



making room

GENEROSITY GUIDE

FIRST RIVERVIEW

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Many hear the phrase, “not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice,” and immediately think of all the reasons they can’t give. We know that feeling, but if God is leading you to give, trust Him to grow your faith. This guide will help, as you prayerfully consider how to give to Making Room. We hope you will discover creative ways to find margin and trust the Lord in new areas. Each adjustment will require sacrifice, but the Lord never disappoints when we step out in faith. As we prepare to give an initial offering and make a three-year pledge toward Making Room, we are trusting the Holy Spirit to lead each of us in sacrificial generosity. Start with prayer, seeking to hear from the Lord how He would have you give. Then, continue in prayer as you consider financial decisions.



Seek God in Prayer

PRAY BEFORE YOU GIVE

Nothing prepares our hearts to respond to God like prayer. Begin praying daily as you look forward to Commitment Sunday.

“

Father, this is a big step, but nothing is too difficult for You. We are asking You to strengthen our faith and help us to grow in generosity. We understand that everything belongs to You, but You have graciously entrusted your resources to us. We want to be faithful stewards and use those resources for Your purposes. Thank you for this opportunity to be involved in Making Room. We are trusting Your promise (2 Corinthians 9:8) to supply what we need for every good work. Thank You for all You are going to accomplish in and through us as a church family over the next three years. We pray that Your kingdom would expand like never before, as we make more room in our hearts and facilities for those who need Christ. In Jesus’ Name, Amen!”



Income & Assets

EVALUATE YOUR RESOURCES

Be realistic, but we often discover we have more than we think. **Please do NOT go into debt to support Making Room.**

INCOME (establish a baseline for giving)

Salary #1	\$ _____
Salary #2	\$ _____
Commissions	\$ _____
Bonuses	\$ _____
Rental Income	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
ANNUAL TOTAL:	\$ _____

ASSETS (often we discover items that enable us to give)

Home/Properties	\$ _____
Stocks/Bonds	\$ _____
Savings Accounts	\$ _____
Motorcycle, Boat, etc.	\$ _____
Collectibles, Artwork, Jewelry	\$ _____
Garage Items/Sellables	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$ _____

ONE FAMILY’S CREATIVE GIVING PLAN

W = weekly | Y = Yearly | 3Y = 3 Years

CUT 1 MEAL OUT/WEEK	W = \$40	Y = \$2080	3Y = \$6240
CUT 1 COFFEE OUT/WEEK	W = \$6	Y = \$312	3Y = \$936
TRIM SHOPPING	W = \$10	Y = \$520	3Y = \$1560
TRIM CHRISTMAS BUDGET		Y = \$250	3Y = \$750
HOST GARAGE SALE		Y = \$250	3Y = \$750
SELL 50 STOCK SHARES			3Y = \$5000
INCREASE CASH GIVING		Y = \$2600	3Y = \$7800
3 YEAR TOTAL: \$23,036			



Lifestyle Changes

ADJUST CURRENT SPENDING HABITS

Include the whole family in this conversation! Conversations like this are an important step in the spiritual development of your family.

Eat out one less time per week \$ _____

Give up a hobby for a season \$ _____

Pay off a bill & reallocate to MR \$ _____

Commit tax refund for next 3 years \$ _____

Trim back entertainment \$ _____

Delay major purchase (car, remodel) \$ _____

Decrease new clothing purchases \$ _____

Allocate less for Christmas/birthdays \$ _____

Do your own lawn care \$ _____

Cancel subscriptions/streaming \$ _____

Modify type or number of vacations \$ _____

Reassess other charitable giving \$ _____

Other \$ _____



Make The Commitment

JOIN US ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

Remember, "each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Give as the Lord leads. This is a matter between you and Him. We are excited to begin this journey together, and we can't wait to hear how God grows your faith through this process.



Now to Him who is able to do
Immeasurably More
than all we ask or imagine, according to
His Power
that is at work within us.

— EPHESIANS 3:20

