

# Giving & Growing



At Briarwood we feel called by Christ to invest in worship & music, children & youth, and mission, as we aim to offer community, compassion and hope to our growing congregation. For over fifty years Briarwood has ministered to the spiritual needs of its community and reached out to serve others. As we move forward, our mission is more important than ever.

Briarwood relies on offerings to fulfill its mission – Growing Spiritually – Serving Locally – Giving Globally – Worshipping Joyfully. Because of this we are asking you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment in order for our church to remain vibrant.



Briarwood – An open community for all invited by Christ and inviting others to joyful worship and loving action in the world.



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# Spiritual GIVING Faithful GROWING



# Stewards of God's Grace

This pamphlet is written to help us reflect on the relationship between faith and financial stewardship within our congregation.

Financial stewardship is an act of worship that allows us to participate in God's vision.

Financial stewardship:

- Helps us realise the abundance in our lives.
- Creates a discipline that spiritually sustains and nourishes us.
- Allows us to invest in projects of mercy that plant seeds to become a blessing for the future.
- Provides us the chance to trust that God is doing something bigger, greater and far more reaching than we know.

We love because God first loved us. We give because God first gave to us. We are blessed because God reached down and blessed us with mercy, peace, and grace in Jesus.

*Lord, give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me. Proverbs 30:8-9*

# Spiritual GIVING

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

The good things that God does in and through the church happen through your generosity in serving, caring and financial stewardship. There are many ways you can provide tax-deductible financial support to Briarwood.

**Envelopes:** These enable the giver to direct how the offering is to be used: General Funds, Presbyterian Sharing, Other (such as PWS&D).

**Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR):** Using the PAR program allows you to use your existing banking services to give intentionally, proportionally and faithfully to the church. It provides our church with a dependable flow of contributions.

**Special Offerings:** These are in response to social crises in the world, such as the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. We also have a special offering at Christmas that supports a local mission.

**Planned Giving:** Planned giving is a long-term financial contribution that may include assets other than cash

such as property, stock and annuities.

**How Much Do I Give?** There really is no simple answer to this question and it is a deeply personal decision. Paul in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:2 advises us to give as God hath prospered us. Maybe you can give 10% of your net income, maybe 5%; God knows your heart. Members are encouraged to pray on what they feel God is calling them to commit to the church.

If you have any questions, please ask our minister, a member of the Session or the Board of Managers, or contact the office.



Thank you for your commitment to Briarwood and to the ministry we are accomplishing, through the power of God's Spirit.

# Faithfully GROWING



## A Community as Strong as Each Commitment

Become a part of our vision

- Offering compassion and hope through weekly worship and providing support to mission partners around the world.
- Broadening children's faith programming and creating new opportunities for families in the wider community.
- Sustaining and strengthening our traditional and contemporary music programs.
- Offering community and hope to adults seeking to deepen their Christian faith.
- Planning projects that will benefit our members, as well as sharing our space with seniors, children and youth in our community.