

The Benefits of Automatic Giving

By Nancy Jo Wallace, Finance Manager

There has been discussion over the past few months about offering the membership an opportunity to participate in “Automatic Giving.” We would like to give you some information on participating in this program.

The Stewardship and Finance Committees have worked together since the beginning of this year to begin Automatic Giving. This will be offered by using Automatic Clearing House Debit (ACH Debit). Using this method, the Finance Office can withdraw funds from your bank account. You may be familiar with an ACH debit by paying an insurance premium or utility bill.

The Bank Transfer Advice Form will be available in the Finance Office or for printing from the Stewardship page of our website beginning June 1. The form must be completed and submitted to the Finance Office. Upon your completion of the form, your bank account can be debited for your chosen amount. The amount will be posted to your contribution record.

An ACH debit is set up to be an on-going transfer of funds, recurring on the same date(s) each month. You may set up the ACH debit to occur once per month on the 15th or 30th or twice per month on the 15th and 30th. We are limiting ACH debits to once or twice a month in order to keep processing costs incurred by the church at a minimum.

After completing the Bank Transfer Advice Form, your responsibilities for your contributions will be taken care of by the Finance Office. You will be responsible for any fees your financial institution may charge you for the actual transfer of funds. This fee is not used by many banks but you may want to check with your chosen financial institution.

The Bank Transfer Advice Forms will be kept on file in a secured location in the Finance Office. If in the future you decide to cancel the ACH debit, upon receipt of your written request to cancel by the Finance Manager, the form will be shredded.

There will be benefits both for our members and for the church when you allow us to draft your account. The member has one less “to do” item on Sunday mornings; payments can be distributed consistently, and it only takes one phone call, (623-4028 ext. 207) or e-mail (nancy.wallace@firstbaptistnet.com) to stop or change the pre-arranged schedule. The church will benefit from an even cash flow and spend less time counting and posting contributions.

This program is scheduled to begin on June 1 of this year. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy Jo Wallace, Finance Manager. I am looking forward to meeting with you.

