

## Q&A's About Giving & Finances At HCC

### **As a church member, will I be sent a "tithing bill" or be pressured to give to HCC?**

NO. All giving at HCC is voluntary and anonymous. We take direction from Jesus statement in Matthew 6:3 regarding how to approach giving. *"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."* In this spirit, we make every effort to ensure that gifts given to HCC remain anonymous.

### **Can the church provide me with giving receipts for tax purposes?**

Yes. Those who contribute online or through numbered envelopes will receive a printed statement of their giving on an annual basis. This system is designed to provide the needed records while protecting the anonymity of those who give.

### **How do I sign up for online giving?**

There's a two-step process to sign up for online giving. (1) If you haven't already, go to the church web site and sign up for a username & password to our online church community. Click the word "LOGIN" on the home page. (2) Once you've obtained a user name & password, go back to the church web site and click "GIVING." From there you'll be given the option to give a one-time gift or set up automatic giving.

### **How can I access the financial statements of HCC?**

- Weekly offering totals are posted on the two screens leading into the main sanctuary.
- A monthly/yearly financial statement can be received upon request.
- A detailed financial report is distributed to the church during our annual congregational meeting. This meeting takes place on the first Sunday of November.

### **How are gifts directed once a contribution is made to the church?**

General Fund: Gifts given to the church, unless otherwise designated, go to our general fund operating budget which funds staffing, ministries, facilities and general expenses.

Faith Promise/Missions: Gifts given to the faith promise/missions fund, which goes to support ministry all over the world, are kept separate from our general fund. (see extra information below)

Landmark: The Landmark fund is part of an ongoing endeavor to help us "stay in the black and "pay down the debt." Through this program we've made substantial progress in paying down the principle of our building loan while keeping our general fund healthy.

Benevolence: Gifts donated to this fund go to help those in need in our community.

Special Gifts: Occasionally a special need will arise, such as a natural disaster. In these instances, HCC will provide an opportunity for people to help our financially.

*The approach many people take is to direct their tithe towards the general fund and then, as God guides, contribute to Faith Promise, Landmark, Benevolence and other needs.*

### **More About Faith Promise/Missions**

#### What is the Faith Promise Mission Program all about?

In simple terms, Faith Promise is a personal pledge from you to God, that with His help you will faithfully support missions. Each spring, members and friends of the Heath Church of Christ make anonymous promises to support missions for the coming year. The money collected for Faith Promise is kept separate from the church's General Fund.

#### What are the advantages of using Faith Promise to support missions?

Faith Promise provides several advantages:

1. It allows HCC to give consistently to the various mission works she supports.
2. It provides people who have a passion for mission work a convenient way to give to missions.
3. It offers us an opportunity to stretch our faith through depending on God to enable us to keep our financial commitment to missions.

#### Who decides what missionaries are given support?

The missions committee, consisting of seven men and seven women plus one designated elder, is responsible for distributing Faith Promise funds to the various missionaries. Each member of the rotating committee serves a three-year term.