# Giving at GBC

Giving is assumed in the Bible, as an act of worship, discipleship, and faith, but there is wide freedom about how we give. This guide contains what you need to know about giving at GBC.

#### It's all about the mission

People give for many reasons, but the most important is commitment to the cause they are supporting. Here at GBC we invite everyone to commit to pray, serve, and give to our mission to invite everyone to follow Jesus, and be changed by Him. Our budget categories; Services, Youth & Families, Care Connect & Growing, Local Mission, and Global Mission, reflect this emphasis.

## How much should I give to GBC?

We believe that we are called to be generous in all aspects of our lives and that our financial giving should go beyond the local church. This means that we do not insist that people tithe (the biblical principle of giving 10% of our income), but encourage generosity and invite people to prayerfully consider what God is calling them to give. However, we do encourage people to prioritise giving at GBC and ask people to consider giving in two ways: First, to give to our general offerings. This resources the ongoing ministry of the church. Second, to give to our May Mission Month appeal where we seek to raise 22.5% of our annual budget for a wide variety of kingdom projects.

There are other appeals that come up from time to time, as well as many other charities and organisations you may wish to support as well.

## What about tax-deductability?

While giving to our regular offering is not tax-deductible, we have a trust fund that supports things like Carols in the Park and the costs associated with broadcasting on the Australian Christian Channel.

## How do I start giving?

To start giving is really easy. If you choose to give by cash or cheque you can give every Sunday during the offering, but we strongly encourage people to consider giving electronically, because it allows greater consistency. To do so you can download an EFT form from our website, or GBC Links on the Give page, and email it to our book keeper (the email is on the form). You can also arrange a transfer from your own bank like you would any other regular fund transfer, using the details below.

## **Regular Offerings:**

Bank Name: Baptist Financial Services Account Name: Gymea Baptist Church BSB No: 704 922 Account No: 100 006 024

## Grays Point Cultural Music Trust:

Bank Name: Baptist Financial Services Account Name: GPCC Cultural Music Trust BSB No: 704 922 Account No: 100 014 833

Thank you

When you give here, you are giving to the mission we believe God has given to us, that everywhere we go and in everything we do, we would invite everyone to follow Jesus and be changed by Him..