

## INTRODUCING THE CONVENIENCE OF ONLINE GIVING FOR BINKLEY

The Finance Committee, in consultation with the Stewardship Committee and with great help from Duane Gilbert, Business Manager, are happy to introduce an easy way of supporting the church and its ministries. The information below should answer most if not all of your questions. If something is not clear, please contact Duane or Wayne Price, Budget Director.

### Questions and Answers:

#### ***Why did Binkley add online giving as an option?***

Online giving allows people a convenient way to give by credit card or bank draft and set up automatic payments every week or every month (for the forgetful among us). Or you can give anytime you have access to the website! Online giving also allows those who see our website and support our work to give even if they do not reside in the area.

#### ***Should I switch to online giving?***

It is your choice. Cash and checks are still very welcome whether placed in the Sunday collection plate, dropped off at the church office or mailed to Duane Gilbert, Business Manager, Binkley Church, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

#### ***What is the cost to the church?***

It costs Binkley 30 cents plus 2.9% of the donation total for credit card donations (3.5% for American Express) and 30 cents plus 1% for bank drafts. You will be asked if you wish to increase your donation to cover this cost. That is entirely up to you.

#### ***Is online giving safe?***

All financial information is encrypted and stored to the highest possible security rating one can get in the electronic payment processing industry.

#### ***Do I get a receipt or record of my donation? Will online gifts be applied to my pledge?***

Absolutely! As soon as you give via Tithe.ly you instantly receive an email with the details of your transaction. Your giving history is also tracked and available, giving you instant access to check your records. Binkley will still keep a record of all of your giving for tax purposes.

#### ***Do I have to set up an account to give?***

Yes, you can set up an account with Tithe.ly. You can also give without setting up an account. Setting up an account allows you to securely store your payment method so you won't have to type it in each time, set up and cancel recurring donations, see your giving history and manage your account 24/7.

#### ***Can I cancel a recurring gift if I need to? Can I get a refund?***

Yes. There is a way to go back into your account and delete any recurring gifts and a mechanism to get a refund.

#### ***Can I designate my gift to a specific purpose?***

Yes. As always, support for the Program of Ministry through undesignated gifts should be a top priority. If you do choose to designate your gift, select 'Designated Gift' under 'Give to:' and then use the 'Note/Memo' field to tell us which of the set designated funds your gift should be applied to. (Please call the church office to get a list of designated funds.)

#### ***Is my gift confidential?***

Yes. Only the Business Manager and the Financial Secretary have access to your giving history. (This is the same with any gifts to Binkley.)

#### ***Do I still need to pledge?***

Most definitely YES! We craft the Program of Ministry Budget based on anticipated income (pledged income as well as other income like Building use fees). In order to be good financial stewards of our resources, we need to know what income to expect during the year.

#### ***Can I change my pledge during the year?***

Absolutely! Just contact Duane in the church office.

#### ***What if I need help?***

Please contact Duane Gilbert (919-942-4964 or [business@binkleychurch.org](mailto:business@binkleychurch.org)) or Wayne Price, Budget Director ([wapricenc@gmail.com](mailto:wapricenc@gmail.com)) with questions.

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