

About giving and offerings at C3 Tamworth

We are so excited that you have decided to make C3 Church your spiritual home. **Welcome** to our local church family.

We have produced these videos to **explain** what we believe and practice around giving, the tithe and offerings. (We acknowledge that the body of Christ is very diverse and **beliefs and practices vary widely**. So this is what we do).

Video #1. Why we bring offerings to God.

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- **Because the Bible instructs us.** Bringing tithes and offerings to God is both an old and new testament practice. We see giving as an act of **obedience** to God and His Word. Gen 14.20 / Gen 14.22 / Mal 3.10-12 /
- **Because it is a part of our worship of God.** It is a sacred act of worship where our hearts are filled with praise and thanks for everything God is and does.

Explanation: There are 2 main areas of giving. Malachi 3.8b

1 The tithe. Lev 27.30,32 / Luke 11.42 / Matt 22.21

The *tithe* means a tenth. This is the Biblical **principle** of 'firstfruits'; to set aside the *first portion* of our increase to give to God. Gen 4.4 / Prov 3.9 /

2. Other offerings and giving

Other giving and offerings are 'free-will' (Lev 22.21) and as led by the Holy Spirit. For example: Giving for missions, church facilities, giving to the poor, etc 2 Cor 8.12 / 2 Cor 9.5

- **Because it activates our faith.** As we release giving, it activates the Kingdom *principle* of giving and receiving / sowing and reaping. (Gal 6.6-10)
The Bible teaches that there are many blessings and benefits of bringing offerings to God, and of being generous in general in our lives. Luke 6.38
Generosity is one of our values.
- **Because tithes and offerings have always been the primary way** that the work of God (the *ministry* and the *mission* of the church) is financed. Mal 3.10a / 1 Cor 9.3-14 / 1 Tim 5.17,18
- **Because giving ties our hearts to our local church** and the work of God in general. In other words, it helps us 'belong'.
Jesus said "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (Matt 6.21)

We believe:

That being generous is **the character and nature of God**. John 3.16

That giving is **not a legalistic requirement** or religious duty, but an opportunity to worship God by being as generous as possible. 2 Cor 9.5-8

That giving should be **prayerfully practiced**; led, inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

That God can give us **grace** (His ability, empowerment, divine enablement) to excel in this area of our Christian walk, as in all others. 2 Cor 8.7 / 2 Cor 9.8,14

So may God richly bless you as you embrace the generous life and join with 'team Jesus' as he build His church!

Video #2. Practical

There are 3 main areas of where you can give into the ministry and mission of your church.

- The general operating account – your tithe should go here
- The building account – an opportunity to build facilities for the ministry now and for the future. This is part of our “Kingdom Builders” program.
- The missions account (“Beyond”) – you can designate a particular area should you desire.

There are several ways that you can bring your tithes and offerings to God

- Giving cash into our Sunday offering. Label any designated offerings in an envelope.
- Direct deposit online into the above accounts. Here are the details.
General deposits: BSB 704922 Acc 100015306
Building Fund: BSB 704922 Acc 100015416
Beyond (Missions): BSB 704922 Acc 100017402

God bless you as you team up with Jesus as He builds His church. Matt 16.18

CAP Money:

We offer a free personal financial course that will help you manage your money, get out of debt and create savings.

Things we’d like you to know:

Your church has a **board of governance** that oversees the financial management of the church. Currently they are Brian Bernays, Jon Gourlay and Paul Briscoe. Any and all large financial decisions are made with the consultation and agreement of all the board.

C3 Church Tamworth Inc is **an Incorporated Association** which reports yearly to the Department of Fair Trading NSW and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. (We have to be incorporated because the law requires that non-profits have a legal entity in order to own property)

Every year our church books are independently audited and submitted to our C3 church oversight.

Every year we conduct an **Annual Business Report** after church one Sunday, which is open to all members. Our annual Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports are available to all members. Any questions may be directed to board members or our bookkeeper, Heidi Browne.
