

# What is your giving potential?

This chart shows the greater impact your gift can have when it is spread over time.

Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	3-YR Total
\$2,000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$312,000
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$46,800
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$25	\$108	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560
\$5	\$22	\$260	\$780

Stewardship of your life, your time, and your money is a deeply personal consideration. *God expects equal sacrifice, not equal giving!* Each of us is at a different place in life. Some have secure, long lasting careers; others are just starting out. Some are young families; others are empty-nesters. Some are single; others are married. Some support their kids in college or missions ministries. Some are college students worried about paying for their next textbook and some are 5th graders wanting to make a difference. As a church, we each have a role to play in the Generations Following. Let's do this together! *And remember we GET to do this!* We get to be a part of what God is doing at FBC and in Barnesville!

## 3 Steps to Determine My Faith Commitment

### Pray

This is the most important step in preparing your heart to respond to God's call to action. Ask Him what he would have you give to make this vision a reality at FBC Barnesville. Remember these are gifts above and beyond your regular giving.

### Leave Room for Faith

Trust God to provide what He impresses you to give, even if the amount is greater than the resources you can readily identify. Our greatest hopes and our greatest dreams are just the beginning for God!

### Give Sacrificially

God does not expect equal giving, but we can all sacrifice equally. Think in terms of what you can give so that we can reach more people in our community for Christ.

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### Mark your calendar!

Join us at one of our three worship gatherings on Sunday, March 31st for the *Generations Following* commitment event!

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# 13 Creative Ways to Save

**1** Continue a bill payment. If you will be paying off a car or school loan in the next year, commit to continue to “pay the bill” by redirecting the money to the Generations Following campaign after the bill is paid off. A \$100 bill payment per month over three years is \$3,600!

**2** Skip a meal each week as a family. Missing one meal a week at an average of \$20 per family to devote time to prayers and fasting is \$3,120 over a three-year period. To make a larger contribution you can consistently eat out less often.

**3** Give up a habit. This is easier said than done, but not impossible. For example, a gourmet coffee each day for three years costs nearly \$3,000.

**4** Commit your income tax refund check to the Lord for the three-year period.

**5** Commit an estimated raise in salary to the Lord for the next three years.

**6** Adjust your vacations. For one or more of the years, do something close to home and inexpensive (like day hikes, picnics, or a three-day vacation instead of a week) and save on the airfare and hotel costs. This can save \$1,000 to \$2,000 easily.

**7** Wait to rent a new movie instead of seeing it at the theater. One trip to the movie theater can cost over \$25 for two people with popcorn and candy! If you cut out two movies per month, that's almost \$1,500 over three years.

**8** Make a commitment to drink only water at a restaurant. One person could save \$5 a week or more. That's a minimum of \$780 just for drinking water.

**9** Put off a discretionary major purchase and redirect the money to the Generations Following campaign.

**10** Change from regular cable to basic cable. Basic cable normally gets about 10 channels and is about \$26 per month compared to the \$70+ per month for regular cable. Saving \$44 per month is \$1,584, over a three-year period. Cutting Showtime, HBO, or other premium channels can also save another \$12-\$15 per month. Or cancel cable altogether! Many of the popular network shows can be watched on the network's website for free.

**11** Be a coupon clipper! Food is probably the largest expense each month. Even if you saved just \$10 per week it could amount to \$1,560 in three years. Saving \$30 per week for three years is \$4,680.

**12** Commit to a dollar increase per week. This is a great idea for those who have never given or do not see a way to increase current giving. Start by giving one dollar extra for the first week, then two, then three, etc., praying all along that the Lord would show you a way to add that next dollar and increase each week. If you were to keep this up to three years, you would give \$12,000!

**13** Ask God to show you a creative way to give that is unique to you.

## Commitment Reminder

I/We have made the following commitment to FBC Barnesville for the Generations Following generosity challenge.

*Contributions begin Sunday, April 14th.*

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_, for a 3-year total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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## Commitment Card

I/We believe that God is working in a unique way through First Baptist Church of Barnesville to reach the community, and the time is now to prepare for the future of FBC Barnesville.

☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly, for a 3-year total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly, for a 3-year total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ yearly, for a 3-year total of \$\_\_\_\_\_

*See Potential Giving chart on reverse side for examples.*

☐ I would like to make a donation of stock, real estate, or another asset. *Description of asset:*

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## Your Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_