

Electronic Giving

Frequently Asked Questions About Electronic Giving

1. **What is Electronic Giving?** This is a program offered as an option to help you conveniently support our ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT).
2. **What is Electronic Funds Transfer?** Many families use electronic transfer of funds to pay for such things as mortgage, insurance, or utilities. EFT transfers funds accurately and securely from one bank to another via computer. Our church is extending this convenience to you for your contributions.
3. **How is this different from making a "pledge"?** A pledge is a commitment to give. To fulfill your pledge you must then take another step (such as writing a check) to actually give the gift. When you choose electronic giving, that is the next step. Your contribution will be made automatically from your account at the time and in the amount you have specified. It is no different philosophically, from writing a check.
4. **How can my Church withdraw directly from my bank account?** Account withdrawals are made only with your prior authorization. We can withdraw no funds unless you specifically authorize the transactions to occur. Electronic giving is optional and is offered strictly as a convenience to you.
5. **Can I change the amount of my gift? What if I want to stop giving in this way?** You can change the amount you want to give at any time simply by notifying us in writing. If you ever want to stop giving by EFT, simply give us a note to that effect.
6. **Is there a risk in making electronic contributions?** No. An electronic contribution is safer than writing a check; it can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail. Plus, electronic contributions have an extremely high accuracy rate.
7. **How do I keep a record of the amount I have contributed?** Your bank statement will include all automatic deductions made from your account, including your Electronic Giving contributions. In addition, everyone who gives will continue to receive a record of those gifts from the church.
8. **How often would I give?** That's your choice. You can give automatically either weekly (Funds transferred on Mondays) or monthly on the first or the fifteenth of the month (whichever you choose).