Egiving @ First Baptist Church Melissa

You can increase your faithfulness by setting consistent giving that will not be forgotten, left at home, or interrupted because of travel or vacations.

You can help the church by expediting your gift and simplifying the accounting of gifts. In addition, scheduled online giving will strengthen the base of support for First Baptist Church Melissa and allow the Church to better plan ministry projects and expenditures.

You can encourage the faith and faithfulness of fellow believers. Others who see your planned and prioritized giving will be encouraged to grow and mature in their spiritual stewardship.

Q: Who should give online?
A: Anyone who is looking for a simpler way to assure their giving. Anyone who would like to give to the mission of First Baptist Church Melissa - either one time or on a recurring basis.

Q: What are the benefits of online giving?
A: Online giving allows you to prioritize giving in your budget. Proverbs 3:9-10 states that giving is to be a "first" and not a last or leftover matter in our lives.

Q: Is online giving secure?
A: Very secure. Account information is always transmitted using Secure Socket Layer (SSL), a standard secure protocol used to transmit data securely over the internet. First Bank uses a 128-bit key, or 128-bit encryption. This is the highest level of encryption available today.

Q: When are gifts processed?
A: Gifts to First Baptist Church Melissa are processed on the 5th and 20th of each month. Gifts must be entered by midnight of the 3rd and 18th in order to be processed on these dates. In the event the 5th or 20th falls on the weekend or a holiday, your gift is processed the next available business day.

Q: What if I'm not a member of First Baptist Church Melissa but I want to make a donation? Would I still receive a statement for tax purposes?
A: We would be grateful to receive your gift. All givers will receive a contribution statement, regardless of membership, sent to the address you entered in the personal information section.

Q: What if I want to cancel or change my online giving?
A: You will simply submit the online Egiving form again. Be sure to check the appropriate statement at the bottom of the form indicating that the giving request is a CHANGE or an ADDITION to your existing recurring giving already on file.

Q: Will my online gifts be included on my contribution statement?
A: Yes. All online gifts will be included along with any check or cash contributions received by First Baptist Church Melissa.

Q: How can I get a receipt of my online gifts?
A: Your gift will appear on your bi-annual contribution statements.

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Here is how it works:

Simply complete some basic personal and banking information by completing and returning a printed authorization form (available online, in the foyer, or from the church office) to the church. You can be assured that all personal and banking information is completely secure and strictly confidential. The online information system utilizes 128-bit encryption that is the strongest form of data encryption available today.

Determine the frequency and amount of your tithes and offerings to First Baptist Church Melissa. Gifts can either be **monthly, twice per month, or one-time gifts**. The contribution amount and timing can be changed or adjusted at any time, and all gifts will be included on your bi-annual contribution statements as in the past. Please note whether the contribution is for General Budget giving or the *Greater Things* building campaign and indicate an amount for each.

Once you have completed the necessary information, First Baptist Church Melissa will process your contribution requests twice per month, on the 5th and 20th. ACH bank transfers will be initiated on these days to deduct the amount of your gift from your designated bank account. All **Egiving** contributions or changes MUST be completed by midnight of the 3rd or 18th of each month in order to allow the church staff time to process these requests. New contributions or changes received after this time will be processed on the following transfer date.

Your willingness to contribute in this manner has many benefits to you, as well as First Baptist Church Melissa. **Egiving** provides you the opportunity to prioritize your budget in accordance with God's Word and increase your faithfulness by establishing consistent giving. In addition, scheduled **Egiving** will strengthen the base of support for First Baptist Church Melissa and allow the Church to better plan ministry projects and expenditures.