

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE GUIDE

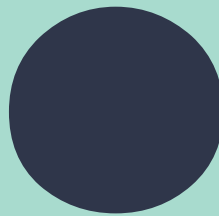
Tithing & Stewardship Resources



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**What are
other churches
telling their
members?**



“Our ministries continue and our missionaries still need support through this season of irregular meeting. We are still in need of loyal stewards who will walk with us through thick and thin.”

*11 Ideas for your Church to Consider
in Response to COVID 19*

[BLOG.GENERIS.COM](https://blog.generis.com)



“This season of limited gatherings is so crucial to the financial well-being of our church. A large number of our members already give their tithes and offerings online. We appreciate this and need it during this time. If you don’t give online, consider giving through our website. It’s easy, and there are no fees if you choose to give through your checking account. This will help us maintain our day to day operations, as well as our missionary obligations around the world. If you prefer, mail your check in to the church office. Giving envelopes are provided for you to mail-in if you so choose to do.”

*Statement Regarding Coronavirus
and Our Gatherings*

LAURELBAPTISTCHURCH.COM

“Please continue to be faithful with your generosity. You may not know this, but in the rare event that we’ve closed for a snow day, it’s difficult to recover from just one missed Sunday for the rest of the year. Your weekly gifts are a vital resource that allows us to continue the work that God has called us to do, and our in-person Sunday services only represent a small portion of that work.”

*A Note
About Giving*

[LONGHOLLOW.COM/NEWS](https://longhollow.com/news)

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**Helpful
articles**

9 practical suggestions that may help you finance your church's budget in these uncertain times

<http://www.bpnews.net/54477/firstperson-9-practical-suggestions-that-may-help-you-finance-your-churchs-budget-in-these-uncertain-times>

As the pastor of a local church, you need God's wisdom in each decision you make relating to your church's finances. Facing the possibility of being unable to meet in person in corporate worship services even makes these challenges greater. Therefore, how can you see the church's budget financed and supported in these uncertain times?

LifeWay offers churches free digital giving plan, curriculum, low-cost books, discussion guides

<http://www.bpnews.net/54507/lifeway-offers-churches-free-digital-giving-plan-curriculum-lowcost-books-discussion-guides>

As the COVID-19 pandemic causes churches across the country to suspend in-person meeting, Generosity by LifeWay is opening its digital giving platform to congregations immediately for free, while B&H Publishing is offering low-cost books with free discussion guides.

6 Proven Ways to Increase Recurring Giving in Your Church


<https://get.tithe.ly/blog/increase-recurring-giving>

Recurring giving is a helpful tool for churches and church members. As a church, recurring donations is money you can count on to budget, which makes it so much easier to forecast your expenses.

10 Ideas for Church Financial Leaders Amid the COVID-19 Crisis

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/10-ideas-for-church-financial-leaders-amid-the-covid-19-crisis>

The following list of ideas is specifically directed to financial leaders across the church to help with sustaining the church and its ministry (and perhaps growing it in areas) as we live through these Coronavirus days.



How to remain faithful in giving during coronavirus outbreak

<http://kybaptist.org/stories/how-to-remain-faithful-in-giving-during-coronavirus-outbreak,4115>

In these challenging times Christians need to find a way to remain faithful in their giving responsibility to the Lord and their church in order that their church's mission would thrive and not suffer.

A Note From [Generis VP] Regarding COVID19

<https://blog.generis.com/blog/a-note-from-mark-dillon-regarding-covid19>

We are finding that givers are not shutting down. They care as deeply, maybe more so, about the financial and spiritual well-being of your ministry, than ever.

How Can Our Giving Survive the Coronavirus?

<https://covid.church/getting-started-with-online-giving>

As you move through these next few months and into the new normal, understand that giving may not return to January 2020 levels until well into 2021.

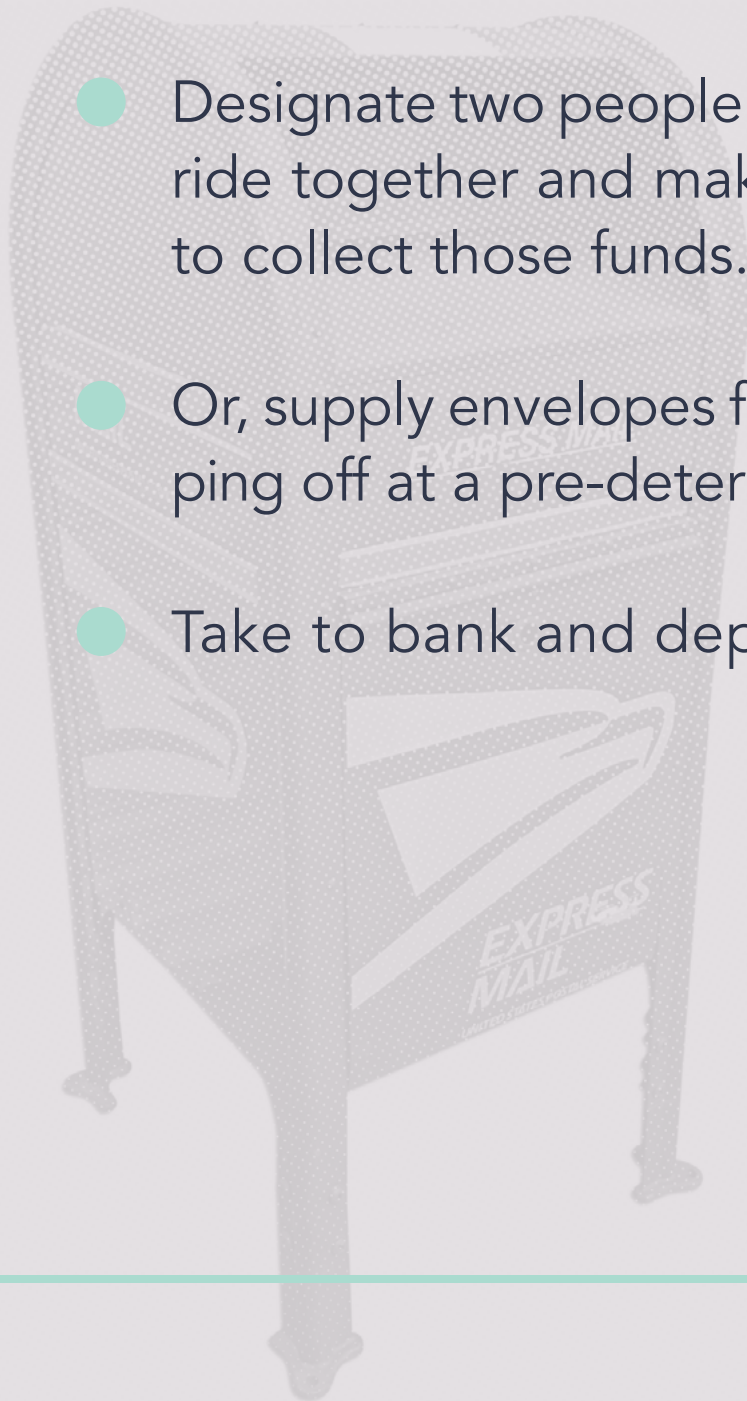


**When you
can't pass
the plate**



Pick up or mail.

- As your church meets at homes in smaller or family groups, encourage continued tithes and offerings.
- Designate two people from the church to ride together and make individual stops to collect those funds.
- Or, supply envelopes for mailing or dropping off at a pre-determined location.
- Take to bank and deposit immediately.



Automatic bill pay

Many banks offer their customers the ability to have funds automatically drafted from an account in order to be mailed to a recipient (such as a church) on a recurring basis.

If your members are interested in this option, they can contact their bank to set up your church as a new payee.

Offer online giving.

- **LIFEWAY GENEROSITY**

FEE: 2.69% + \$0.30 per transaction

lifewaygenerosity.com

- **TITHELY**

FEE: 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction

tithe.ly

- **PAYPAL**

FEE: 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction

paypal.com/us/non-profit/fundraising/fund-raising-online

- **EASYTITHE**

FEE: 3% + \$0.39 per transaction

easytithe.com

- **PUSHPAY**

FEE: 2.5% – 3% per transaction

pushpay.com

*Strengthening and sending churches to make
Jesus known in and through West Virginia*