 1) With electronic transfer, your entire gift goes to the church. When using a credit card, as much as 4% of your gift would go to the credit card company.
- 2) Although many pay off their credit cards each month, many also do not. We do not want to potentially put someone in the place of going in debt and paying credit interest on gifts given to the church.

Q: How can I keep a record of the amount I have contributed?

Your bank statement will include an itemized list of automatic gifts given from your account. We will continue to provide you with a personal giving statement for your tax records. You may also run a report of all your gifts in the *eGive* system at any time.

Q: Can I give to the building fund, Missions, Sunday School, benevolence and other ministries?

Yes, just put the amount you committed or want to commit in the "Breakout of Giving" section online.

Q: What if I change banks or accounts or want to change the amount of my contribution?

You can change your giving choices or bank account at any time, 24 hours a day/7 days a week, through the *eGive* web site.

Q: How do I participate in the weekly offering if my contribution is automatically deducted from my bank account?

If you wish, you can write "I'm giving online" on the giving envelope and place it in the offering basket, but it is not necessary.

Q: Is there any charge to me from my bank to give online?

No. Electronic fund transfers carry no bank fees and this service is free to you.

Q: Can I designate my giving online?

Yes, you can designate between tithes and offerings, building fund, missions, and other offerings that you can write in yourself. The total is what shows as the transaction with your bank; however, the church receives the breakdown directly from *eGive*. You may give a special offering 24 hours a day on *eGive*.

Q: Who do I talk to if I have more questions?

Email Tim Tarr at tim@tarrfamily.org or call him at 920.832.1295.