

st bart's

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LIFE TOGETHER

# Give

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making & maturing disciples of  
Jesus Christ for God's glory

하나님의 영광을 위해 예수  
그리스도의 제자를 세우고 성숙하기

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为了神的荣耀，培养和成熟耶稣基督的门徒

# why we give

Jesus said: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” —**MATTHEW 6:19-21**

## 1. IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

*We give financially* not to alleviate our guilt, nor to earn our way before God, or a substitute for other forms of serving, but in response to God’s extraordinary grace given freely to us. Our motivation for giving springs from God’s generosity to us, especially that which we have seen poured out in Jesus.

## 2. BECAUSE ALL THAT WE HAVE BELONGS TO GOD

*We give financially* because we recognise that all that we have is *from God* and *for God*. If Jesus is Lord of all, then that must mean he also Lord of our resources. Deploying our financial resources cheerfully and generously helps us to remember that all we have ultimately belongs to the Lord.

## 3. GIVING HELPS GROW US AS DISCIPLES

*We give financially* because it helps as to grow as disciples. Jesus spoke about the danger of having an unhealthy relationship with money: that where our treasure is, therein also lies our heart! When we think that money is the solution to our problems or the ultimate security that we need, it can quickly become an idol. When we give sacrificially, it helps us to rely on—and enjoy—God’s provision above material possessions. Giving matures us because it helps grow our *dependence* and *delight* the Lord.

## 4. TO INVEST IN GOD’S KINGDOM PURPOSES

*We give financially* because it is an investment in what truly lasts. Jesus compared giving to being like that of planting a seed. When we give to God’s purposes, we trust that he takes our gift and multiplies it out to yield fruit for his Kingdom.

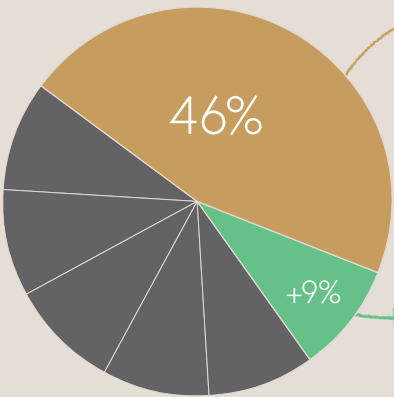


TO LISTEN TO TALKS ON THE BIBLICAL BASIS

OF GIVING, VISIT [STBARTS.COM.AU/GIVE](https://stbarts.com.au/give)

# our needs

The ministry and mission of our church is dependent upon our people's *regular, generous, and sacrificial* financial giving. In 2024, we need to significantly grow our regular giving in order to be able to meet our budget needs (and the ministry and mission activities which it funds).



**CURRENTLY:  
THE EQUIVALENT OF 46%  
OF MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS  
REGULARLY GIVE.**

Whilst we don't track who gives, we do know that currently there are around 151 households that regularly give. This represents around 46% of member households.

**WE NEED TO GROW GIVING**

To meet our budget, we need to grow the number of households giving to at least 55%. This means adding ~25 new regular givers.

**Did you know?** More than 80% of our income comes from the generosity of our people in the form of tithes and offerings. St Bart's is not funded by a central body nor do we have other income-generating assets (which is the case for some older or historic church centres). The other 20% of income relates to events program cost.

**FOR EVERY 10%...**

of additional households giving, this equates to one additional assistant minister who we could be employing and/or training.

## HOW WE SPEND OUR MONEY

63%	17%	12%	8%
<b>Staff Team.</b> We operate a relatively "lean" staff team, with less than 1 full-time equivalent staff member for every 100 people on average Sunday attendance.	<b>Building &amp; Finance*</b>	<b>Outward Generosity</b>	
*Does not include loan repayments.			



TO ACCESS OUR BUDGET & AUDITED ACCOUNTS, VISIT [STBARTS.COM.AU/GIVE](https://stbarts.com.au/give)

# how to give

REMEMBER THIS: WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND WHOEVER **SOWS GENEROUSLY** WILL ALSO REAP GENEROUSLY. EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU **HAVE DECIDED** IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR **GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.**

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

**SACRIFICIALLY.** The New Testament approach to giving is not a set percentage (e.g., 10%), but giving sacrificially out of what God has entrusted to us. *10% could be too much for some and too little for others.*

**PRAYERFULLY & THOUGHTFULLY.** We do not give under pressure, but with intention and prayer. Consider the table below to reflect on your giving.

**CHEERFULLY.** We count it as a great joy—and profound privilege—to give. Our giving is not only a participation in God's Kingdom work, but also helps us joyfully to grow in our dependence on him.

**REGULARLY.** Whilst it doesn't have to be *every week* (many give fortnightly or monthly), regular giving helps to ensure the consistency of resources to fund ministry and mission. Regular giving is also a helpful discipleship rhythm.

Example Weekly Giving for Various Household Incomes

Annual Income	2%	5%	8%	10%	12%	15%	20%
\$25,000	\$10	\$24	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$72	\$96
\$50,000	\$19	\$48	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$144	\$192
\$75,000	\$29	\$72	\$115	\$144	\$173	\$216	\$288
\$100,000	\$38	\$96	\$154	\$192	\$231	\$288	\$385
\$150,000	\$58	\$144	\$231	\$288	\$346	\$433	\$577

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** The main way people give to support the mission and ministry of our church is through regular direct deposit.

### GIV VIA DIRECT DEPOSIT

BSB: 704 901  
Account: 00009650

### GIVE IN-PERSON

Use the 'offerings' box  
in the auditorium.

### GIVE ONLINE

Visit our website  
to make a gift.

**BUILDING FUND:** In order to service the debt on our building, we have set up a separate account for donations. BSB: 704 901 Account: 000014729